

The Hebrews 11 Hall of Faith

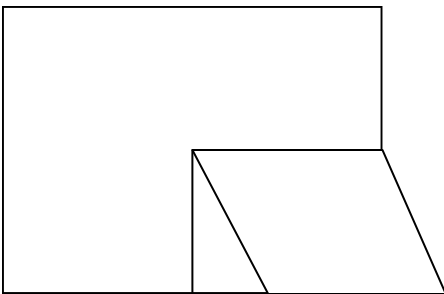
Everyone likes a good story. Hebrews 11 is a favorite of many because it is the ultimate collection of Bible heroes. On the following pages, you will find activities to accompany the study of the greatest of all the heroes of the Bible—the Hall of Faith.

Goals of the Lesson

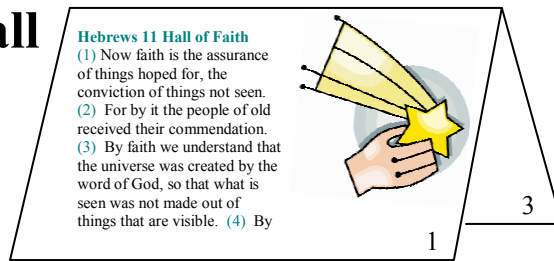
1. We will define what faith really is—the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1).
2. We will be able to give examples of people who were obedient to GOD even when the outcome of the mission looked doubtful.
3. We will define faith as the key ingredient in pleasing God (Hebrews 11:6).

Procedure

1. Print this document multiple times—one copy for each student (or group of students).
2. Fold the story book pages twice to make a booklet as pictured below.



3. Read through the booklet with your Bible class, stopping at each hero to discuss what actions each person did by faith.
4. After discussing the stories, cut out the pictures and tape or glue them into place in the booklets.



Points to Consider about Faith

1. Two key verses in this chapter tell us about faith.

The description of faith (Hebrews 11:1).

Verse 1 is not really a formal definition of faith; rather it is a description of what **faith** *does* for us. It makes **things hoped for** as real as if we already had them, and it provides unshakable **evidence** that the unseen, spiritual blessings of Christianity are absolutely certain and real. In other words, it brings the future within the present and makes the invisible seen.

Faith is confidence in the trustworthiness of God. It is the conviction that what God says is true and that what He promises will come to pass.

Faith must have some revelation from God, some promise of God as its foundation. It is not a leap in the dark. It demands the surest evidence in the universe, and finds it in the word of God. It is not limited to possibilities but invades the realm of the impossible. Someone has said, “Faith begins where possibilities end. If it’s possible, then there’s no glory for God in it.” - William MacDonald. *Believers Bible Commentary*.

The requirement of faith—Hebrews 11:6

Faith is the only thing that gives God His proper place, and puts man in his place too. “It glorifies God exceed-

ingly,” writes C. H. Mackintosh, “because it proves that we have more confidence in His eyesight than in our own.”

2. What is the difference between these types of faith?

- “dead faith” (James 2:17-24)
- “shallow faith” (Matthew 13:20-21)
- “blind faith” (John 4:22)
- “saving faith” (Acts 16:31; Luke 7:50; Luke 18:42)

About

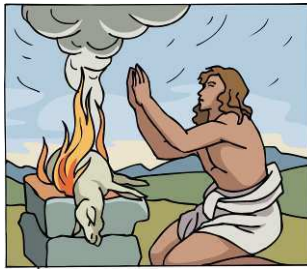
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Event: Creation

Why faith is required: Nobody saw the creation. Only God can tell us about it.

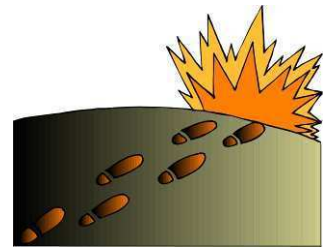
Outcome of the story: We can see God through what he has made.



Faith Hero Name:

What he did by faith:

Outcome of the story:



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Faith Hero Name: Unnamed hero

What he did by faith:

Outcome of the story:

Hebrews 11 Hall of Faith

(1) Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (2) For by it the people of old received their commendation. (3) By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. (4) By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

(6) And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (7) By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the right-

ceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. (12) Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the sea-

shore. (13) These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the

earth. (22) By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. (23) By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by

eousness that comes by faith. (8) By faith Abraham obeyed when he

was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. (9) By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. (10) For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. (11) By faith Sarah herself received power to con-

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Abel

Creation

Enoch

Noah

2

Abraham

Sarah

Joseph

4

3

He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. (27) By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. (28) By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. (29) By faith the people crossed the

his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. (24) By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, (25) choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. (26)

Moses

even chains and imprisonment. (37) They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated-- (38) of whom the world was not worthy--wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. (39) And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (40) since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Elijah
(the prophets)

Unnamed Heroes

Red Sea as on dry land, but the

Rahab

Gideon

Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. (30) By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. (31) By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. (32) And what more shall I say? For time

Joshua

Barak

Samson

Jephthah

would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- (33) who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, (34) quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. (36) Others suffered mocking and flogging, and

David