Younger Preschool June 14

Bible Teaching: Faith

Bible Passage: Hebrews 11:1–12:2

Summary:

The book of Hebrews emphasizes the importance of faith. Hebrews 11 highlights examples of faith, such as Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses and Joshua, who trusted God despite not seeing the outcome. These people are called a “great cloud of witnesses,” encouraging believers to trust in God. Hebrews 11:6 stresses that faith is necessary to please God. Salvation comes through faith in Jesus, who makes a right relationship with God possible only through His grace.

Today’s Brite Idea is: God helps His people have faith.

Monthly Memory Verse: (Hebrews 13:21)

May God equip you with everything good.

Monthly Big Question: Who can we ask for help? We can ask God!

Leader Training

Preschool Perspectives: Talking While You're Talking

The whole time you are trying to teach, you see and hear a constant whisper. Connor is whispering again. This happens every week and is a great distraction to the other kids, not to mention you!

- **Drop their name.** As you're talking, gently and naturally drop the talker's name into what you are saying. "And Connor, you'll never guess what happened next."
- **Move closer.** You can casually move closer to the talker, maybe even resting a hand on their shoulder to remind them to focus.
- **Ask for their help.** Let them know that you need their help to make it possible for other kids to listen and for you to focus so everyone can learn about Jesus. Help them see why their talking can be a distraction to others.
- **Give them an assignment.** Think of something specific that requires the talker to pay attention to what is happening in the group. For example, they could listen for you to say a certain word and do a motion each time you say the word. If you have any props to tell the Bible story, ask the talker to help you with them.

Navigating a Broken World: Why Do Bad Things Happen?

Fourteen percent of American adults surveyed indicated that suffering in the world leads them to believe that there is no God.* It is common for even believers to wonder why God allows terrible things to happen. This idea can be confusing for kids as they learn they should have faith that God is good and loving. In today's lesson kids will learn about many Old Testament characters who had faith during difficult times. Faith is trusting God even when we can't see what's happening. You may have kids in your group who have had experiences that left them wondering how to still have faith in God. You can be a safe place for them to share their story. It's ok to say something like, "I don't know why that happened, but I do know that God is good and loves you." Most of all, reiterate that even in our deepest hurts, God is very real and He is near.

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources.

Preschool Glossary:

Faith: trusting and believing even when you can't see
Great cloud of witnesses: the name of people who showed great faith in God

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Small Group Roadmap

Belong (10 minutes)

Goal: For kids to experience God's love through a welcoming community

I Ask God
Supplies: None

Bible Teaching (15 minutes)

Faith (Hebrews 11:1–12:2)
Supplies: Bible, Bible story cards

Believe (10 minutes)

Goal: For kids to discover who God is by engaging with the Bible

Memory Verse Instrumental
Supplies: Music player, Memory Verse Song, musical instruments (1 per kid)

Become (10 minutes)

Goal: For kids to learn to follow Jesus by applying faith to their lives

Faith Crown
Supplies: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, star or heart stickers (4 per kid), tape, scissors (prep)

I Ask God

Belong Activity Option 1

Supplies: None

Prep: None

Activity Intro: Welcome, everyone! My name is _____. Can you each tell us your name? *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

Instructions:

1. **Say:** Let's sing a fun song about asking God for help! God loves us so much, and we can ask Him for help anytime we need it.
2. **Say:** Let's sing together to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus."
3. *Lead kids in singing this simple version:*

   I ask God when I need help,
   I need help, I need help.
   I ask God when I need help—
   He always hears me!
4. **Ask:** What kinds of things can we ask God to help with?

Activity Wrap-Up: We can always ask God for help. Whether you're scared, happy or need help being kind, God always hears you!

Bible Teaching

Supplies: Bible, Bible story cards

Prep: Print the Bible story cards double-sided.

Faith

(Hebrews 11:1–12:2)

Say: Today's true story from the Bible comes from the book of Hebrews. Today we are learning about a special word! **Faith** is trusting and believing even when you can't see. We trust and believe in God even though we can't see Him. That's faith! Say "**Faith**!"

Say: The Bible has lots of stories about people who trusted God. When you hear the word **faith**, let's point up to the sky! Let's practice! **Faith**! *Point to the sky.*

Say: Noah showed **faith** when he built an ark. *Point to the sky.* Abraham showed **faith** when he trusted God and went on a long trip. *Point to the sky.* Abraham had **faith** that God would make his family really, really big. *Point to the sky.*

Say: Moses showed **faith** when he led God's people out of Egypt. *Point to the sky.* Joshua showed **faith** when he marched around the walls of Jericho until they fell down. *Point to the sky.* All of these people showed **faith** and trusted in God. *Point to the sky.*

Say: The Bible tells us that there were so many more people who believed by **faith**. *Point to the sky.* There wasn't enough time to write about them all! These people saw God do amazing miracles. Some went through hard things. These people remind us we can always trust in God. We can put our **faith** in Jesus and believe He is the Savior. *Point to the sky.*

Wrap-Up:

Big Question: Who can we ask for help? We can ask God!

Memory Verse: (Hebrews 13:21)

Watch the Memory Verse Video and practice the motions with the kids.

- May God equip *(roll hands around one another)*
- you with *(point out)*

- everything good. *(extend arms out)*
- Hebrews 13:21 *(open hands like opening a book)*

He: God helps us have faith.
We: We can have faith.
Me: I can have faith.

Memory Verse Instrumental

Believe Activity Option 1

Supplies: Music player, Memory Verse Song, musical instruments (1 per kid)

Prep: None

Activity Intro: The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned that God honors His people's faith. God equips us with faith, and then He honors it!

Instructions:

1. **Say:** Our Bible verse says: *May God equip you with everything good. (Hebrews 13:21)* That means God helps us do good things!
2. **Say:** Let's pick a fun instrument to play while we listen to our verse!
3. *Help each kid choose an instrument. Spread out so everyone has space.*
4. **Say:** When the music plays, let's shake our instruments and tap to the beat!
5. *Play the Memory Verse Song. Lead kids in playing their musical instrument to the beat of the song.*
6. *Repeat the song to build familiarity. Smile and encourage joyful movement!*
7. **Ask:** Who gives us what we need to follow Jesus?

Activity Wrap-Up: Let's remember: God equips us with everything good, to love, help, share and follow Jesus every day.

Faith Crown

Become Activity

Supplies: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, star or heart stickers (4 per kid), tape, scissors (prep)

Prep: Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Print out the printable page and cut out the crown and strips (1 per kid)

Instructions:

1. **Say:** Let's make a special faith crown that says "Faith in Jesus!"
2. **Say:** Faith is trusting and believing even when you can't see.
3. *Give each kid a crown and coloring supplies. Help them color their crown however they like.*
4. **Say:** You can add stickers too, and every time you put one on, say, "I can have faith in Jesus!"
5. *As kids finish coloring, size the crown to fit each kid's head and tape the ends together to make it wearable.*
6. **Say:** Now you can wear your crown to remind you that we can have faith in Jesus, even though we can't see Him.
7. *Write each kid's name on their crown and set it aside for parent pick-up.*

Discussion Questions:

- What is faith?
- Can you remember someone in the Bible who showed faith?
- Have you ever had to trust someone, even when you didn't understand?
- Who helps us have faith and trust in God?

Pray Together: Dear Jesus, thank You that You always see us and help us trust You, even when it's hard. Amen.

Activity Wrap-Up: Give each kid a Take-Home page. With the remaining time, kids can play in centers or color the Take-Home page.

Centers

Set up 3–4 centers around the room for kids to explore and learn as they play. While kids explore the centers, leaders can work with individuals or small groups to make the craft. Set up each center in a separate part of the room, making sure all kids are visible at all times. Show the whole group what is in each center and give simple instructions on what kids should do in each center.

- **Dramatic Play:** Provide robes and costumes for kids to play dress-up and pretend to be people in the Bible that had faith.
- **Modeling Dough:** Provide modeling dough and encourage kids to make things from the story today, e.g., Moses and his staff, Sarah and the baby, Noah's ark.
- **Music Center:** Provide bubbles and a music player, play the Memory Verse Song while kids blow bubbles and dance along.

Bonus Bible Script

Preschoolers learn best through repetition. Use the script below to review the story at any opportunity. You could review the story while kids play in centers, while they work on their craft, during snack time or while waiting for parents.

Say: Hebrews is a book in the Bible that focuses on how important faith is. Many people in the Bible had great faith and trusted in God even when things were hard. Some of these people were Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses and Joshua. They are known as a special name because of their faith and how they encouraged believers to trust in God. They were called a "great cloud of witnesses." When we have faith in Jesus, we are made right with God by His grace.

Who can we ask for help? We can ask God!