

**September 17**  
**9:00am & 11:00am**

*Three and Four Year Olds*

## **WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH IN JESUS (Hebrews 11)**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

Peter realized that he was a sinner and that Jesus is God. He saw Jesus' kindness and followed Him. Jesus invites us to follow Him too. He shows grace and kindness to sinners who trust in Him.

### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

How can we be saved? We are only saved by trusting in Jesus.

**KEY PASSAGE:** *Without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6*

**Key Passage Phrase:** *Believe in God. Hebrews 11:6*

## **LEARN**

**(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)**

### **1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY**

Ask preschoolers to tell a few things they know about the Bible. (Possible responses: The Bible is God's Word. The Bible is true. The Bible has two parts. The Bible points us to Jesus.) Invite preschoolers to think about different people they remember from Bible stories they have heard. Ask a few children to name the person they are thinking about.

**SAY** *Wow! You named a lot of people from stories you have heard in the Bible. The Bible is God's Word. It is full of true stories. This means the stories in the Bible actually happened. The last few weeks, our Bible stories have been in the book of Luke. We have been learning about what it means to have faith. Today our Bible story is in the book of Hebrews. We will look at several people from the Bible who had faith in God.*

### **2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.**

\*9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.\*

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

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### **3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER**

**SAY** *Our big picture question is, How can we be saved? The answer is, We are only saved by trusting in Jesus. The people in today's Bible story lived before Jesus was born. They believed God had a wonderful plan for them and trusted Him. God kept His promise to His people. When He sent Jesus to the world, His wonderful plan was fulfilled. Because of Jesus, we can be saved.*

### **4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE**

Read the verse aloud. Invite preschoolers to recite the verse from memory. Review the definition of "faith" with preschoolers. (Faith is when you believe something that you have not seen. Faith is trusting God.)

**SAY** *Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that without faith, it is impossible to please God. That means we must have faith in order to follow Him. Faith is trusting God, even when we cannot see or hear Him. The writer of Hebrews tells us about people from the Bible who had faith. Can you name any of them? [Answers could include: Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Rahab, and so on.] Just like these men and women had faith in God, we, too, can have faith.*

### **5. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY**

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)

2. What is faith? (Faith is when you believe something that you have not seen. Faith is trusting in God. By faith, we believe that God is who He says He is and that He will do everything He said He will do.)

3. Who are some people in the Bible who had faith in God? (Answers might include Noah, Abraham, Sarah,

Isaac, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, David, and so on.)

4. What must we have to please God? *(We must have faith to please God.)*

5. How can we be saved? We are only saved by trusting in Jesus.

**SAY** *Many people in the Bible had faith. Faith pleases God. Hebrews 11 gives us a list of some men and women who trusted God. These people lived before Jesus came to earth, yet they still trusted that God had a plan for His people. They believed God's promises. These promises came true when God sent Jesus to earth. Jesus trusted God's plans for Him, even though that meant dying on the cross to save us from our sin. We can trust in God's promises for us. We are saved from our sin when we have faith in Jesus.*

## 5. PRAY

**SAY** *God, thank You for the Bible. Thank You for the true stories about men and women who showed great faith in You. Help us have faith like they did. Help each of us believe and trust in You, even though we do not see You face-to-face. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us from our sin. Because of Him, we can one day live forever with You. Amen.*

## ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE AS FEW AS ONE ACTIVITY OR AS MANY ACTIVITIES AS YOU WOULD LIKE)

### TOSS THE BEANBAG

Gather preschoolers in a circle on the floor. Toss a beanbag to one child. Invite him to name someone from the Bible (or someone they know today) who showed (or shows) faith in God. Provide assistance as needed. If possible, talk about how the person mentioned showed (or shows) faith in God. Continue tossing the beanbag to preschoolers and telling examples of faithful people as time permits.

**SAY** *We have learned there are many people in the Bible who had faith in God. They trusted in His promises, and this pleased God. We can also show faith in God. We can do this by reading and obeying God's Word, believing that what He says is true, worshiping Him, serving Him, and sharing His love with those we meet.*

### DECORATE A WORD

Write the word *TRUST* in large letters on heavyweight paper, one sheet per child. Invite children to decorate the word using stickers to cover the letters or by wadding tissue paper squares and gluing them on the letters. Encourage preschoolers to display these in their homes as a reminder to trust in Jesus.

**SAY** *You decorated the word trust on your paper. When we trust in something, we believe in it. We have faith in it. The people in our Bible story today trusted God. They believed that God had a wonderful plan. God was pleased with them because they trusted Him. God's plan came true. He kept His promise to send the Messiah—His own Son, Jesus—to rescue people from sin. We can trust that God sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sin. We can trust that God will always keep His promises. God is worthy of all of our trust.*

### COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

**SAY** *Jesus is the only true hero of the Bible. We are saved from our sin when we have faith in Jesus.*

## OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Hebrews 11. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

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#### STORYTELLING TIPS

**Display pictures:** Find pictures to represent several of the Bible people mentioned in Hebrews 11. Use an illustrated story Bible or previous Bible story picture posters. As you tell the story, display pictures of some of the different Bible people as you talk about them.

**Dress like people in Bible times:** Choose several people listed in the Bible story to highlight. Provide Bible times clothing for several preschoolers or adults to wear to represent these people. Invite them to stand in front of the group as you tell the Bible story.

**People who love Jesus live by faith. Faith is when you believe something that you have not seen. Faith is trusting God. By faith, we believe that God is who He says He is and that He will do everything He said He will do. It is impossible to please God without having faith.**

**Many people in the Bible had faith, and this pleased God. Abel had faith. He made an offering to God, and God accepted it. Noah had faith too. He believed God when God told him to build an ark to rescue his family. God was pleased with Noah.**

**Abraham had faith when God told him to leave his home. God made promises to Abraham, and Abraham believed that God was going to keep His promises.**

**Abraham's wife Sarah had faith. She trusted God to give her a family even though she was too old to have children. God gave Abraham and Sarah a big family.**

**Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses had faith. Rahab had faith when she hid the Israelite spies in Jericho. King David had faith too. All of these people trusted God, and so did many others. Having faith was not easy. Many**

**suffered, and they all died before God's greatest promise—the arrival of Jesus—came true, but they believed that God had a wonderful plan. God was pleased with them because they trusted Him.**

**God's plan came true. He kept His promise to send the Messiah—His own Son, Jesus—to rescue people from sin.**

*Christ Connection: The Bible tells us about people who had faith, but Jesus is the only true hero of the Bible. He trusted in God's plan even though it meant dying on the cross. We are saved from our sin when we have faith in Jesus.*

## **DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS**

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** How can we be saved? We are only saved by trusting in Jesus..

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** *Believe in God. Hebrews 11:6*

## LEARN

*(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)*

### 1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY: HIDE THE SPY

Find a small item (toy, book, or another small item) in the room. Guide toddlers to close their eyes while you hide the “spy” in the room. Let toddlers take turns finding the “spy.”

**SAY** *Faith is when you believe something that you have not seen. Rahab had faith when she hid the Israelite spies in Jericho. Can you have faith in God? Yes, everyone can have faith in God.*

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### 3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase marker at Hebrews 11:6. Invite a child to open your Bible to the marker. Say the key passage phrase aloud as you toss a ball in the air and catch it. Invite children to take turns tossing the ball in the air and catching it as they say the phrase.

## ACTIVITIES

### SING A SONG

Sing the following words to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It.”

*If you have faith and you know it, clap your hands. If you have faith and you know it, clap your hands. If you have faith and you know it, then your life will surely show it. If you have faith and you know it, clap your hands.*

Continue singing the song, substituting the phrases for “clap your hands” such as stomp your feet, pat your head, turn around, and touch your toes. Invite preschoolers to think of other motions if time permits.

**SAY** *The Bible tells us in Hebrews 11:6 that it is impossible to please God without faith. Faith is when you believe something that you have not seen. We show we have faith by trusting God. By faith, we believe that God is who He says He is and that He will do everything He says He will do. The Bible tells us about people who had faith, but Jesus is the only true hero of the Bible. He trusted in God’s plan even though it meant dying on the cross. We are saved from our sin when we have faith in Jesus.*

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## OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

People who love Jesus live by faith. Faith is when you believe something that you have not seen. By faith, we believe that God is real, His words are true, and He takes care of us when we trust Him. Many people in the Bible had faith in God. Abel had faith, and Noah had faith too. God made promises to Abraham, and Abraham

believed that God would keep His promises. Abraham's wife Sarah had faith in God to give her a family. Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses had faith. Rahab had faith when she hid the Israelite spies in Jericho. King David had faith too. All of these people trusted God. God was pleased with them because they trusted in God's promise. God kept His promise to send the Messiah—His own Son, Jesus—to rescue people from sin.

**Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.**