



The STORY

Read about faith in Hebrews 11:1-10.

Please note: *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What quality did all the people mentioned have in common? (Faith.)
- What is faith? (Faith is believing something to be true which you may not be able to see or prove to be true.)
- What do we need faith for? (We cannot see God so we need faith that he is real.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Abraham leading his family on a journey. Engage the children by asking:

- Why is Abraham taking his family on a journey? (God asked Abraham to go to a new country.)
- Did Abraham know why God asked him to go? (No. All Abraham knew is that God wanted him to move. Going without knowing is faith.)
- Does God ask us to have faith today? (Yes. We believe in Jesus even though we cannot see him. We also obey God by obeying our parents even if we don't know why they ask us to do something.)

BY FAITH

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: HEBREWS 11:1-10

SNACK QUESTIONS**While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:**

- Do you have faith? If so what do you have faith in? (By this time in the lesson they may be able to voice a belief in God. If they do not answer, help them come to the conclusion that they believe in God even though they have never seen Him.)
- What does God think of our faith? (Read verse 6 and explain that our faith pleases God.)
- Why does our faith make God happy? (Our faith in God pleases Him and makes Him happy because it tells him that we trust in Him and that we depend on Him. The Bible also says that our faith is a gift from God. How amazing! God gives us faith then is pleased with us when we show our faith!)

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.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

