FAITH READERS
growing readers into leaders

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Fluency

root ben

Do this Read the passage three times: carefully, smoothly, like talking. Tick a box each time. Read the words over each scoop together.

The Helpful Calendar

1 Long before printed wall calendars, many communities watched the moon's phases, the seasons, and the movement of stars. A calendar had a beneficial effect when it helped people remember market days, planting times, and days of rest. It did not control the heavens. It organized human work under patterns people could observe.

2 The Latin root ben means good or well. A benefit is a good result. A benevolent person seeks another person's good. A benediction is a good word of blessing. In the village archive, the calendar was a benefit because it helped neighbors plan together.

3 One year, a scribe noticed that several families had planted too early after a warm week. A late frost damaged their young plants. The next year, he added more observations to the calendar: the usual frost period, the moon phase, and notes about the river level. The effect was practical. Farmers waited, shared seed, and planted with better timing. A good calendar did not remove every risk, but it helped the village act with patience, memory, and care.

Reading Tracker

Read 1: Read it carefully. ☐

Read 2: Read it smoothly. ☐

Read 3: Read it like talking. ☐

Listener: ☐ ☐ ☐

A word I practised:

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