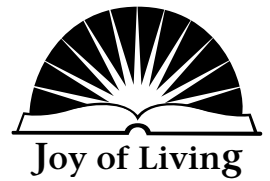


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Hall of Faith Youth Bible Study

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Sample
Lesson

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HALL OF FAITH - WEEK TWO

DISCUSSION LESSON ONE

- 15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship
- 15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: PAPER BALLS BOWLING

Have each student roll an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper into a ball. With masking tape, mark on a table the start line at one end and the finish line at the other. Place these lines about 4" from the table edge. Place an X about 4" from the finish line. The object is to get the paper ball on or near the "X" by flipping it with their fingers or rolling/sliding it like a bowling ball. If a ball goes off the table or past the finish line, player is disqualified for that round. The ball on or closest to the "X" is the winner of that round, and goes first the next round. Play continues until a set score or time limit is reached.

- 15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 1
- to end of class CRAFT: JAR PAPERWEIGHTS OR SNOW GLOBES

MATERIALS

florist's clay spoon
food coloring
glass jars: baby food, or other small jars with lids
plastic flowers, sequins, buttons, glitter, & miniature figures

This can be a simple or complicated craft, however you choose to use it. Some of the small plastic items may be found in novelty or craft stores. Thoroughly clean jars and lids. Allow to dry completely. For the simple craft, put plastic items, sequins, glitter, and/or buttons into the jar and fill 1/2 way with water. Add some food coloring and stir. Fill to rim and secure lid. Shake and turn upside down and watch the "snow fall." For the more complicated craft, place the lids on the table with the flat side down. Cover lid out to the rim and slightly mound the center with clay. Stick plastic pieces into the clay as desired, being sure they are secure by pressing the clay around the bottom of each piece. Glitter, sequins, buttons, and food coloring may be added for effect, if desired. Fill jar almost to the top with water. Insert the lid into the water, and screw tightly. Wipe jars clean of water. Use as paperweight with the lid on the bottom.

HALL OF FAITH - LESSON 1

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verses on your paper.

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 1,2.

Hebrews 11 is called the faith chapter of the Bible. We will study this chapter very closely. In this chapter, we will study the lives of famous Bible people and how faith helped them live.

1. What does Hebrews 11:1 say about faith?

2. How does 2 Corinthians 4:18 add to this information about faith?

3. Recently, a news story said scientists have data showing that the flood during Noah's time really did happen. [KLAC radio station, January 23, 1999.] The Bible has had this information for centuries. Christians and Jews have heard the story of the Flood and have believed it to be true because they had faith in the Word of God. From where does this faith come? See Romans 10:17 for your answer.

4. How are Christians supposed to live according to 2 Corinthians 5:7?

5. What do these verses say about the Bible?

Psalm 33:4

2 Timothy 3:16,17

2 Peter 1:20,21

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 3.

1. According to Hebrews 11:3, how do we understand the formation of the universe?
2. Read Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26. How did God create the universe?
3. What else do these verses say about how the universe was made?

John 1:1,3

Hebrews 1:2

4. God, the creator of the universe, cares about you. What do these verses tell you God knows about you?

Psalm 139:1-4

Psalm 139:13-16

Luke 12:7

5. **PERSONAL:** Now that you have learned that God knows everything about you, does that help you to want to know more about Him? Do you talk with Him everyday? Or many times a day, about everything? He knows it all anyway. Sometimes, telling God what's happening helps us to hear Him talk back to us in our hearts. Why not talk to God about everything from now until your next class date?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 4 with Genesis chapter 4, verses 1 - 7.

1. Who was Abel? See Genesis 4 for your answer.

2. What were Cain's and Abel's jobs?

3. **HARD:** From Hebrews 11:4, why was Abel's offering to God accepted?

4. How did Cain act when God did not accept his offering? See Genesis 4:5.

5. What did God say to Cain in Genesis 4:6,7?

6. **RISKY:** God was waiting for Cain to do something. What do you think God was waiting for Cain to do? If you need help, read Micah 7:18.

7. **PERSONAL:** Have you done something you know God is not happy about? Write down these verses to find out what you should do.

Acts 2:38

1 John 1:9

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 5,6 with Genesis chapter 5, verses 21-24.

1. What two things do you learn about Enoch from Hebrews 11:5?

a.

b.

2. What do you learn about Enoch from Genesis 5:21-24?

a.

b.

c.

d.

3. Finish this story with what you know about Enoch.

Enoch was a very happy man when Methuselah was born. He would walk around his campsite and out into the hills talking with God. One day, when Methuselah was about 300 years old, Enoch went out to walk and talk with God. But a strange thing happened. While he was walking and talking, he found he was no longer

4. What does everyone need in order to please God?

HALL OF FAITH LESSON 1 ANSWERS

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1. What does Hebrews 11:1 say about faith? “What is faith? It is the confident knowledge that something we want is going to happen. It is the confidence that what we hope for is waiting for us. We know it is there even though we cannot see it up ahead.”
2. How does 2 Corinthians 4:18 add to this information about faith? “So we don’t look at the troubles we can see right now. We look forward to the joys in Heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.”
3. Recently, a news story said scientists have data showing that the flood during Noah’s time really did happen. [KLAC radio station, January 23, 1999.] The Bible has had this information for centuries. Christians and Jews have heard the story of the Flood and have believed it to be true because they had faith in the Word of God. From where does this faith come? See Romans 10:17 for your answer. “Yet faith comes from listening to the Good News about Christ.”
4. How are Christians supposed to live according to 2 Corinthians 5:7? “We know this is true because we believe. It doesn’t matter what we see around us.”
5. What do these verses say about the Bible?

Psalm 33:4 “For all God’s words are right. And all he does is worthy of our trust.

2 Timothy 3:16,17 “The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God. It is useful to teach us what is true. It helps us to know what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It makes us well prepared and fully equipped to do good to everyone.”

2 Peter 1:20,21 “No prophecy in the Bible was thought up by the prophet himself. The Holy Spirit within these godly men gave them true messages from God.”

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 3.

1. According to Hebrews 11:3, how do we understand the formation of the universe? “By faith we know that all things were made at God’s command. It shows us that they were all made from things that can’t be seen.”

2. Read Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26. How did God create the universe? By speaking them into existence. Each of these verses begin with “Then God said.”
3. What else do these verses say about how the universe was made?

John 1:1,3 “Before anything else existed there was God’s Son. He was the Word, and he was with God. He created everything there is. Nothing exists that he didn’t make.”

Hebrews 1:2 “But not in these days he has spoken to us through his Son. He has given his Son everything. Through his Son he made the world and everything there is.”

4. God, the creator of the universe, cares about you. What do these verses tell you God knows about you?

Psalm 139:1-4 “O Lord, you have tested my heart. You know everything about me. You know when I sit or stand. When far away, you know my every thought. You clear the path ahead of me. You tell me where to stop and rest. You know what I am going to say. You know this even before I say it!”

Psalm 139:13-16 “You made all the parts of my body. You put them together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully! It is amazing to think about! Your workmanship is wonderful! How well I know it! You were there while I was being made! You saw me before I was born. You planned each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!”

Luke 12:7 “And he knows the number of hairs on your head! So don’t be afraid. You are far more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows.”

5. **PERSONAL:** Now that you have learned that God knows everything about you, does that help you to want to know more about Him? Do you talk with Him everyday? Or, many times a day about everything? He knows it all anyway. Sometimes, telling God what’s happening helps us to hear Him talk back to us in our hearts. Why not talk to God about everything from now until your next class date?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 4 with Genesis chapter 4, verses 1 - 7

1. Who was Abel? See Genesis 4 for your answer. Verse 2: “Her next child was his brother, Abel.”
2. What were Cain’s and Abel’s jobs? Verse 2: “Abel became a shepherd. Cain was a farmer.”

3. **HARD:** From Hebrews 11:4, why was Abel’s offering to God accepted? “It was by faith that Abel obeyed God. He brought an offering that pleased God more than Cain’s offering did. God accepted Abel and proved it by accepting his gift. Abel died a long time ago. But we can still learn lessons from him about trusting God.” [J. Vernon McGee explains this very well:

Now what was the difference between the two offerings? Didn’t both of them come in obedience to God? No, they did not. You see, God had revealed to them that they were to bring a sacrifice, a lamb, and that little lamb pointed to Christ. Some one will argue that Genesis does not say that. No, it doesn’t say that, but Hebrews 11 does say it: “By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice (italics added) than Cain.” How could he? He (Abel) came by faith.

Abel had a revelation from God. So did Cain. They were both in the same family. But Cain ignored it, and he brought what he wanted to bring, the fruit of the ground—which he had produced.

Abel brought a lamb and slew it. If you had been there, you might have asked, “Brother Abel, why are you bringing a lamb?”

He would have said, “God commanded it.”

“Do you think the little lamb takes away your sin?”

“Of course not,” he would have said. “I just told you that God commanded us to bring it. He said to my mother that there is One coming in her line who is going to be a Savior, and that Person is the One to whom this little lamb points. I am coming by faith, looking to the time when a deliverer and a Savior will come.”]

4. How did Cain act when God did not accept his offering? See Genesis 4:5. “But not Cain’s. This made Cain dejected and very angry. His face grew with fury.”
5. What did God say to Cain in Genesis 4:6,7? ““Why are you angry?” the Lord asked him. “Why is your face so dark with rage? It can be bright with joy if you will do what you should! But if you refuse to obey, watch out. Sin is waiting to attack you. It is longing to destroy you. But you can conquer it!”
6. **RISKY:** God was waiting for Cain to do something. What do you think God was waiting for Cain to do? If you need help, read Micah 7:18. “Where is another God like you? You are a God who forgives the sins of his people. For you love to be kind.”
7. **PERSONAL:** Have you done something you know God is not happy about? Write down these verses to find out what you should do.

Acts 2:38 “And Peter replied, ‘Each one of you must turn from sin and come back to God. Then you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. For through him, you will find forgiveness for your sins. Then you also shall be given this gift, the Holy Spirit.’”

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins.”

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 5, with Genesis chapter 5, verses 21 -24.

1. What two things do you learn about Enoch from Hebrews 11:5?

- a. He walked by faith in God and that pleased God.
- b. He didn't die, he walked right up into heaven.

2. What do you learn about Enoch from Genesis 5:21-24?

- a. at 65 his son Methuselah was born
- b. he walked with God 300 years after Methuselah's birth
- c. he had other sons and daughters
- d. he lived to be 365 years old

3. Finish this story with what you know about Enoch.

Enoch was a very happy man when Methuselah was born. He would walk around his campsite and out into the hills talking with God. One day, when Methuselah was about 300 years old, Enoch went out to walk and talk with God. But a strange thing happened. While he was walking and talking, he found he was no longer [walking on the ground but on thin air, and right into heaven.]

4. What does everyone need in order to please God? Faith.