FAITH READERS
growing readers into leaders

Name: _____

Fluency

5

root lib

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

A Civil Use of Liberty

1 The root lib carries the idea of freedom. Liberty is freedom under rightful order. To liberate is to set free. In older texts, liberal can describe generous giving or the education suited to a free person. These words require careful reading because freedom can be used well or badly.

2 In a civic lesson, the class read about a town that opened a public hall for debate. Citizens were free to speak for or against a proposed road. At the first meeting, several speakers used liberty as an excuse to insult opponents. The meeting ended with no decision. At the second meeting, the chairperson required civil order. Each speaker had three minutes, each claim needed evidence, and each response had to answer the question on the table.

3 The second meeting did not reduce liberty. It protected it. Because the people spoke in a civil way, farmers, shopkeepers, parents, and travelers could all be heard. Ruth's summary explained that true liberty is not careless noise. A free community needs justice, truthful evidence, and respect for neighbors.

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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