



By Faith

(Hebrews 11)

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Dear Parent,

This week in SojournKids, we learned that:

- **Faith is believing what we cannot see.**
- **Without faith, it is impossible to please God.**

The writer of Hebrews gives a long list of men and women of faith in chapter 11. These faithful people were sure that what God told them was true even though they couldn't see Him or what He promised. They believed that they would receive better things than they could see—a better life and a better home. God showed them that they were only a part of this earth for a short time. They looked forward to a better place where God would live with them forever.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. This is because everyone who comes to Him must believe that He is real and also that he gives great rewards to those who trust in Him. We must believe that God is real even though we can't see Him. And, we must believe that He will give us a better life and home in Heaven if we trust Him.

Even though, God's people saw His power and goodness to rescue them and change their lives, they had to keep on believing that he would give them more. The leading of the Israelites out of Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, the collapse of Jericho—All of God's mighty acts encouraged their faith, but they had to believe that what God would do in the future was even bigger than what they could see.

Adapted from *God's Story New Testament*, lesson 75



Think About It

Have you ever seen God? What do you know if true about Him even though you've never seen Him?



Pick a Hero

Here is an activity that we did in the elementary classrooms today. Take time this week to do it again at home and make it a family exercise.

Read through Hebrews 11 and explain to your child/children how the Old Testament Heroes were examples of faith. Then have each of the children write their answer to the following question:

I think _____ demonstrated the greatest faith because _____.

They should fill in the blanks. Discuss the faith of the people mentioned in this passage. Make sure to connect their faith to a future hope in God's promises that they couldn't see.



November Memory Work

He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3b (NIV)

Q What is a change of heart called?

A. The new birth

(John 3:3,5; 1 Peter 1:3, James 1:18)

Catechism for Boys and Girls, Question #32

