



BIBLE STORY

I'm a Believer | (Faith Is...)

Hebrews 11:1–12:3

MEMORY VERSE

“Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.”

Hebrews 11:1, (NIRV)

LIFE APP

Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

BOTTOM LINE

You can know Jesus even though you've never seen Him.

BIBLE STORY LINK

ELEMENTARY VIDEO

STORY OVERVIEW

We start off the month in **Hebrews 11:1–12:3** where the author recounts the ways heroes from the past looked forward in faith towards Jesus. They trusted God even though they didn't have all the answers or know exactly how God was leading.

Bottom Line: **You can know Jesus even though you've never seen Him.** As the Old Testament heroes looked forward in faith, we look backwards in faith. We can believe in Jesus because of what we see around us and learn from the experience of God's faithfulness throughout history.

HIDDEN

What You Need: Objects, lists of objects

What You Do:

- Hide different objects around the room.
- Tell your kids that you have hidden objects around the room and their goal is to find them all
- Give them a list of the hidden items
- When your family has found all the items, come back together.

“Just because you couldn't see the hidden objects, didn't mean they weren't there! You now know that they exist because you found them. Let's sing our worship songs and then watch our Bible lesson to hear about Someone you've never seen but who really exists.”

WATCH THE ELEMENTARY VIDEO

HERO MATCHING GAME

What You Need: “Faith Cards” Activity Page, “Descriptions” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Play a memory game.
- Mix the cards and lay them in a grid facedown.
- Take turns turning over any two cards.
- If the two cards match, keep them, then let another person have a turn.
- If the cards don’t match, they turn them back over, and it’s the next person’s turn.
- Hint: Pay extra attention to the background of each card, to make sure they actually match!
- Continue playing until all of the cards are played. Make sure each person has at least one set of matching cards.
- Next, have each person place their cards in front of them, face up.
- Using the Descriptions Activity Page, read a brief description of a Bible hero.
- Instruct your family to look at their pictures to see who has the hero matching that description.
- Keep these cards up somewhere in your home this week as a reminder of God’s promises.

What You Say:

“Great job matching the description to the hero! What did these heroes do? They believed in God’s promises. In other words, they had complete faith in God. They didn’t know exactly how those promises would come true, but they were willing to do some wild things because they had faith in God. They didn’t do amazing things on their own power, but through their faith and hope in God.

“Faith isn’t always easy! It isn’t always comfy or perfect! But we have these stories of people who came before us, and these stories can help us keep the faith ourselves.

Share a faith story of someone in your life that has caused your personal faith to grow. Maybe it’s watching someone who continues to exhibit faith in spite of illness or difficult circumstances, or it’s someone who serves people unconditionally. **Bottom Line:** You can know Jesus even though you’ve never seen Him.”

Prayer: “Heavenly Father, thank You for the faith stories of those who came before us. Thank you for sending Your one and only Son to Earth to show us who You are. Help us to get to know Him more through the faith of others and the things we can see. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

FAN VERSE

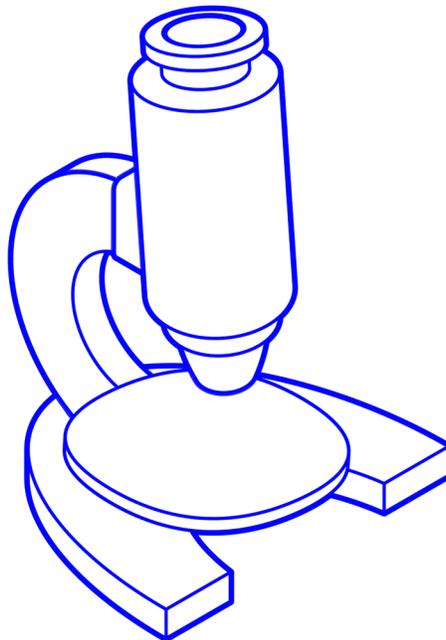
What You Need: “Wind” Activity Page, Bibles, markers, scissors, small pieces of paper

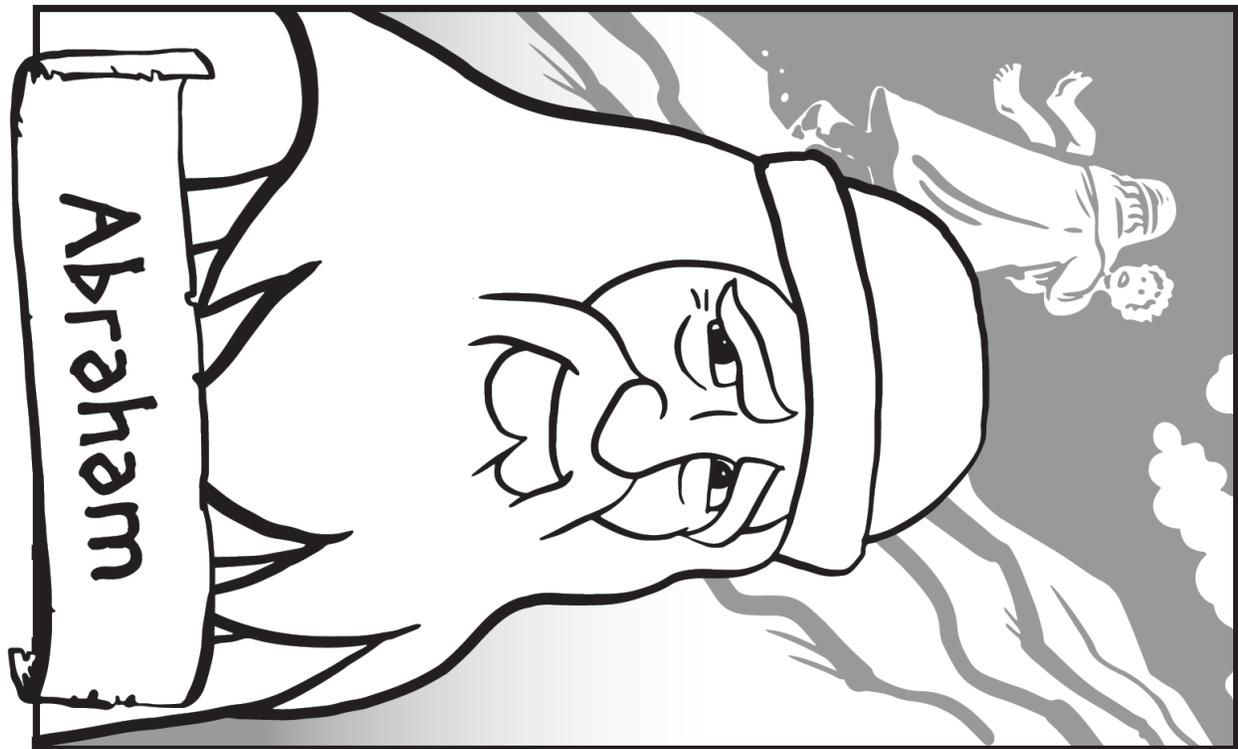
What You Do:

- Look up Hebrews 11:1
- Say the verse together several times.
- Then, pass out a “Wind” page to each person.
- Take time to color the verse and decorate it.
- When you’re finished, cut around the edges.
- Demonstrate to the group how to use the paper as a fan, by placing small pieces of paper on the floor and using your paper as a fan to move it around

What You Say:

“According to our memory verse, faith is trusting that something will happen even though we can’t see it happening, yet. Just because we can’t see something doesn’t mean it isn’t real. We can’t see the wind, or touch the wind, or taste the wind. We can only hear it and feel it. Yet, no one doubts that the wind exists. In many ways, faith is like the wind; we can’t see faith or touch faith, or taste faith. We can only hear it, and sometimes we feel it—all through the stories of those who came before us. When we know how Jesus has affected others’ lives, we can see how He can work in our life, too! **We can know Jesus even though we’ve never seen Him.**”





What to Do:
Print on cardstock and cut apart. Provide two sets for each small group.

Faith Cards 1/5
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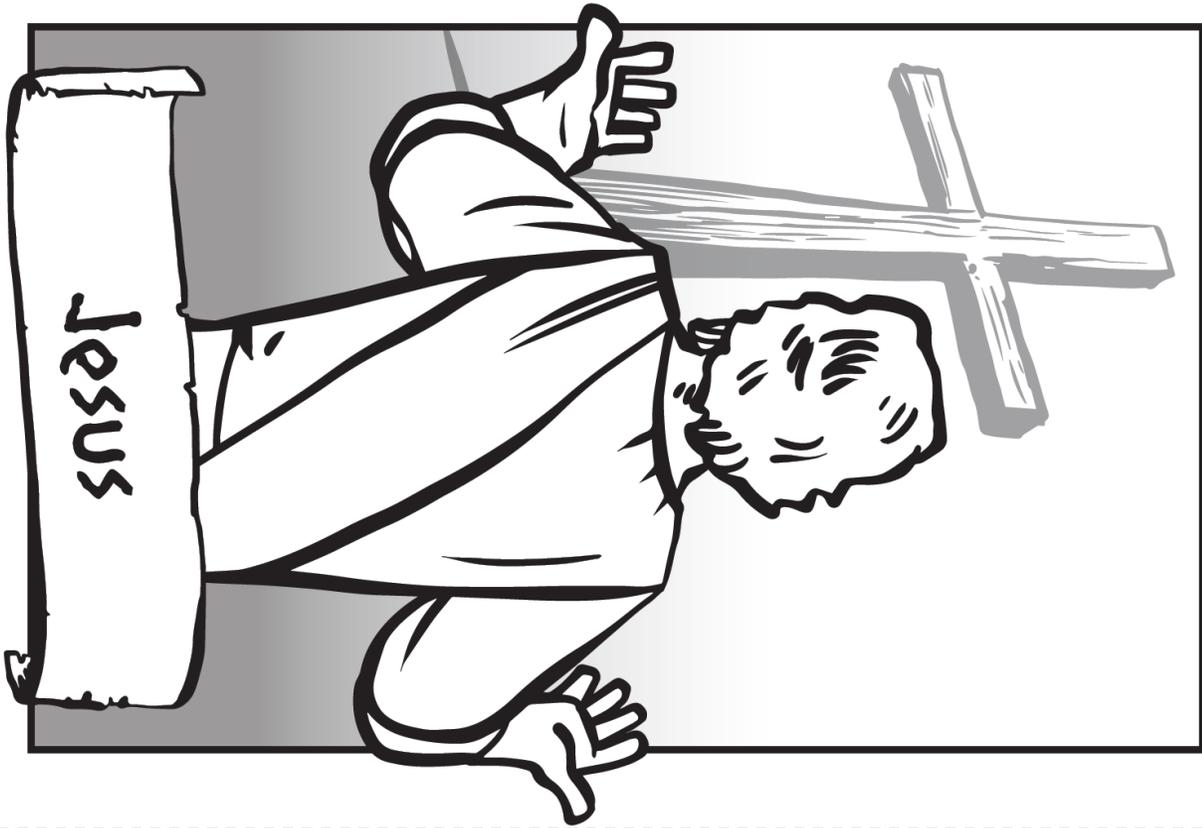


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Read the following clues one at a time until the kids guess the Bible Hero. Continue sharing the rest of the facts after kids have guessed the correct answer.

1. Clues for Abraham

- o He obeyed God because of his faith.
- o He left the comfort of his home.
- o He went to a place God told him to go to.
- o He did it even though he didn't know where he was going.

2. Clues for Moses

- o Pharaoh's daughter raised him.
- o He chose to stand with his own people.
- o He faced Pharaoh's anger to win freedom.

3. Clues for David

- o He was scared of King Saul.
- o He spent YEARS on the run from King Saul.
- o He became king after King Saul.

4. Clues for Jesus

- o He is the one who started this journey of faith.
- o He is the one who completes the journey of faith.
- o He suffered for us.
- o He took our place so we could be right with God.

5. Clues for Peter and John

- o They were Jesus' followers.
- o Saw Jesus after God raised him to life.
- o After Jesus returned to heaven, they continued to live by faith.

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Descriptions

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