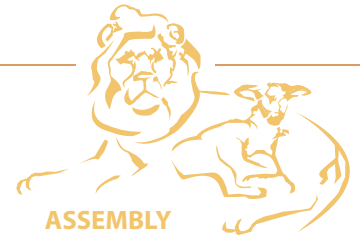


## BY FAITH

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: HEBREWS 11:1-10



*The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.*

## LESSON IDEAS

## WHAT WE CANNOT SEE

**Supplies**

- blindfold
- one eight foot long 2x4 board

Cut the board at six feet and then the remaining 24" piece into three 8" pieces. The six foot piece forms a balance beam with the 8" pieces three supports, one on each end and one in the middle.

Bring the boards to class and set up the balance beam on the 8" supports. (Lay the supports flat so the balance beam is only about 2.5 inches off the ground). Explain to the children that you are going to have them walk the balance beam blindfolded but that you will help them. The object of this exercise is to help them practically understand that faith is trusting in what you cannot see.

One by one take the children on the balance beam. Coach them over the distance telling them if they fall you will catch them. Have a spotter on each side.

In the end ask the children what it was like to walk across the beam. Use the word faith in your discussion. For example: Did you have faith that I would catch you if you fell? Did you have faith that you would make it?

Ask them how Noah and Abraham demonstrated faith. Noah believed that God would bring the flood even though it had never rained before. Abraham and Sarah trusted God to send them on a journey to a new home and they had faith that God would give them a child even though they were very old.

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Have a few of the children pretend to be Noah and his family. Have the rest of the class play Noah's neighbors. Help the children act out building the ark and act out the following scene:

Noah and his sons are building the ark when a neighbor asks them what they are doing.

Then the neighbor asks why they are building a boat where there is no water. Noah answers that God is going to bring water out of the sky to fill the land. Have the neighbors laugh at Noah saying there is no such thing and that they will "believe it when they see it."

After the drama sit the children down and ask the following questions.

- Who demonstrated (had) faith in this skit? (Noah.)
- How did Noah show his faith? (Noah did not see rain but he believed God.)
- Who did not show faith in the skit? (Noah's neighbors.)
- What do we call it when some one does not have faith? (Unbelief.)

Read verse 6 to the children and explain that God is pleased when we believe. Have them memorize the first half of the verse: "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists."



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**WHERE IS the Gospel?**

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

The Old Testament saints listed in the hall of fame of faith in Hebrews 11 placed their trust in God and his promised deliverance. They were looking to a future day when God would open a way for them to fellowship with Him again. That way was the salvation of Christ who died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could live in fellowship with God again. Abel's acceptable sacrifice of the best of his flock foreshadowed Christ's perfect sacrifice. Noah's salvation via the ark foreshadowed our salvation through Christ. In like manner all those in the Hebrews hall of fame point to Christ.

