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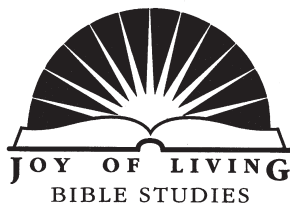
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Before you begin

An ideal curriculum for home-school, Bible class, Sunday School or personal Bible Study, **Joy of Living Youth Curriculum** is flexible and easy to use. Each lesson covers the same scripture passage as the adult **Joy of Living** Study.

Age:

This course encourages students of various ages to develop a habit of personal Bible study. Since the study requires reading the Bible and writing answers to the questions, the minimum age should be about 6 years old. Although the questions are geared to about age 10, older students will profit by gaining a basic knowledge of the Bible. Students over the age of 14 may be mature enough to study the adult **Joy of Living** course.

The lessons:

The study is divided into weekly units. Each week is divided into three sections:

- a suggested class schedule including craft and game ideas
- leader's lesson sheets (these contain the answers for the lesson completed by the students during the previous week)
- student questions for the next lesson (these are passed out at the end of the class)

Students complete the written lessons at home and are encouraged to do a few questions each day rather than trying to complete all the questions in one day. This will aid the students in developing a pattern of daily Bible Study. The "HARD" and "RISKY" questions are to inspire the student to think and reason and help them dig deeper into God's Word.

For homeschool or personal Bible study:

The curriculum may be used in a variety of ways:

- Lessons may be completed by the individual student and graded for accuracy. Discussion time is optional, although it is encouraged.
- Students within the same family or group may work on the lessons together. A discussion time with a parent or other adult is suggested.
- Adults may work one-on-one with the student(s) while they complete the lesson.
- Lessons may be used as part of family devotions. Read the portions of scripture aloud and use the questions to prompt discussion of the Bible passage.

For use with groups:

There is great flexibility in implementing this curriculum. Since each class has its own needs, space, finances, and time frame the class schedule is supplied as a general outline and can be changed to suit specific situations and needs.

Each class session has free time, recreation/snack time, question discussion time, and craft time.

Remember - Keep the pace moving to avoid boredom and trouble, while providing continuity.

Suggested time SCHEDULE to be adapted to individual group:

- 15 - 20 minutes. - unstructured free time
- 15 - 20 minutes. - game/snack time
- 15 - 20 minutes. - discussion time
- remaining time for craft

Helpful Hints for Groups

Facility/Equipment

- Whatever the class size, access to a gym or large game room is worthwhile for team play and group activities.
- If the church has the room, a separate cupboard for supplies is a plus.
- A volleyball or similar ball is good to have on hand for a variety of games.

Discussion Time

- Use the counting off system to divide the class into groups for discussion time. (Avoid, if possible, separating into groups according to age or family.)
- Each discussion group should have an adult leader. Older children should not be used (unless absolutely necessary) as leaders or sitters; they are there for fellowship and learning, too.
- With many of the questions there is no right or wrong answer. The questions are to encourage the student to think and reason and to dig deeper into God's Word. However, since discussion time is also a form of teaching, the leaders are given answers on their question sheets to aid them in the discussion, with occasional commentary insights added in brackets.
- As you discuss the lesson be careful not to belittle a student's opinion or idea. Even if the answer is wrong you can encourage the student by saying something similar to, "I like to see that you're thinking, do you think perhaps....(then give the correct answer)" or "I can see that you are thinking about the question, does anyone else have thoughts on this question?"

Teachers/Leaders/Helpers

- The number of leaders and helpers is determined by the size of the class. The ideal situation is one discussion leader per every 5 children.
- In addition to the main leader, it is helpful to have a game leader, and craft leader.
- Responsibilities are determined within each class structure.

- Parent volunteers may be requested when extra help is needed. If there is a large number of children, the parents have to volunteer only once or twice the entire year.
- Scheduling parents to bring treats is a financial bonus. Keeping cost to a minimum is being a good steward of God's resources.

Game Time

Although board games, puzzles, hidden pictures, crosswords, coloring, and quiet activities do not keep the attention of active children, they should not be ruled out as alternative game time activities. Ball games, races, or tag games are suggested and favored to holding everyone's interest.

Suggestions for obtaining craft ideas & supplies:

Garage/yard/rummage sales

library craft books

children's magazines

YMCA, Park & Recreation Dept., churches (almost every city has a summer program for children, which includes a craft time; they may have leftover craft supplies they would like to donate)

Supplies to have on hand for crafts not in kits:

glue, glue sticks, glue gun

scissors (at least 1 pair for every 2 students)

paint (tempera-washable)

paint brushes

paper towels

newspapers

construction paper

crayons

colored markers

colored pencils

paper cups, napkins (snack time)

various items to pass in relay races

balls, basketball, nerf, etc.

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HALL OF FAITH - WEEK ONE

NO LESSON DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship; you may want to begin the craft early.

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: BALLOON RELAY

Divide into two teams behind the start line. At the opposite end of the room, place a chair for each team. Give each player a balloon. Each player must blow up the balloon just prior to his turn to run. The first player blows up his balloon and runs to the opposite chair. He puts the balloon on it and bounces on it until it pops. If it doesn't pop on the first try, he continues bouncing until it does pop. When it does pop, he races back to the second player, tags him, and then the balloon is blown up and race resumes. The first team to pop all their balloons wins.

15 - 20 minutes discuss class rules

to end of class CRAFT: BUTTERFLY MOBILE

MATERIALS

wooden chopsticks or 1/4" x 2' dowel rods
straws
photocopies of butterflies
watercolor paints and crayons
coated telephone wire or twist ties, 3" long

colored thread
cotton swabs

Each straw holds two butterflies. The number of butterflies desired for each mobile will depend on how many each child wants to make. At least four should be made so there are two straws with butterflies at each end of the dowel rod.

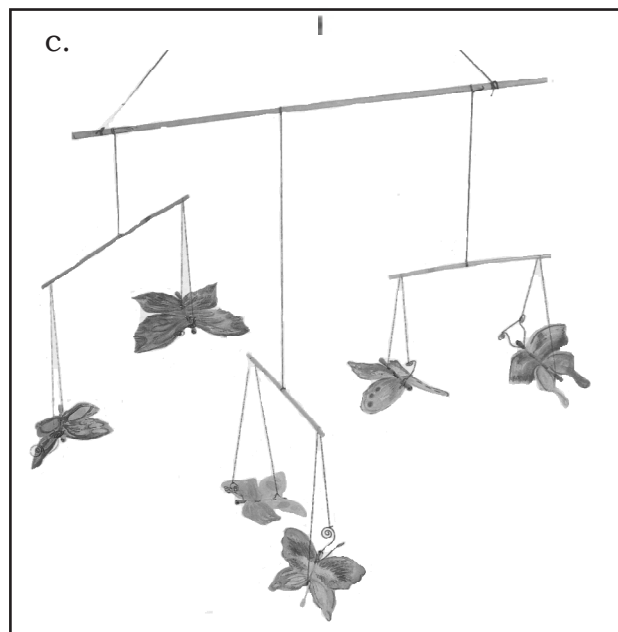
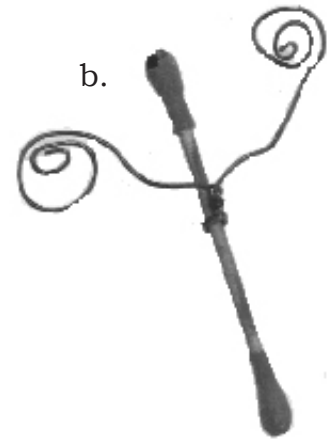
Photocopy onto cardstock at least 2 copies for each child of the butterfly pattern on page 9. Cut out. Make two small slits in the middle of the wings (see pattern) through which the cotton swab will slide.

Color both sides of the wings with crayons. Press hard so that the color when "washed" with the watercolor paints will not fade. Use a small amount of water on the brush and watercolor paint both sides of the colored wings. Allow to dry. Paint the cotton swabs with the watercolors (see figure a, page 9).

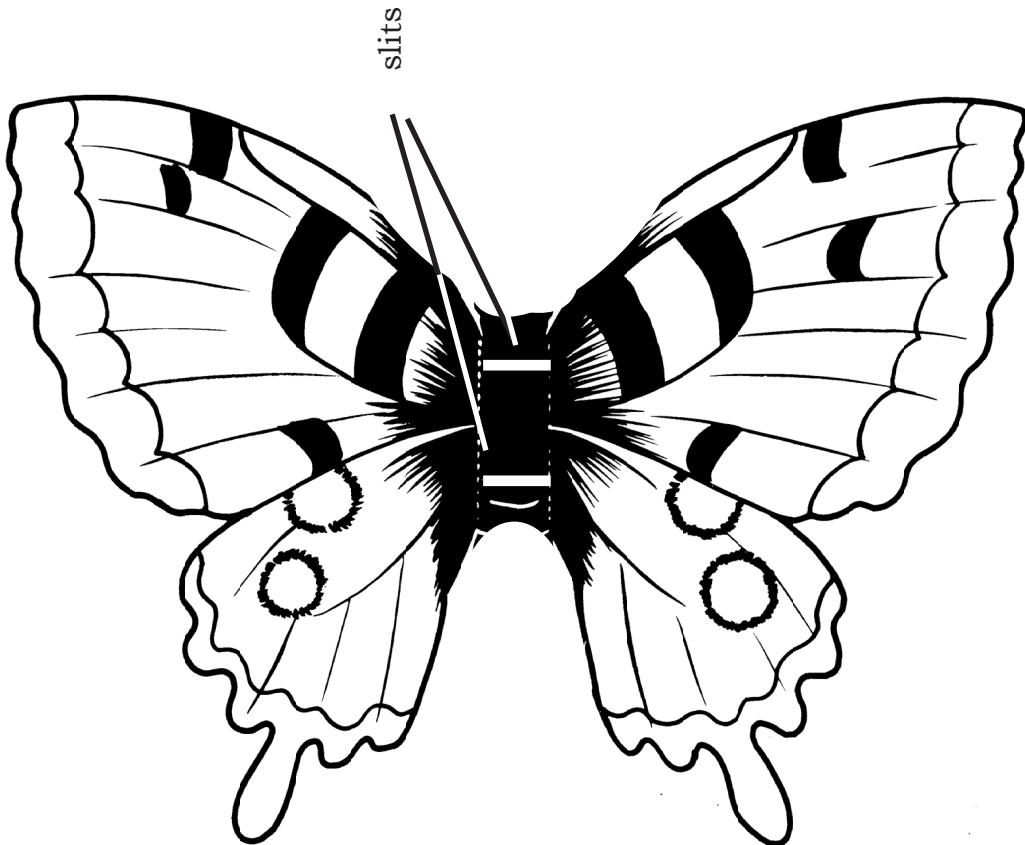
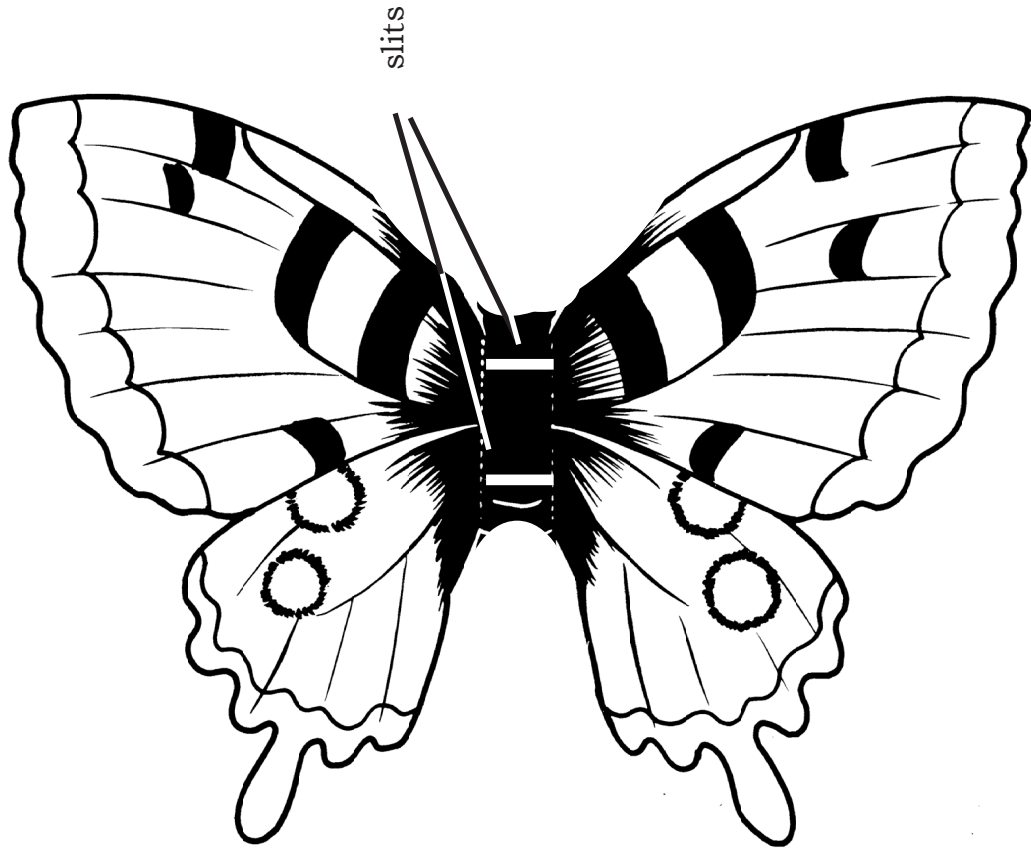
When dry, slide swab through the slits in the wings. Bend the wire or twist tie around one end of the swab for the antenna. Curl wire ends (see figure b).

Tie one end of an 8" length of string to the antenna, and the other at the opposite end of the swab, or tail.

Make a 1" slit at each end of a straw. Slide the butterfly string into slit. Repeat for second butterfly. Tie string to each end of the dowel rod (see figure c).



Butterfly Pattern



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?

Psalms 139:1-4

Psalms 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 - 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 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.”

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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.

HALL OF FAITH - LESSON 2

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, verse 7.

1. With what kind of attitude did Noah build the ark?

2. **CHALLENGE:** What five things do you learn about Noah from this verse?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

3. What ten things do you learn about Noah from Genesis 5:32; 6:9; 7:6,7; 8:13,15,18,20?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
 - g. _____
 - h. _____
 - i. _____
 - j. _____

4. Read Genesis 6:5-8. What was the world like when Noah lived?

5. How did God feel about the world during Noah's day?

6. What did God decide to do about the world?
7. **HARD:** When Noah left the ark, how many people were outside to meet him? (HINT: You will not find this answer in the Bible. It is something you pick up on after reading the verses about Noah, the flood, and the sacrifice.)

God does not let sin rule His creation forever. He always brings judgment to people who do evil. And when a nation stops believing in God after He has blessed them for their previous belief, He will punish that nation.

8. The Bible tells us that one day Jesus will return to judge everyone on the earth. What does Matthew 24:37-39 say the world will be like when Jesus returns?
9. **RISKY:** In Isaiah 5:18-20, the prophet describes an evil world. That could describe the world we live in. What does it say
10. What does Jesus tell us to do in Matthew 24:42?
11. Noah believed in God. He lived differently than the people around him. He lived by faith. He trusted God to save him and his family from the flood. What do these verses tell you about being saved?

Acts 16:33

Colossians 2:6

Titus 3:4-6

12. **PERSONAL:** Are you trusting in Jesus to save you? Why not confess your sins and ask for God’s forgiveness? Then ask Jesus into your heart to help you live to please Him. He will do it; that is the promise of Philippians 2:13: “For God is at work within you. He helps you want to obey him. And he helps you do what he wants.”

13. **RISKY:** All the people we have studied lived by faith. That is, they believed in God and trusted Him for everything, including the promise of salvation and eternity. Noah, too, trusted God to save his family and to bring them out of a wicked world and into a safe place. Christians trust God and Jesus to bring them out of a wicked world into a safe place. Where do you think this safe place is? If you need help, read Revelation 21:1-4 for your answer.

14. Use the codes to put the right letter above each number in order to find out how the Holy Spirit helps us to live.

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| 1 = A | 8 = H | 15=R |
| 2 = B | 9 = I | 16=S |
| 3 = C | 10=J | 17=T |
| 4 = D | 11=L | 18=U |
| 5 = E | 12=M | 19=V |
| 6 = F | 13=N | 20=W |
| 7= G | 14=O | 21=Y |

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HALL OF FAITH – WEEK THREE

DISCUSSION LESSON TWO

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: BARNYARD

Divide into teams of two or three, depending on size of class. Each team chooses an animal that would be found on a farm: chickens, roosters, cows, cattle, dogs, sheep, horses, etc. Choose someone to be IT. When teams have their animals, tell the team names to IT so IT knows what to call. Set boundaries: start, finish, play area. Teams stand behind the start line. IT stands in the middle of play area between the start and finish lines. IT calls out an animal, such as: COW. The team that's COW tries to race to the finish line without being tagged. When a player is tagged, player stops and sits where tagged. Player then helps IT tag remaining players. If IT calls BARNYARD, all players run. Game continues from start to finish lines, and back again, as long as there are runners.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 2

to end of class CRAFT: MEMORY VERSE PLACE MAT

MATERIALS

various colored construction paper-about 4 colors
glue scissors
marker memory verse
clear contact paper

Fold three sheets of construction paper into eighths lengthwise; cut along folds. This results in 24 strips, each about 1" wide. Fold the remaining sheet in half lengthwise. Along the open edge, cut slits 1" to 1 1/2" apart, to 1" of the fold. Do not cut through fold. You will have ten to twelve slits. Open folded sheet and weave the strips through the slits. When satisfied with the pattern, glue the ends in place. In every other space, or as desired, write one word of the memory verse. Cover with clear contact paper. Challenge students to use the place mat at each meal, and to memorize the verse written on it. They should have the verse memorized long before the mat becomes worn out. Use this verse, or choose another: "Faith is the confident knowledge that something we want is going to happen" Hebrews 11:1.

HALL OF FAITH LESSON 2 ANSWERS

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 7.

1. With what kind of attitude did Noah build the ark? Holy fear. [“The word ‘fear’ used here means ‘to act in reverence’ because of who God is.” (JOY Lesson notes)]

2. **CHALLENGE:** What five things do you learn about Noah from this verse?
 - a. God told him what was going to happen.
 - b. He built an ark.
 - c. He saved his family.
 - d. He condemned the wicked world.
 - e. He was an heir of righteousness. [This inheritance was a “new world” after the flood. Just as Christians are promised a “new world” in eternity.]

3. What ten things do you learn about Noah from Genesis 5:32; 6:9; 7:6,7; 8:13,15,18,20?
 - a. He was 500 years old when he had sons (as some translations indicate).
 - b. He was righteous.
 - c. He was blameless among the people.
 - d. He walked with God.
 - e. He was 600 years old at the time of the flood.
 - f. He entered the ark with his family of seven.
 - g. He was 601 years old when the water receded.
 - h. He was called out of the ark onto dry ground.
 - i. He built an altar to God.
 - j. He gave a sacrifice to God for keeping him safe through the world’s destruction.

4. Read Genesis 6:5-8. What was the world like when Noah lived? Verse 5: “The Lord God saw how wicked people were. He saw that the direction of people’s lives was only toward evil.”

5. How did God feel about the world during Noah’s day? Verse 6: “He was sorry he had made them. It broke his heart.”

6. What did God decide to do about the world? Verse 7: “He said, ‘I will blot out from the face of the earth all mankind that I created. Yes, and the animals, too, and the reptiles and the birds. I am sorry I made them.’”

7. **HARD:** When Noah left the ark, how many people were outside to meet him? (HINT: You will not find this answer in the Bible. It is something you pick up on after reading the verses about Noah, the flood, and the sacrifice.) NONE.

God does not let sin rule His creation forever. He always brings judgment to people who do evil. And when a nation stops believing in God after He has blessed them for their previous belief, He will punish that nation.

8. The Bible tells us that one day Jesus will return to judge everyone on the earth. What does Matthew 24:37-39 say the world will be like when Jesus returns? “At the time the Messiah returns people will be at ease. It will be like it was in the days of Noah. In the days before the flood, the world was at ease. People ate, drank, and had weddings right up to the flood. But then the flood came upon them suddenly! People refused to believe the flood was coming until it came. And then it was too late. It washed them all away. The same thing will happen when I come back.”
9. **RISKY:** In Isaiah 5:18-20, the prophet describes an evil world. That could describe the world we live in. What does it say? “Woe to those who drag their sins behind them like a bull on a rope. They even laugh at the Holy One of Israel. They even dare the Lord to punish them! ‘Hurry up and punish us, O Lord,’ they say. ‘We want to see what you can do!’ They say that what is right is wrong. And they claim that what is wrong is right. They say that black is white and white is black. They claim that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter.”
10. What does Jesus tell us to do in Matthew 24:42? “So be ready at all times. For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming.”
11. Noah believed in God. He lived differently than the people around him. He lived by faith. He trusted God to save him and his family from the flood. What do these verses tell you about being saved?

Acts 16:33 “They replied, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus. Then you will be saved, and your whole family.’”

Colossians 2:6 “You trusted Christ to save you. So now trust him, too, for each day’s problems. Live in close union with him.”

Titus 3:4-6 “Then the time came for the kindness and love of God our Savior to appear. He saved us. He didn’t save us because we were good enough to be saved. He saved us because of his kindness and pity. He washed away our sins and gave us the joy of the Holy Spirit inside us. He poured the Spirit out upon us with wonderful fullness. This is all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did.”

12. **PERSONAL:** Are you trusting in Jesus to save you? Why not confess your sins and ask for God’s forgiveness? Then ask Jesus into your heart to help you live to please Him. He will do it; that is the promise of Philippians 2:13: “For God is at work within you. He helps you want to obey him. And he helps you do what he wants.”

13. **RISKY:** All the people we have studied lived by faith. That is, they believed in God and trusted Him for everything, including the promise of salvation and eternity. Noah, too, trusted God to save his family and to bring them out of a wicked world and into a safe place. Christians trust God and Jesus to bring them out of a wicked world into a safe place. Where do you think this safe place is? If you need help, read Revelation 21:1-4 for your answer. “Then I saw a new earth and a new Heaven. The first earth and Heaven had disappeared. And there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem. It was coming down from God out of Heaven. It was like a bride ready for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne. It was saying, ‘Look the home of God is now among men. He will live with them and they will be his people. Yes, God himself will be among them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There shall be no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain. All of that has gone forever.’”

Use the codes to put the right letter above each number in order to find out how the Holy Spirit helps us to live.

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HALL OF FAITH - LESSON 3

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, verse 8.

1. **RISKY:** Where was Abraham called to go?

2. An inheritance is something you receive from someone else. Usually, it's a piece of property, possession or money. What was Abraham's inheritance?

3. Read Genesis 12:1-7. What else did God promise Abraham in Genesis 12:2-3 if he left his country?

4. **RISKY:** Read Hebrews 11:1. Do you think Abraham's obedience to God was one of faith? Why?

5. What else did God say about Abraham's inheritance, and what did Abraham do in Genesis 12:7?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 9.

1. **PERSONAL:** How is your faith? Sometimes God speaks to us, too. Not in a voice we hear with our ears, but a voice we hear with our heart. Suppose your church had a visiting missionary. His territory was in the area of a large city called the "inner city." He came to tell you his needs. One of them was a new computer. His old one crashed. Now, he could ask for money to buy a new computer, but you have suddenly become very interested in what he is saying. You feel like raising your hand and offering your computer. You have heard people say God blessed them when they did something for Him. So, you're thinking, if you give your computer, you

might get a new one. Do you think you could give up your computer without knowing when or if you will get a new one? That's what Abraham did. God had promised Abraham land, but how does Hebrews 11:9 say Abraham lived?

2. We are told in Joshua 24:2 that Abraham's father, Terah, worshiped other gods. Then God called Abraham away from idol worship. By faith Abraham obeyed and trusted God. When a sinner puts his faith in God through Jesus Christ, he is called away from sin, just like Abraham was when God called him away from idol worship. What does Romans 12:2 say we are to leave when God calls us?

3. What do these verses say is the way of new thinking?

Philippians 4:8

Colossians 3:2

4. God's promise was that Abraham had an inheritance waiting for him. Christians have an inheritance, too. What do these verses say is the Christian's inheritance?

1 Peter 1:4

1 John 5:11

5. **PERSONAL:** Do you have this inheritance? Is your faith in Jesus? Why not ask your leader to help you receive Jesus as Savior and Lord?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 10.

1. **CHALLENGE:** From Philippians 3:20, what city was Abraham looking forward to?
2. An architect is someone who draws the plans for a building, road, bridge, or even a city. A builder is the person who follows the plans of the architect and begins the building process. Who is the architect and builder of this new city?
3. What is the foundation of God's city? See 1 Corinthians 3:11.
4. Faith in God calls for us to obey God. What does John 14:15 say about obedience?
5. What are God's promises in the following verses?

John 3:36

John 14:23

Ephesians 3:12

6. Abraham sometimes messed up. His faith in God wasn't always very strong. Everyone messes up and has doubts. So don't be surprised when you have doubts about your faith and trust in God. How do these verses show God's promise to us to never leave us?

Psalm 86:5

Ephesians 1:7-8

HALL OF FAITH - WEEK FOUR

DISCUSSION LESSON THREE

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: CARD TOSS

You will need a hat or another container, and a deck of playing cards or 3" x 5" cards. Mark the START line from which the cards will be tossed. Place the hat or container about five feet from the line. In turn, each player will have a chance to throw 10 cards and try to get them into the hat. The player with the most cards in the hat wins.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 3

to end of class CRAFT: INVISIBLE INK PICTURE MESSAGE

MATERIALS

magazine picture of faces	glue
white paper	paint brushes
bowls	lemon juice
iron (for revealing message)	

From the magazine pictures cut out eyes, noses, mouths, ears, and heads of hair. Mix them up then let students select pieces and glue them onto a sheet of paper. Pour lemon juice into bowls. Using paint brushes, each student writes a riddle or a funny sentence on his paper (not one that would be hurtful).

Gather all the pictures, then redistribute to the students. With hot iron, press the written area. The heat will make the message appear. Then try to guess who wrote the riddle. Or the papers can be taken home and pressed at home.

HALL OF FAITH LESSON 3 ANSWERS

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 8.

1. **RISKY:** Where was Abraham called to go? “God told him to leave home. [God] told Abraham to go far away to another land.” [But Abraham didn’t know where he was going.]
2. An inheritance is something you receive from someone else. Usually, it’s a piece of property, possession or money. What was Abraham’s inheritance? The land.
3. Read Genesis 12:1-7. What else did God promise Abraham in Genesis 12:2-3 if he left his country? “If you do, I will cause you to become the father of a great nation. I will bless you and make your name famous. You will be a blessing to many others. I will bless those who bless you. I will curse those who curse you. The entire world will be blessed because of you.”
4. **RISKY:** Read Hebrews 11:1. Do you think Abraham’s obedience to God was one of faith? Why? Yes. He didn’t know where he was going, and he was trusting God to get him there. And faith 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.”
5. What else did God say about Abraham’s inheritance, and what did Abraham do in Genesis 12:7? “Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, ‘I am going to give this land to your descendants.’ And Abram built an altar there to the Lord.”

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 9.

1. How is your faith? Sometimes God speaks to us, too. Not in a voice we hear with our ears, but a voice we hear with our heart. Suppose your church had a visiting missionary. His territory was in the area of a large city called the “inner city.” He came to tell you his needs. One of them was a new computer. His old one crashed. Now, he could ask for money to buy a new computer, but you have suddenly become very interested in what he is saying. You feel like raising your hand and offering your computer. You have heard people say God blessed them when they did something for Him. So, you’re thinking, if you give your computer, you might get a new one. Do you think you could give up your computer without knowing when or if you will get a new one? That’s what Abraham did. God had promised Abraham land, but how does Hebrews 11:9 say Abraham lived? “When he reached God’s promised land, he lived in tents like a visitor. Isaac and Jacob lived in tents too. God gave them the same promise.”
2. We are told in Joshua 24:2 that Abraham’s father, Terah, worshiped other gods. Then God called Abraham away from idol worship. By faith Abraham obeyed and trusted God. When a sinner puts his faith in God through Jesus Christ, he is called away from sin, just like Abraham was

when God called him away from idol worship. What does Romans 12:2 say we are to leave when God calls us? “Don’t copy the world. Be a different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn how his ways will really satisfy you.”

3. What do these verses say is the way of new thinking?

Philippians 4:8 “And now, brothers, as I close this letter, let me say one more thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely. Dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about.”

Colossians 3:2 “Let Heaven fill your thoughts. Don’t spend your time worrying about things down here.”

4. God’s promise was that Abraham had an inheritance waiting for him. Christians have an inheritance, too. What do these verses say is the Christian’s inheritance?

1 Peter 1:4 “God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life. It is kept in Heaven for you. It is pure and spotless. It is beyond the reach of change and decay.”

1 John 5:11 “And what is it that God has said? He said he has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”

5. **PERSONAL:** Do you have this inheritance? Is your faith in Jesus? Why not ask your leader to help you receive Jesus as Savior and Lord?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 10.

1. **CHALLENGE:** From Philippians 3:20, what city was Abraham looking forward to? “But our homeland is in Heaven, where our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, is. We are looking forward to his return from there.”
2. An architect is someone who draws the plans for a building, road, bridge, or even a city. A builder is the person who follows the plans of the architect and begins the building process. Who is the architect and builder of this new city? God.
3. What is the foundation of God’s city? See 1 Corinthians 3:11. “No one can start a building other than the one we already have. That is Jesus Christ.”
4. Faith in God calls for us to obey God. What does John 14:15 say about obedience? “If you love me, obey me.”
5. What are God’s promises in the following verses?

John 3:36 “And all who trust God’s Son to save them have eternal life. Those who don’t believe and obey him will never see life. But the anger of God will stay upon them.”

John 14:23 “Jesus replied, ‘Because I will reveal myself only to those who love me and obey me. The Father will love them, too. And we will come to them and live with them.’”

Ephesians 3:12 “Now we can come fearlessly right into God’s presence. Why? Because we are sure to be welcomed because we believe in Christ.”

6. Abraham sometimes messed up. His faith in God wasn’t always very strong. Everyone messes up and has doubts. So don’t be surprised when you have doubts about your faith and trust in God. How do these verses show God’s promise to us to never leave us?

Psalm 86:5 “O Lord, you are so good and kind. You are so ready to forgive. You are so full of mercy for all who ask for help.”

Ephesians 1:7-8 “He has so much kindness! He took away all our sins through the blood of his Son. This saved us. He has showered upon us the richness of his grace. He understands us and knows what is best for us at all times.”

HALL OF FAITH - LESSON 4

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, verse 11.

Some Bibles say Sarah was barren. The word barren, as used here, meant Sarah could not have children.

1. What did God tell Abraham in Genesis 17:16?
2. How did Abraham act when God told him this? See Genesis 17:17 for your answer.
3. Not only was Sarah unable to have children, what do you learn about Abraham's and Sarah's age in Genesis 17:17?
4. Time passed and God spoke with Abraham again. What did God tell Abraham in Genesis 18:10?
5. How does Genesis 18:12 describe Sarah's actions when she heard this news?
6. What does Genesis 21:1,2 say that shows God keeps His promises?
7. Sarah thought it was impossible for her to have a baby, but nothing is impossible with God. He performed a miracle for Sarah and Abraham. There might be times when you think there is something you can't do. You might need God's help through Jesus. What does Mark 10:27 say that proves God wants to help you?
8. **HARD:** How does Ephesians 3:20 add to the promise in Mark 10:27?
9. Hebrews 11:11 says Sarah had faith in God, and she knew He would do what He promised. In Romans 10:17, we are told where faith comes from. What does it say?

10. **PERSONAL:** Have you asked God for something recently? Has He given you an answer yet? Sometimes it takes a while before God answers our prayers. His ways are not our ways, and He knows just what we need, and when we need it. But we can be sure that God hears everything we talk and pray about. What does 1 John 5:14,15 say that cheers you on to keep praying?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 12.

1. What was God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 22:17?
2. **HARD:** What does Hebrews 11:12 say that proves God kept His promise to Abraham?
3. The nation that is being talked about is the Hebrew nation. But others are also part of Abraham's descendants. Who are these others according to the following verses?

Galatians 3:9

Galatians 3:14

Galatians 3:29

In this chapter we have been studying people of the Bible who had great faith in God. In the test below, put a number from group A in the blank line before group B.

GROUP A

1. God
2. Abel
3. Enoch
4. Noah
5. Abraham

GROUP B

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| _____ | condemned the world |
| _____ | pleased God |
| _____ | was a righteous man |
| _____ | didn't know where to go |
| _____ | his voice formed the earth |

HALL OF FAITH - WEEK FIVE

DISCUSSION LESSON FOUR

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: INDOOR TAG

Draw a circle about four feet in diameter on the floor (masking tape is easily removed and no damage is done). “IT” stands in the middle of the circle. The teacher calls out the names of three children. These three must try to get into the circle before “IT” tags them. The game continues with the first one being tagged becoming “IT.” If no one is tagged, “IT” remains until a new one is tagged.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 4

to end of class CRAFT: DOUBLE-DECKER CANDLE HOLDERS

MATERIALS

2 small jars, with lids - mustard, baby food, etc.
plastic flowers, figures, etc.
white glue
glitter, sequins, buttons, etc.
candle— size to fit inside jar

Be sure jars are clean of food and labels. Each holder should have 2 jars of the same size. Drop the plastic flower or decoration into one jar and screw on the lid. Turn upside down. The flower is now resting on the lid. Coat the upside down jar bottom with an ample amount of glue. Place the other jar bottom on top of the upside down jar bottom, and press down. Spread the outside of the jars with glue and sprinkle with glitter, sequins, buttons, etc. When the glue is dry, put a candle in the top jar. There is no lid on the top jar.

If you don't have enough jars for a double-decker candle holder, decorate the outside of one jar and place the candle inside. (No lid is required on this one.)

HALL OF FAITH ANSWERS - LESSON 4

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 11.

Some Bibles say Sarah was barren. The word barren, as used here, meant Sarah could not have children.

1. What did God tell Abraham in Genesis 17:16? “I will bless her [Sarah] and give you a son from her! Yes, I will bless her richly. I will make her the mother of nations! Many kings shall come from her.”
2. How did Abraham act when God told him this? See Genesis 17:17 for your answer. “Then Abraham threw himself down in worship before the Lord. But inside he was laughing because he did not believe!”
3. Not only was Sarah unable to have children, what do you learn about Abraham’s and Sarah’s age in Genesis 17:17? Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old.
4. Time passed and God spoke with Abraham again. What did God tell Abraham in Genesis 18:10? “Then the Lord said, ‘Next year I will give you and Sarah a son!’ Sarah was listening from the tent door behind him.”
5. How does Genesis 18:12 describe Sarah’s actions when she heard this news? “So Sarah laughed to herself. ‘A woman my age have a baby?’ she scoffed to herself. ‘And with a husband as old as mine?’”
6. What does Genesis 21:1,2 say that shows God keeps His promises? “Then God did as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and gave Abraham a baby son in his old age. And it happened at the time God had said.”
7. Sarah thought it was impossible for her to have a baby, but nothing is impossible with God. He performed a miracle for Sarah and Abraham. There might be times when you think there is something you can’t do. You might need God’s help through Jesus. What does Mark 10:27 say that proves God wants to help you? “Jesus looked at them intently. Then he said, ‘Without God, it is impossible. But with God all things are possible.’”
8. **HARD:** How does Ephesians 3:20 add to the promise in Mark 10:27? “Praise God! When his power works in us we do much more than we prayed that we would. We do more than we hoped that we would.”
9. Hebrews 11:11 says Sarah had faith in God, and she knew He would do what He promised. In Romans 10:17, we are told where faith comes from. What does it say? “Yet faith comes from listening to the good News about Christ.”

10. **PERSONAL:** Have you asked God for something recently? Has He given you an answer yet? Sometimes it takes a while before God answers our prayers. His ways are not our ways, and He knows just what we need, and when we need it. But, we can be sure that God hears everything we talk and pray about. What does 1 John 5:14,15 say that cheers you on to keep praying? “We are sure he will hear us when we ask in line with his will. We know he is listening when we talk to him and make our requests. So we can be sure that he will answer us.”

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 12.

1. What was God’s promise to Abraham in Genesis 22:17? “I will bless you with great blessings. I will multiply your descendants into countless thousands and millions. They will be like the stars above you in the sky, and like the sands along the seashore. They will conquer their enemies.”
2. **HARD:** What does Hebrews 11:12 say that proves God kept His promise to Abraham? “And so a whole nation came from Abraham. He was too old to have even one child. Yet he began a nation with millions of people. They are like the stars in the sky! They are like the sand on the ocean shores! There is no way to count them all.”
3. The nation that is being talked about is the Hebrew nation. But others are also part of Abraham’s descendants. Who are these others according to the following verses?

Galatians 3:9 “And so all who trust in Christ share the same blessing Abraham was given.”

Galatians 3:14 “Now God can bless the Gentiles with this same blessing he promised to Abraham. All of us as Christians can have the promised Holy spirit through this faith.”

Galatians 3:29 “Now that we are Christ’s we are the true children of Abraham. All of God’s promises to him belong to us.”

In this chapter we have been studying people of the Bible who had great faith in God. In the test below, put a number from group A in the blank line before group B.

GROUP A

GROUP B

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| 1. God | <u> 4 </u> condemned the world |
| 2. Abel | <u> 3 </u> pleased God |
| 3. Enoch | <u> 2 </u> was a righteous man |
| 4. Noah | <u> 5 </u> didn’t know where to go |
| 5. Abraham | <u> 1 </u> his voice formed the earth |

HALL OF FAITH - LESSON 5

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
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- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
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Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 13 - 16.

1. In Hebrews 11:1, we learned that faith is being sure that something we want is going to happen. The people in Hebrews 11:4-11 lived each day believing that God would give them what He promised. But they died without having received what they wanted. What does Hebrews 11:13 say is the way they lived?

2. What do these verses say about living by faith?

Habakkuk 2:4 - The first part of this verse refers to the wicked man.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Galatians 2:20

3. **HARD:** What did Jesus say in John 8:56 about Abraham?

4. **HARD:** What does Jesus say in Matthew 13:17 the prophets and the righteous longed to see?

5. **CHALLENGE:** What was the better country these people were looking forward to?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 17.

1. **RISKY:** This story of Abraham is found in Genesis 22:1-10. What is Abraham called in James 2:21?

2. What two things does James 2:22 say worked together to show Abraham was righteous?

Ephesians 2:8-10 says: “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

3. **HARD:** From this passage in Ephesians, answer the following questions.

a. The word grace is found in the Ephesians scripture. But what does Romans 3:24 say grace is?

b. What does the Ephesians scripture say is also a gift from God?

c. Can you work your way to heaven?

d. What kind of works does the Ephesians scripture say we do?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 18-19, and Genesis chapter 22, verses 7-13.

1. What does Hebrews say was God’s promise to Abraham about Isaac?

2. Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac. This was not an easy thing for him to do. Which verse in the Genesis scripture shows Abraham's trust in God?

3. Abraham had Isaac ready for sacrifice. How was Isaac saved?

4. Abraham and Isaac felt many emotions at this time. Some they may have felt were fear, trust, faith, rebellion and obedience. They were going through a trial. What does James 1:2,3 say about the trials Christians will face?

5. Even though Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac, God provided a different sacrifice. God has provided a sacrifice for us, too. What does Paul tell us that sacrifice is in Romans 5:8?

6. **PERSONAL:** Have you accepted God's sacrifice? There is no other way to get to heaven except by accepting God's sacrifice, Jesus Christ. God is waiting for your answer. Why not confess your sins now, and then thank Jesus for being your sacrifice. Invite Him into your heart to help you live to please God. These scriptures tell us about our sin and how we are made right with God.

Romans 3:23 says: "Yes, all have sinned. All fall short of God's perfect glory."

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HALL OF FAITH - WEEK SIX

DISCUSSION LESSON FIVE

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: BALLOON POP

Divide into two teams. Give a balloon to each player. Place a chair for each team at the other end of the room. At the signal, the first player blows up his balloon, then runs (or you can have them walk, hop, walk backwards, etc.) towards the opposite chair. He puts his balloon on the chair and tries to break it. When it pops, he races back to his team, tags the second player, who blows up his balloon, and race continues. The first team to finish is the winner. Or, without telling the teams, you may declare the last team to pop all their balloons as the winners.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 5

to end of class CRAFTS: 3 SCIENCE PROJECTS and a BLEACH DRAWING

MATERIALS

CAN'T BUDGE PAPER: wooden ruler	newspaper table
HIDDEN SHIELD: small glass or jar	newspaper container for water
LEMON AIR: 1 oz. water 2 oz. vinegar	1 tsp. baking soda clean, empty soda bottle balloon
BLEACH DRAWING: newspaper container for bleach paint brush	vinyl or plastic aprons colored construction paper bleach marking pens

CAN'T BUDGE PAPER: Lay the ruler on a table with about two inches hanging over the edge. Lay two sheets of newspaper (full size pages unfolded and laid flat) over the ruler with the edge of the paper flat along the table edge. Then hit the part of the ruler hanging over the edge of the table. The newspaper shouldn't budge because of air pressure. The air pushing down on the paper is resistant to the blow.

HIDDEN SHIELD: Wad up a sheet of newspaper; stuff into the glass so that when the glass is tipped upside down, the paper remains inside the glass. Hold the glass upside down, and put into a container of water for about a minute. Remove glass, and pull out the paper. It is dry because the empty glass is filled with air. And air is lighter than water, so it doesn't escape the glass.

LEMON AIR: Dissolve the baking soda in the water in the clean soda bottle. Add the vinegar to this mixture. Then stretch the balloon so that it is easier to inflate, and quickly place balloon opening over the mouth of the bottle. The balloon inflates because carbon dioxide has been created in the bottle which blows up the balloon.

BLEACH DRAWING: If you choose to do this craft you may want to have the students wear vinyl or plastic aprons. If the bleach gets on their clothing it will spot the clothes. Cover work area with remaining newspaper. Place a piece of construction paper over newspaper. Pour 1/2 cup bleach into container. Dip the brush into the bleach, being careful not to spill. The bleach should not be too near the face so to avoid inhaling. Paint a design on the paper. You may wish to experiment first to see if you can make different effects with the brush. When the painting is complete, outline various parts with the markers. If only a series of lines and circles have been drawn, color with different markers to create a different type of design.

HALL OF FAITH ANSWERS - LESSON 5

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 13 - 16.

1. In Hebrews 11:1, we learned that faith is being sure that something we want is going to happen. The people in Hebrews 11:4-11 lived each day believing that God would give them what He promised. But they died without having received what they wanted. What does Hebrews 11:13 say is the way they lived? By faith.
2. What do these verses say about living by faith?

Habakkuk 2:4 - The first part of this verse refers to the wicked man. "See, he [the wicked man] is puffed up; his desires are not upright-but the righteous will live by his faith." (NIV)

2 Corinthians 5:7 "We live by faith, not by sight." (NIV)

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
3. **HARD:** What did Jesus say in John 8:56 about Abraham? "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He knew I was coming and was glad."
4. **HARD:** What does Jesus say in Matthew 13:17 the prophets and the righteous longed to see? "Many a prophet and godly man has wished to see what you have seen. Many have wanted to hear what you have heard." [They longed to see Jesus, the promised Messiah.]
5. **CHALLENGE:** What was the better country these people were looking forward to? Verse 16: "but they didn't want to. They were living for Heaven. And now God is not ashamed to be called their God. He has made a heavenly city for them."

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 17.

1. **RISKY:** This story of Abraham is found in Genesis 22:1-10. What is Abraham called in James 2:21? "Remember, our father Abraham was declared good because of what he did. He was willing to obey God. He even went as far as giving his son Isaac to die on the altar." [Most translations will use the term "righteous".]
2. What two things does James 2:22 say worked together to show Abraham was righteous? "You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did."
Ephesians 2:8-10 says: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

3. **HARD:** From this passage in Ephesians, answer the following questions.
 - a. The word grace is found in the Ephesians scripture. But what does Romans 3:24 say grace is? “But if we trust in Jesus Christ, God says we are “not guilty.” In his kindness he freely takes away our sin.”
 - b. What does the Ephesians scripture say is also a gift from God? Faith.
 - c. Can you work your way to heaven? No.
 - d. What kind of works does the Ephesians scripture say we do? Good works, that were prepared by God before we were born.

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 18-19, with Genesis chapter 22, verses 7-13.

1. What does Hebrews say was God’s promise to Abraham about Isaac? Verse 18: “God had promised to give Abraham a big family. And he had promised to do this through his son, Isaac. Yet, by faith, Abraham would even kill Isaac!”
2. Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac. This was not an easy thing for him to do. Which verse in the Genesis scripture shows Abraham’s trust in God? Verse 8: “Abraham answered, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.’ And the two of them went on together” (NIV). [Genesis 22:10 may also be used, since it records an action by Abraham: “Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.” Abraham didn’t know how God would save his son, just that He would.]
3. Abraham had Isaac ready for sacrifice. How was Isaac saved? Verse 13: “Then Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. So he took the ram. He sacrificed it instead of his son as a burnt offering on the altar.”
4. Abraham and Isaac felt many emotions at this time. Some they may have felt were fear, trust, faith, rebellion and obedience. They were going through a trial. What does James 1:2,3 say about the trials Christians will face? “Dear brothers, is your life full of trouble and trials? Then be happy. When the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow.”
5. Even though Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac, God provided a different sacrifice. God has provided a sacrifice for us, too. What does Paul tell us that sacrifice is in Romans 5:8? “But God showed his great love for us. He sent Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”
6. **PERSONAL:** Have you accepted God’s sacrifice? There is no other way to get to heaven except by accepting God’s sacrifice, Jesus Christ. God is waiting for your answer. Why not confess your sins now, and then thank Jesus for being your sacrifice. Invite Him into your heart to help you live to please God. These scriptures tell us about our sin and how we are made right with God.

Romans 3:23 says: “Yes, all have sinned. All fall short of God’s perfect glory.”

Romans 6:23 says: “Sin makes us die. Through Christ, God gives us life that never ends.”

HALL OF FAITH – LESSON 6

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 20 - 21.

1. Read Genesis 25:27-28. What did Esau, Isaac’s first born son, and Jacob, Isaac’s second born son, enjoy doing?

2. Read Genesis 27:24-29,37. What blessing did Isaac give his second son, Jacob?

3. Read Genesis 27:39-40. How did Isaac bless his older son Esau?

4. Read Genesis 41:51-52. Name Joseph’s sons. Which is the oldest?

5. Read Genesis 48:10-19. How did Jacob bless Joseph’s sons?

6. How did Joseph respond to what Jacob did?

7. How did Jacob answer Joseph?

Read Hebrews 11:22.

1. What promise did Jacob give Joseph in Genesis 48:21?
2. What does Genesis 50:24,25 say Joseph wanted his brothers to do for him?
3. **HARD:** When was Jacob's promise to Joseph, and Joseph's request to his brothers, fulfilled? See Exodus 13:19, and Joshua 24:32 for your answer.
4. Using your dictionary, what is the meaning of "inherit"?
5. The scriptures we have been studying tell us the blessing a father gave his sons. Blessing could also be called inheritance. Who will receive the Kingdom of Heaven, God's inheritance, according to these verses?

Matthew 5:3

Matthew 5:10

Matthew 5:19

James 2:5

6. When was this inheritance set up? See Matthew 25:34.

7. What did this inheritance cost? See 1 Peter 1:18,19.

8. What is this inheritance and where is it kept? See 1 Peter 1:4,5.

9. **PERSONAL:** Can you claim this inheritance?

Do you need to confess your sins? 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.”

Do you need to receive Jesus? John 1:12 “But to all who received him, he gave the right to become God’s children. All they needed to do was to believe in him.”

Then, Jesus will be in you. John 14:20 “I will come back to life again. Then you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.”

Jesus is there to help you live to please God. Philippians 2:13 “For God is at work within you. He helps you want to obey him. And he helps you do what he wants.”

Because it is God’s will for all who believe in Jesus to have eternal life. John 6:40. “For my Father wants everyone who sees his Son and believes in him to have eternal life. And I will raise up those who believe at the Last Day.”

HALL OF FAITH - WEEK SEVEN

DISCUSSION LESSON SIX

- 15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship
- 15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: TABLE SHUFFLEBOARD
- On a 6' or longer table, mark the start line and goal line with masking tape. Put an X about 4" in front of the goal line. Wad up pieces of white paper into balls. Put names of players on "balls". Each player, in turn, "rolls" his ball down the table to the X. If the ball rolls off table, turn is lost. If ball goes beyond X, turn is lost. Closest to the X receives one point. If ball lands on X, two points are given. Set either a time or score limit.
- 15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 6
- to end of class CRAFT: T-SHIRT ART

MATERIALS

Crayons (CRAYOLA works best)	newspapers
small glass bowls or baby food jars	electric skillet
old grocery paper bags, cut open	Q-tips
black permanent marker	iron
inexpensive plastic paint brushes	white paper
2 1/2" foil tins	pencil
white T-shirt	

Directions for two types of design are given below. Be sure to make the designs simple, not complicated.

This craft is for older children. Cover work area with newspaper. Melt regular crayons in small bowls or baby food jars sitting in water in an electric skillet set on simmer. Watch this carefully. Draw a design on the T-shirt with the pencil. Next stuff the T-shirt with newspapers so melted crayon colors won't seep through to the other side. When crayons are melted, set jars on work area, being careful not to burn the work area or yourself. Dip a paint brush into the melted crayon and paint in the design, a little at a time. Stir the melted crayons with each dipping. Remember to work QUICKLY so that the crayons do not harden. If they do harden, remelt and continue painting. When design is filled in, place the brown paper bag over the design, and stuff newspapers inside the shirt and press with a HOT iron set on WOOL to set the colors.

Continue ironing and changing the paper two or three times to get almost all of the excess wax off. Iron each spot for about 10 seconds before moving onto another part of the design. This may need to be repeated a second time. This will take some time, but the end result is truly worth it.

For younger children: Draw a design on the white paper before copying it onto the T-shirt. Fill in with colored waxed crayons. Place a damp cloth over shirt and press with a HOT iron to set design. When cooled, outline with black marker.

HALL OF FAITH ANSWERS LESSON 6

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 20 - 21.

1. Read Genesis 25:27-28. What did Esau, Isaac's first born son, and Jacob, Isaac's second born son, enjoy doing? "As the boys grew, Esau became a skillful hunter. But Jacob was quiet and liked to stay at home. Isaac's favorite was Esau, because of the deer meat he brought home. But Rebekah's favorite was Jacob."
2. Read Genesis 27:24-29,37. What blessing did Isaac give his second son, Jacob? Verses 27-29: "Isaac: 'The smell of my son is the good smell of the earth and fields that the Lord has blessed. May God always give you plenty of rain for your crops, and good harvest and grapes. May many nations be your slaves. Be the master of your brothers. May all your relatives bow low before you. Cursed are all who curse you, and blessed are all who bless you.'"
3. Read Genesis 27:39-40. How did Isaac bless his older son Esau? "Isaac: 'Yours will be no life of ease and luxury. But you shall hew your way with your sword. For a time you will serve your brother. But you will at last shake loose from him and be free.'"

[In 2 Kings 8:20-22 is the story of the fulfillment of Esau's blessing. Edom is another name for the family of Esau, and Judah is another name for the Southern Kingdom of Israel. The scripture reads "During Jehoram's reign, the people of Edom broke from Judah's rule. They chose their own king. King Jehoram tried to stop them, but he failed. He crossed the Jordan River and attacked the city of Zair. But the army of Edom quickly surrounded him. Under cover of night he broke through their ranks. But his army left him and ran. So Edom has been free from Judah's rule to this day. Libnah also broke from Israel's rule at that time." (Isaac lived between 2150 to about 1900 B.C. Esau finally broke loose from Jacob about 850 B.C. That would be about 1100 years after Isaac gave the blessing.)]

4. Read Genesis 41:51-52. Name Joseph's sons. Which is the oldest? "Joseph named his oldest son Manasseh. (This means "Made to Forget.") Joseph meant that God had made up to him for all the pain of his youth, and for the loss of his father's home. The second boy was named Ephraim. (This means "Fruitful.") 'For God has made me fruitful in this land of my slavery,' he said."
5. Read Genesis 48:10-19. How did Jacob bless Joseph's sons? Verses 13,14: "He led the boys to their grandfather's knees. Ephraim stood at Israel's left hand and Manasseh at his right. But Israel crossed his arms as he stretched them out to lay his hands upon the boys' heads. So his right hand was upon the head of Ephraim, the younger boy. And his left hand was upon the head of Manasseh, the older. He did this purposely."

7. How did Joseph respond to what Jacob did? Verse 18: “No, Father,’ he said. ‘You’ve got your right hand on the wrong head! This one over here is the older. Put your right hand on him.’”
7. How did Jacob answer Joseph? Verse 19: “But his father refused. ‘I know what I’m doing, my son,’ he said. ‘Manasseh too shall become a great nation. But his younger brother shall become even greater.’”

Read Hebrews 11:22.

1. What promise did Jacob give Joseph in Genesis 48:21? “Then Israel said to Joseph, ‘I am about to die. But God will be with you. He will bring you again to Canaan, the land of your fathers.’”
2. What does Genesis 50:24,25 say Joseph wanted his brothers to do for him? “‘Soon I will die.’ Joseph told his brothers. ‘But God will surely come and get you and bring you out of this land of Egypt. He will take you back to the land he promised to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.’ Then Joseph made his brothers promise with an oath that they would take his body back with them when they returned to Canaan.”
3. **HARD:** When was Jacob’s promise to Joseph, and Joseph’s request to his brothers, fulfilled? See Exodus 13:19, and Joshua 24:32 for your answer. Exodus: “Moses took the bones of Joseph with them. Joseph had made the sons of Israel make a vow before God. They promised that they would take his bones with them when God led them out of Egypt. Joseph had been sure that God would someday do this.” Joshua: “The bones of Joseph were buried in Shechem. The people of Israel had brought them along when they left Egypt. He was buried in the parcel of ground Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor. This land was in the area given to the tribes of Joseph.” [All the years the Israelites spent in Egypt, before the exodus, is 430 years (Exodus 12:40). It was about 350 years from the end of the book of Genesis to the beginning of the book of Exodus. We have 80 more years for Moses to be the man God wanted him to be, thus, the 430 years. Then they wandered for another 40 years. It was between 470 and 500 years before Joseph’s bones were reburied in the Promised Land.]
4. Using your dictionary, what is the meaning of “inherit”? “To come into possession of at the death of a former owner. To receive by birth from one’s parents or ancestors (HOLT).
5. The scriptures we have been studying tell us the blessing a father gave his sons. Blessing could also be called inheritance. Who will receive the Kingdom of Heaven, God’s inheritance, according to these verses?

Matthew 5:3 “Happy are those who know how sinful they are!’ he told them. ‘For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them.’” [Poor in spirit.]

Matthew 5:10 “Happy are those who are treated badly because they are good. For the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.” [Persecuted.]

Matthew 5:19 ‘Someone might break the smallest command. Or he might teach others to do this. But if he does, he shall be the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But someone might teach God’s laws and obey them. If he does, he shall be great in the Kingdom of Heaven.’ [Those who practice and teach God’s commandments.]

James 2:5 “Listen to me, dear brothers! God has chosen poor people to be rich in faith. The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. That is the gift God has promised to all those who love him.” [Poor is the eyes of the world, rich in faith.]

6. When was this inheritance set up? See Matthew 25:34. “Then I, the King, shall speak to those at my right. I will say, ‘Come, blessed of my Father. Come into the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.’”
7. What did this inheritance cost? See 1 Peter 1:18,19. “God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible way your fathers tried to take. The ransom he paid wasn’t gold or silver as you very well know. But he paid for you with the precious blood of Christ. He was the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”
8. What is this inheritance and where is it kept? See 1 Peter 1:4,5. “God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life. It is kept in Heaven for you. It is pure and spotless. It is beyond the reach of change and decay. God’s power will guard it because you are trusting him. It will be yours in the last day for all to see.”
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HALL OF FAITH - LESSON 7

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Read Hebrews chapter 11:23 with Exodus chapter 1:22 & chapter 2:1-20.

1. From Exodus 1:22, what had the king of Egypt, called Pharaoh, decided to do to the Israelites?
2. What was the first thing Exodus 2 says Moses' parents did for him?
3. How does Hebrews 11:23 say his parents were able to do this?
4. **PERSONAL:** Do you think you could trust God to help you do something for Him that you thought you could not do? How does Philippians 4:13 encourage you to trust God in faith?
5. In your own words, tell Moses' story as found in Exodus 2:3-10.

Read Hebrews 11:24, Exodus 2:11-15, and Acts 7:22-30.

1. What does Acts 7:22 tell you Moses learned while he lived as a prince in Pharaoh's palace?
2. While visiting the Israelites what did Moses see and do? Use verses from Exodus 2:11,12 for your answer.

3. What happened when Moses tried to break up a fight between two Hebrews? Give the scripture reference you used, either Exodus or Acts.
4. Moses thought no one saw him kill the Egyptian. Sometimes we think no one sees us when we do something wrong. This could be thinking bad thoughts, calling names, lying, cheating, gossiping, fighting, stealing, or _____, (you fill in the blank). Even when we think we got away with the wrong, called sin, God sees what we do. What do these verses say about God's eyes?

Job 28:24

Psalm 11:4

Psalm 33:13

Psalm 53:2

5. **PERSONAL:** From these verses, do you think there is anything you can get away with and have God not know about it?
6. Doing wrong is called sin. How are we supposed to handle the sin we commit according to Proverbs 28:13?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 25 - 27.

1. What does the Hebrews' writer say Moses chose?

2. Read Exodus 5:6-9. In your own words tell the mistreatment the Israelites had, which Moses was willing to suffer for, too.

3. The Hebrews' writer says in 11:26 that Moses gave up his riches for Christ's sake. What does Jesus say in Luke 14:22 that all who want to follow Him need to do?

4. Moses was willing to suffer so he could return to the Israelites. Jesus was willing to suffer so we could have eternal life. What does 1 Peter 4:12-14 say about the suffering of Christians?

5. Where did Moses go after he left Egypt, and how long was he there? See Acts 7:29,30.

6. Moses returned to Egypt looking forward to his reward. What does Colossians 3:1-4 say that reward is?

7. **PERSONAL:** Was there a verse or two in this lesson that encouraged you to live by faith? Why not share it with your class?

HALL OF FAITH - WEEK EIGHT

DISCUSSION LESSON SEVEN

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: SIMPLE RELAY

Mark start and finish lines. Divide into equal teams. Teams line up behind the start line. The first player runs to the finish line, crosses it, turns and runs back to his team, tags the next player and sits down at the end of his line. The next player baby crawls to the finish line, crosses it, stands and runs back to his team, tags the next player, and sits at the end of his line. The third player crawls on his stomach, like a soldier, to the finish line, crosses, stands and runs back to his team, tags the next player, and sits at the end of his line. Play continues repeating the run, baby crawl, and belly crawl positions until all players on one team are sitting down.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 7

to end of class CRAFT: DECOUPAGE ROCK PAPER WEIGHT

MATERIALS

magazine pictures

glue

flat rock-3-4 inches across

straight-edge scissors

pinking/decorative shears

paint brush

clear plastic spray or shellac

Wash the rock with soap and water and dry before class. Cut out the picture for the rock. Look at the rock to see its best laying position so the top can be determined for decoration. Later, the rock will be used as a paperweight. Apply glue to the back of the chosen picture and lay it on the side chosen as the top of the rock. Press the picture into any dimples or crevices in the rock. Use enough glue on the picture to soak it, making it flexible. When dry, shellac and dry again.

HALL OF FAITH ANSWERS LESSON 7

Read Hebrews chapter 11:23 with Exodus chapter 1:22 & chapter 2:1-20.

1. From Exodus 1:22, what had the king of Egypt, called Pharaoh, decided to do to the Israelites?
“Then Pharaoh told all of his people to throw newborn Hebrew boys into the Nile River. But the girls, he said, could live.”
2. What was the first thing Exodus 2 says Moses’ parents did for him? Verse 2: “The baby’s mother saw that he was a beautiful baby. So she hid him at home for three months.”
3. How does Hebrews 11:23 say his parents were able to do this? By faith. “Moses’ parents had faith too. They saw that God had given them an unusual child. They trusted that God would save him from the death the king commanded. So they hid him for three months and were not afraid.”
4. **PERSONAL:** Do you think you could trust God to help you do something for Him that you thought you could not do? How does Philippians 4:13 encourage you to trust God in faith? “I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ. He gives me strength and power.”
5. In your own words, tell Moses’ story as found in Exodus 2:3-10.

“Then it got too hard to hide him. So she made a little boat from papyrus reeds. She covered it with tar so water could not get inside. Then she put the baby in it. And she laid it among the reeds along the river’s edge. The baby’s sister watched from a distance, to see what would happen to him. A princess, one of Pharaoh’s daughters, came down to bathe in the river. She and her maids were walking along the riverbank. She spied the little boat among the reeds. She quickly sent one of the maids to bring it to her. When she opened it, there was a baby! And he was crying. This touched her heart. ‘He must be one of the Hebrew children!’ she said. Then the baby’s sister went up to the princess. She asked her, ‘Shall I go and find one of the Hebrew women to take care of the baby for you?’ ‘Yes, do!’; the princess replied. So the little girl rushed home. She called her mother! ‘Take this child home and nurse him for me,’ the princess told the baby’s mother. ‘I will pay you well!’ So she took him home. Later, when he was older she brought him back to the princess. He became her son. She named him Moses (meaning ‘to draw out’) because she had drawn him out of the water.”

[Papyrus is a plant that grew along the Nile River in lower Egypt. It no longer grows there, but grows in the Sudan. It is part of the vegetable family, and was an early form of paper. The Egyptians also used it in boat construction.]

[Pharaoh’s daughter probably knew about the edict to kill all Hebrew boy babies. But, Moses

was an exceptionally beautiful child, she probably couldn't bring herself to obey her father. And let's remember God's divine intervention. Notice, none of the females involved have been named in this section. Although we do know Moses' mother's and sister's names from other scripture.]

[It is most likely Moses stayed with his blood family for three years. But, it is possible he could have stayed until he was eight or ten years old. It is not clear if his "weaning" is from nursing, or childish things. The older age would be the weaning from childish things. However long Moses stayed in his home, was long enough for God to use his parents to teach him the ways of the Lord and for him to learn of Abraham's covenant.]

Read Hebrews 11:24, Exodus 2:11-15, and Acts 7:22-30.

1. What does Acts 7:22 tell you Moses learned while he lived as a prince in Pharaoh's palace? "Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action" (NIV). [Although Moses was powerful in speech, when God asked him to go to Egypt and lead the Hebrews out, Moses claimed in Exodus 4:10 that he wasn't a good speaker. The Egyptian culture and education were highly advanced. They believed the earth was round. They knew the distance to the sun. Their ability of embalming the dead is unequalled today. They knew how to mix colors and to preserve their intensity that is still unmatched. They also had a tremendous library. Thus, another possible way for Moses to know so much about the Israelites.]
2. While visiting the Israelites what did Moses see and do? Use verses from Exodus 2:11,12 for your answer. "One day, many years later when Moses had grown up, he went out to visit his fellow Hebrews. He saw the terrible conditions they were under. During his visit he saw an Egyptian knock a Hebrew to the ground. The Egyptian had hit one of Moses' own people! Moses looked this way and that to be sure no one was watching. Then he killed the Egyptian and his body in the sand." [No explanation could be found as to how Moses knew the Hebrews were his people. Nor was any information found as to how he knew he was to lead (Acts 7:23) the Hebrews out from Egypt. However, Moses' actions prove that the best education does not equip a person to do God's work. It is through the power of His Holy Spirit that the Lord's work is accomplished His way.]
3. What happened when Moses tried to break up a fight between two Hebrews? Give the scripture reference you used, either Exodus or Acts. Exodus 2:13,14: "The next day he was out among the Hebrews again. And he saw two of them fighting. 'What are you doing? Why are you hitting your own Hebrew brother like that' he said to the one in the wrong. 'Who are you!' the man demanded. 'I suppose you think you are our prince and judge! Do you plan to kill me as you did that Egyptian yesterday?' When Moses saw that his deed was known, he was afraid." Acts 7:26-29: "The next day he visited them again. And he saw two men of Israel fighting. He tried to be a peacemaker. 'Gentlemen,' he said, 'you are brothers! You shouldn't be fighting like this! It is wrong!' But the man in the wrong told Moses to mind his own business. 'Who made

you a ruler and judge over us?’ he asked. ‘Are you going to kill me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?’ At this, Moses left the country and lived in the land of Midian. And this was where his two sons were born.”

4. Moses thought no one saw him kill the Egyptian. Sometimes we think no one sees us when we do something wrong. This could be thinking bad thoughts, calling names, lying, cheating, gossiping, fighting, stealing, or _____, (you fill in the blank). Even when we think we got away with the wrong, called sin, God sees what we do. What do these verses say about God’s eyes?

Job 28:24 “For he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens” (NIV).

Psalm 11:4 “But the Lord is still in his holy temple. He still rules from heaven. He closely watches everything that happens here on earth.”

Psalm 33:13 “The Lord looks down on mankind from heaven where he lives.”

Psalm 53:2 “God looks down from heaven. He looks among all mankind. He tries to find a single one who does right. He looks for one who really seeks for God.”

5. **PERSONAL:** From these verses, do you think there is anything you can get away with and have God not know about it?
6. Doing wrong is called sin. How are we supposed to handle the sin we commit according to Proverbs 28:13? “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy” (NIV).

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 25 - 27.

1. What does the Hebrews’ writer say Moses chose? Verse 26: “He would rather suffer for Christ than own the treasures of Egypt. He was looking forward to the great reward that God would give him.”
2. Read Exodus 5:6-9. In your own words tell the mistreatment the Israelites had, which Moses was willing to suffer for, too.
1. They must gather their own straw for bricks, verse 7.
 2. There was no reduction in the number of bricks made each day, verse 8.
 3. The Israelite foremen were beaten, verse 14.

3. The Hebrews' writer says in 11:26, that Moses gave up his riches for Christ's sake. What does Jesus say in Luke 14:22 that all who want to follow Him need to do? “So no one can become my disciple unless he first sits down and counts his blessings. Then he must give up all that he has for me.”
4. Moses was willing to suffer so he could return to the Israelites. Jesus was willing to suffer so we could have eternal life. What does 1 Peter 4:12-14 say about the suffering of Christians? “Dear friends, don't be surprised when you go through the fiery trials ahead. This is no strange, unusual thing that is going to happen to you. Instead, be really glad. These trials will make you partners with Christ in his suffering. Afterwards you will joyfully share his glory in the day when it is displayed. Be happy if you are cursed and insulted for being a Christian. When that happens the Spirit of God will come upon you with great glory.”
5. Where did Moses go after he left Egypt, and how long was he there? See Acts 7:29,30. “At this, Moses left the country and lived in the land of Midian. And this was where his two sons were born. Forty years later he was still in the desert near Mount Sinai. And an Angel appeared to him in a burning bush.”
6. Moses returned to Egypt looking forward to his reward. What does Colossians 3:1-4 say that reward is? “You became alive again when Christ rose from the dead. So now set your sights on the rich treasures and joys of Heaven. He sits there beside God in the place of honor and power. Let Heaven fill your thoughts. Don't spend your time worrying about things down here. You should have as little desire for this world as a dead person does. Your real life is in Heaven with Christ and God. Christ is our real life. When he comes back, you will shine with him in all his glory.”
7. **PERSONAL:** Was there a verse or two in this lesson that encouraged you to live by faith? Why not share it with your class?

HALL OF FAITH - LESSON 8

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
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1. What did Moses ask Pharaoh in Exodus 5:1?

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4. Pharaoh didn't want to let his slaves leave the land because there would be no one to do the work, but he decided to let them go after the last plague. It might have been hard for Moses to go back to Pharaoh so many times with the same question if God had not been with him. Moses was listed in the faith chapter for sticking in there when the going got rough. What does 1 Corinthians 15:58 say is how Christians are to handle tough times?

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We are told in Exodus 12:3,5,6,7: “Announce this to all the people of Israel. Every year, on the 10th day of this month, each family shall get a lamb. This animal shall be a year-old male. It can be either a sheep or a goat. It cannot have any defects. On the evening of the 14th day of this month, all these lambs shall be killed. Their blood will be put on the two side-frames of the door of every home. It will also be put on the panel above the door. Use the blood of the lamb eaten in that home.”

1. How is the Passover described in Exodus 12:12,13?
2. By faith the Israelites did what God told them to do. This first Passover was a picture of God’s judgment against sin and how He saved His people. How does 1 Peter 1:18,19 describe our Passover Lamb?
3. **PERSONAL:** Is Jesus your Passover Lamb? Have you asked Him to become your Savior? Why not do so now? If you have, have you thanked Him for taking the punishment for your sins?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 29 with Exodus chapter 14, verses 21 - 31.

1. **RISKY:** Hebrews 11:29 tells us “The people of Israel trusted God. So they went through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground.” But what happened to Pharaoh’s army when they attempted to cross? See Exodus 14 for your answer.

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2. Sin and evil are still in the world. Christians want to live pure lives and keep away from evil and sin. With the Lord's help and doing what these verses say, we can do that. Write out what these verses say.

Matthew 6:9,12,13

Romans 12:9

3. We can compare faith and trust to shoes and socks. They go together. It takes faith in God so we can trust Him. How does Proverbs 3:5,6 encourage you to keep trusting God?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 30, with Joshua chapter 6, verses 1 - 5.

1. What do you learn about Joshua from these verses?

Exodus 17:9,10, 13

Numbers 11:28

Numbers 13:16

Deuteronomy 3:28

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4. **CHALLENGE:** The weapons the Israelites used were the ark, the trumpets, and a shout. What are the Christian's weapons listed in Ephesians 6:14-18?

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3. **PERSONAL:** How is your faith? Could you be listed in this faith chapter? If not, why not ask God to increase your faith? James 1:5 tells us to ask God for wisdom, but we can ask Him for anything. James says, "If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him. He will gladly tell you. He is ready to give wisdom to all who ask him. He will not scold you."

HALL OF FAITH - WEEK NINE

DISCUSSION LESSON EIGHT

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: SCRIPTURE BASKETBALL

Before class, write the scriptures from Lesson 8, or as many from previous lessons as desired, on a piece of paper. Before game begins practice the scriptures as a group. Then form a single file line. The first player is given part of the scripture, or a question about the scripture. It is up to the leader how much or how little help he gets. If the player gives the right answer, he gets to try for a basket from the free throw line. One point is given for the answered scripture, and one for the basket. Player with the most points wins.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 8

to end of class CRAFT: SAND PAPER PAINTING

MATERIALS

used, bright color crayons white construction paper
iron newspaper
sandpaper sheets, new or used; or used sander belts

Cut the sandpaper into squares 3" x 3" or larger as desired. Draw a simple design onto the sandpaper and color in. Be sure to press firmly on the crayon and get as much color onto the sandpaper as possible. (The crayons will probably not be usable after this project.) Detail is not necessary in the finished product, as you are creating an impressionist print. Lay newspaper over work area; place colored sandpaper face up on newspaper. Cover sandpaper with white construction paper. With iron setting on low heat, lightly press the top of the construction paper, until the crayon melts. Remove construction paper and allow to cool.

HALL OF FAITH ANSWERS LESSON 8

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1. What did Moses ask Pharaoh in Exodus 5:1? “After they talked to the elders, Moses and Aaron went to see Pharaoh. They told him, ‘We bring you a message from the Lord, the God of Israel. He says, “Let my people go. They must make a holy journey out into the wilderness. They must celebrate a religious feast, and worship me there.”””
2. How did Pharaoh answer Moses in Exodus 5:2? “‘Is that so?’ said Pharaoh. ‘And who is the Lord, that I should listen to him? Who is he that I should let Israel go? I don’t know the Lord. I will not let Israel go.’”
3. Moses went to Pharaoh about 12 times, asking him the same question. What does Exodus 12:29,30 say happened that made Pharaoh change his mind? “And that night, at midnight, the Lord killed all the firstborn sons in the land of Egypt. All were included, from Pharaoh’s oldest son to the oldest son of the captive in the dungeon. All the firstborn of the cattle died too. Then Pharaoh and his officials and all the people of Egypt got up in the night. And there was bitter crying all over the land of Egypt. For there was not a house where there was not one dead.”
4. Pharaoh didn’t want to let his slaves leave the land because there would be no one to do the work, but he decided to let them go after the last plague. It might have been hard for Moses to go back to Pharaoh so many times with the same question if God had not been with him. Moses was listed in the faith chapter for sticking in there when the going got rough. What does 1 Corinthians 15:58 say is how Christians are to handle tough times? “So brothers, future victory is sure! Be strong and steady. Overflow with the Lord’s work. You know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever wasted.”

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We are told in Exodus 12:3,5,6,7: “Announce this to all the people of Israel. Every year, on the 10th day of this month, each family shall get a lamb. This animal shall be a year-old male. It can be either a sheep or a goat. It cannot have any defects. On the evening of the 14th day of this month, all these lambs shall be killed. Their blood will be put on the two side-frames of the door of every home. It will also be put on the panel above the door. Use the blood of the lamb eaten in that home.”

1. How is the Passover described in Exodus 12:12,13? “For I will pass through the land of Egypt tonight. I will kill all the oldest sons and firstborn male animals in all the land of Egypt. And I will bring judgment upon the gods of Egypt. For I am the Lord. The blood you have placed on the doorposts will be proof that you obey me. When I see the blood I will pass over you. I will not destroy your first born children when I smite the land of Egypt.”
2. By faith the Israelites did what God told them to do. This first Passover was a picture of God’s judgment against sin and how He saved His people. How does 1 Peter 1:18,19 describe our Passover Lamb? “God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible way your fathers tried to take. The ransom he paid wasn’t gold or silver as you very well know. But he paid for you with the precious blood of Christ. He was the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”
3. **PERSONAL:** Is Jesus your Passover Lamb? Have you asked Him to become your Savior? Why not do so now? If you have, have you thanked Him for taking the punishment for your sins?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 29 with Exodus chapter 14, verses 21 - 31.

1. **RISKY:** Hebrews 11:29 tells us, “The people of Israel walked through the sea on dry ground!” But what happened to Pharaoh’s army when they attempted to cross? See Exodus 14 for your answer. Exodus 14:26,27: “All the Israelites came to the other side. Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand again over the sea. The waters will then come back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.’ Moses did, and the sea went back to normal beneath the morning light. The Egyptians tried to run. But the Lord drowned them in the sea.”

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Matthew 6:9,12,13 “Pray like this: ‘Our Father in Heaven, we honor your holy name. And forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. Don’t bring us into temptation. But keep us safe from the Evil One. Amen.’”

Romans 12:9 “Don’t just pretend that you love others, really love them! Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good.”

3. We can compare faith and trust to shoes and socks. They go together. It takes faith in God so we can trust Him. How does Proverbs 3:5,6 encourage you to keep trusting God? “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 30 with Joshua chapter 6, verses 1 - 5.

1. What do you learn about Joshua from these verses?

Exodus 17:9,10, 13 “Moses told Joshua to call the Israelites to arms. They were to fight the army of Amalek. ‘Tomorrow,’ Moses told him, ‘I will stand at the top of the hill. I will hold the rod of God in my hand!’” So Joshua and his men went out to fight the army of Amalek. Meanwhile Moses, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill.... As a result, Joshua and his troops crushed the army of Amalek. They put them to the sword.” [He was the general of the army.]

Numbers 11:28 “Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, ‘Moses, my lord, stop them!’” (NIV). [He comes from the clan of Nun and was Moses’ aide.]

Numbers 13:16 “These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land. (Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua.) (NIV). [Explored the Promised Land.]

Deuteronomy 3:28 “Appoint Joshua to take your place. Then encourage him. For he shall lead the people across to the land. He will conquer the land you will see from the mountaintop.” [He will lead the people into the Promised Land.]

2. Why did God part the Jordan River for the Israelites before they reached Jericho? See Joshua 4:24 for your answer. “He did this so all the nations of the earth will know that the Lord is the mighty God. He did it so all of you will worship him forever.”
3. Read Joshua 6:1-5. How did the walls of Jericho fall down? “The gates of Jericho were kept tightly shut. The people there were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go in or out. But the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Jericho and its king are already beaten! So are all its mighty warriors! I have given them to you! Your army is to walk around the city once a day for six days. They shall be followed by seven priests walking ahead of the Ark. Each shall carry a trumpet made from ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to walk around the city seven times. As you walk, the priests shall blow their trumpets. Then they shall give one long, loud blast. When they do, all the people are to give a mighty shout. And the walls of the city will fall down. Then move in upon the city from every direction.” [Remember, Joshua was an experienced military leader. The instructions for the fall of Jericho must have seemed strange to him. In his mind, he may have questioned the strategy of this situation, but he didn’t argue with God as Moses did at the burning bush. He had seen forty years of miracles, and the recent parting of the Jordan River like the parting of the Red Sea. He simply did as he was instructed. He trusted God for the unseen

as well as the seen. The number seven in the Bible often indicates completeness or perfection. It is unknown if the battle included a Sabbath. In any case, for this one time, the Sabbath was not observed. To circle a city was an ancient ritual of siege. The ark was not something magic, it symbolized the presence of God. Ram's horns produced a loud, far reaching tone and were used for signals and not music. They were also used in "connection with Israel's feasts to proclaim the presence of God" (WALVOORD). Although an army also marched, the fall of Jericho would not be as a result of their prowess. The "shout reverberated through the hills around, startling wild animals and terrorizing the dwellers of Jericho in their homes. At that moment the wall of Jericho, obeying the summons of God, collapsed" (WALVOORD)].

4. **CHALLENGE:** The weapons the Israelites used were the ark, the trumpets, and a shout. What are the Christian's weapons listed in Ephesians 6:14-18? Belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the Gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. And, "pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Beg with him, reminding him of your needs. Pray for all Christians everywhere."

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 31.

1. Read Joshua 2:1-13. What does Joshua 2:4 say Rahab did for Joshua's spies? "But she had hidden them. So she told the officer in charge, "The men were here earlier. But I didn't know they were spies."
2. God hates lies. (Proverbs 6:16-19). But that isn't the reason Rahab is listed in the faith chapter. James 2:24,25 gives the reason she is listed. What is that reason? "So, a man is saved by what he does. He is not just saved by what he believes. Rahab, the prostitute, is another example of this. She was saved because of what she did. She hid the messengers and sent them safely away by a different way."
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- The above list of people is a sample of all the people in the Bible who trusted in God's help for everything they needed. Each time a person had a hard problem, like the death of a son, or conquering another county, or difficult times, like persecution, sufferings, or trials, he needed to depend on God. When that same person thought everything was going okay, he still needed to depend on God. Each time he trusted God to take care of him, his faith became stronger. Is there a hard problem you are facing? Do you need to depend on God more to help you through these hard times? What does 1 Peter 5:9 say that reminds you that you are not the only one who has problems?

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1. What does 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 say about the hard times we have?
2. What promise is found in 2 Corinthians 5:1?
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Read Hebrews chapter 12, verse 1.

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2 Timothy 4:8

James 1:12

1 Peter 5:4

Read Hebrews chapter 12, verses 2 - 3.

1. Hebrews 12:2,3 says we should “keep your eyes on Jesus, our Leader and Instructor.” How can we do this? How does Hebrews 13:15,16 tell us to keep our eyes on Jesus?
2. Ephesians 2:8 says faith comes from God. Hebrews 12:2 says Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith. He also says in John 5:24, “I have something serious to say. Anyone who listens to my message and believes in God who sent me has eternal life. Such a person will never be condemned. He has already passed out of death into life.” What else does He say about faith in John 11:25,26?

Read Hebrews chapter 12, verses 5 - 11.

1. Who does the Lord discipline?
2. Why does He do this?
3. **PERSONAL:** Isaiah 32:17 says “And out of justice will come peace. Quietness and peace will reign forever.” Do you have God’s peace in your heart? Do you need to confess your sin and ask Jesus to take charge of your life? Or maybe, you’ve asked Him to take charge, but then you didn’t let Him. Why not confess your sins and ask Him to take over again?

HALL OF FAITH - WEEK TEN

DISCUSSION LESSON NINE

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: CARD TOSS

Draw a circle, about a foot in circumference, on the floor, or you can use a pan, bowl or someother object with an opening. Stand in single file about 3 feet from circle (bowl). Toss playing cards or 3" x 5" cards to try to make them land inside the circle (bowl). Give one point for each card that lands in the circle. The one with the most points wins.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 9

to end of class CRAFT: NEGATIVE GLUE PICTURE

MATERIALS

white glue (quick drying)

black or dark construction paper

paint brushes (optional)

oil pastel crayons

bowls

food coloring (optional)

Have the children begin this craft when they first arrive. Draw a design, geometric or a picture, on the construction paper with the glue. Caution: if the glue is spread too thickly, it will not dry in time to finish the craft. The paint brushes can be used, or use fingers. If desired, color the glue with food coloring and place in bowls for easy accessibility. The glue should dry in about 2 hours. Color in the spaces without the glue (negative spaces) with the pastels.

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2. What promise is found in 2 Corinthians 5:1? "When we die and leave these bodies, this tent we live in now is taken down. Then we will have wonderful new bodies in Heaven. They are homes that will be ours forever. They are made for us by God himself and not by human hands."

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1. Athletes who make it to the Olympic Games have spent many hours practicing and working out. Each athlete’s countrymen cheered him on to win the prize of a gold, silver, or bronze medal. Christians also have people cheering them to keep strong in the faith and to receive the prize. What is the prize talked about in 1 Corinthians 9:25? “Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever” (NIV).
2. Everyone likes to receive presents. What is the gift in the following verses?

2 Timothy 4:8 “Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing” (NIV).

James 1:12 “A man is happy if he doesn’t give in when he is tempted. Then later he will get his reward. He will get the crown of life God has promised those who love him.”

1 Peter 5:4 “And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”

Read Hebrews chapter 12, verses 2 - 3.

1. Hebrews 12:2,3 says we should “keep your eyes on Jesus, our Leader and Instructor.” How can we do this? How does Hebrews 13:15,16 tell us to keep our eyes on Jesus? “With Jesus’ help we will always offer our sacrifice of praise to God. We will do this by telling others of the glory of his name. Don’t forget to do good. Share what you have with those in need. Such sacrifices are very pleasing to God.”
2. Ephesians 2:8 says faith comes from God. Hebrews 12:2 says Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith. He also says in John 5:24, “I have something serious to say. Anyone who listens to my message and believes in God who sent me has eternal life. Such a person will never be condemned. He has already passed out of death into life.” What else does He say about faith in John 11:25,26? “Jesus told her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me,

even though he dies, will live again. He is given eternal life for believing in me and will never die. Do you believe this Martha?"

Read Hebrews chapter 12, verses 5 - 11.

1. Who does the Lord discipline? Verses 5,6: "Have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you? He said, 'My son, don't be angry when the Lord punishes you. Don't be defeated when he has to show you where you are wrong. For when he punishes you, it proves that he loves you. When he whips you, it proves you are really his child.'"
2. Why does He do this? Verses 10,11: "Our earthly fathers trained us for a few brief years. They did the best for us that they knew how. But God's training is always for our good. He does it so that we may share his holiness. We don't like being punished while it is happening. But afterwards we can see the result, a quiet growth in grace and character."
3. **PERSONAL:** Isaiah 32:17 says, "And out of justice will come peace. Quietness and peace will reign forever." Do you have God's peace in your heart? Do you need to confess your sin and ask Jesus to take charge of your life? Or maybe, you've asked Him to take charge, but then you didn't let Him. Why not confess your sins and ask Him to take over again?