



FAITH | WEEK 2 | AUGUST 10, 2025 | ELEMENTARY

NOAH

Key Application: Faith - Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

Bible Story: Noah • Genesis 6–9

Key Question: When is it hard to trust God?

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Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

All month, we're doing a deep dive into the origins of our faith! Kids are concrete thinkers, and while faith comes easily to some, others struggle to believe in a God they can't see with their own eyes. That's why it's so important to help kids understand that faith in God isn't a "blind leap." We may not be able to see God with our physical eyes, but we can see the countless things that God has done and the promises that God has fulfilled. This is true for the stories from Genesis we'll cover this month, but it's also true in the lives of Jesus followers over the last two thousand years—and in your own life.

This is a great month for you and other ministry leaders or volunteers to share a personal, age-appropriate story of something God has done in your life, and how your own faith grew as a result. You can also remind kids that faith is not something we have to work up to on our own. Paul wrote in Romans 10:17 that "faith comes from hearing the message.

And the message that is heard is the message about Christ" (NirV). The more that we hear about God's deep love for us in His Word, the Bible, and about the things that Jesus said and did, the stronger our faith becomes. Our faith also grows when we live out the things we have learned. In fact, Hebrews records that Jesus is the Author and Perfector of our faith. Encourage kids that they can ask God to grow their faith—and trust that He will do it.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → • You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → • A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow

Doors
Open

9:15/11:00

Large Group
Starts

9:35/11:20

Small Group
Starts

10:05/11:50

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME (3 Minutes)

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

LGL: “Welcome everyone! I’m so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today, but before we do let’s go over these announcements/KidCity Expectations.

(SLIDE: 5th SUNDAY FUNDAY) “Once in a while there are 5 weeks in a month instead of 4 – and that’s awesome! It’s worth celebrating. The next 5th Sunday is at the end of this month, and we want you to come and bring your friends! But here’s the catch....we aren’t actually going to have 5th Sunday Funday in KidCity....you guys (elementary and up) will be in Big Church with your parents for a special experience!”

(SLIDE: BAPTISM) *(Said on the fourth weekend of the month only)* “Today are baptisms at Hope. Baptism is a way of telling the world that you love God and have made the decision to follow Him with your life. It’s a big deal! Is there anyone here who is getting baptized today? *(Pause and if someone is, go ahead and give them a high five and get the kids to clap).* Awesome!”

(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS) “Now, let’s quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: *(Don’t dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)*

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

LARGE GROUP GAME (5 Min)

KRYPTONITE CATCH

(Ball Pit Balls – 10-20)

“We are continuing to talk about the ‘origin story’ of our faith. What is faith? Glad you asked....

(SLIDE: KEY APPLICATION) Faith - Trusting in what you can’t see because of what you can see.

“Faith in God isn’t a “blind leap.” We may not be able to see God with our physical eyes, but we can see the countless things that God has done and the promises that God has fulfilled. To have a really deep faith, we have to go WAY back to the very beginning. More on that in a bit!

“First, let’s check out our memory verse for the month.

(SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE) Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. *Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)*

Take a minute to explain that ‘Hebrews’ is a book in the New Testament, and that the

first number means ‘chapter’ and the second one means ‘verse’. ‘NirV’ is what translation the Bible is in. The Bible wasn’t originally written in English! There are different translations.

“You’ll have more time to practice this month’s verse, but for now let’s play a game! So, this theme has all to do with superheroes! One of the bravest superheroes is named Superman®. He is super-strong, can fly, and one of the best superheroes out there. But he has a big weakness. Does anyone know what it is? *(Pause)* That’s right! It’s kryptonite. If he gets it near him, it zaps all of his superpowers. So today I thought we could play a game called: ‘Kryptonite Catch.’ “

(SLIDES: KRYPTONITE CATCH with MUSIC)

HOW TO PLAY

- Have kids stand in a big circle facing inwards. *If you have a lot of kids in one room, split the room in half and then have the halves form circles. If you lead in a K/1st room, have the kids hold hands and stretch out to form a circle.*
- Explain that you will have kids toss the ‘kryptonite ball’ underhand to another friend in the circle (not next to them). Then they will quickly toss it to someone else and so on.
- The catch is that every so often you will add another ball into the circle. Kids have to keep tossing the balls without dropping them.
- No one is out, continue playing for up to 3 minutes.

“That was so fun! Now everyone stand up and let’s worship God!”

WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)

(VIDEO: I THANK GOD, THAT’S WHO I PRAISE)

BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

“Have you ever thought you saw something, but you weren’t really sure? Like, really not sure?

“Maybe your eyes were playing tricks on you, or you had to blink a few times. Or, you might wear glasses and needed to give them a quick cleaning! Sometimes our eyes see one thing but our brain is like, ‘Wait, what?’

“That’s kind of how it feels when something happens in life that we didn’t expect. When we’re not really sure what’s really going on . . . or we don’t know what’s coming next.

“Have you ever felt that way? Maybe something has happened in your life and you just don’t trust it will ever end. It’s hard to trust when you don’t understand what’s going to happen at the end.

“This month we’re talking all about faith, which is trusting in something you can’t see because of what you can see. This year we’re going through some of the key stories from the Bible from cover to cover! Why? Well, God gave us the Bible so we can know about Him. So as we read the

Bible and learn the stories, hopefully we'll learn more and more about Him! After all, He wants us to be His close friends!"

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 5 MIN)

"Even though Noah didn't really understand what was happening, he trusted God. We can trust God just like Noah did because we have His Word, the Bible! When we read the Bible, we can learn more about who God is and how He keeps His promises. In the Bible, there is story after story after story of how God kept His promises. He has always kept every single one.

"When we think about Noah, we can remember that even though we might not know exactly what God is doing, we can trust Him. He is always good! So even if we can't see what's ahead, even when we don't understand, we can trust that He is good and He is doing something good!

"Because God is always good, we can trust Him no matter what! So when we face hard things and don't understand what is happening, we can ask Him for help. We can ask Him to help us hold His hand through the difficult parts and trust He will lead us through.

"Another way to say it is how our Basic Truth for this week says it...

(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.

"Before we go to small groups, let's turn to our neighbor and answer the Key Question for today?

(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION) 'When is it hard to trust God?'

Have kids turn and talk to their shoulder partner for 60 seconds. Your KQ slide on Playlister will keep track of time for you. While kids are talking, walk around and listen in to what they are saying and give prompts if needed. Don't try to resolve anything, kids will have a further discussion within their small group time.

"Ok friends, come back together in 3, 2, 1....

"I heard some great thoughts floating around. You are going to have more of a chance to talk about this in small group time, but for now let's pray.

"God, thank You so much for this story. Please help us to be like Noah and trust You, even when we don't understand how things are going to turn out. When life gets hard or we feel confused, please help us ask for help and trust that You will do what You say You will do. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS



SMALL GROUP

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TALK ABOUT IT (K-5th)

There are no right or wrong answers but try to challenge the kids to think deeper.

Key Question: When is it hard to trust God?

(Answers will vary, you can trust God because He always keeps His promises and loves you more than anyone ever could. The Bible shows us how He helped people before, and He'll help you too!)

LOOK IT UP (K-5th)

Grab Bibles, look up, and read the following passage.

Look Up: Hebrews 11:7

Say: The book of Hebrews is in the New Testament. This chapter (chapter 11) is often called 'The Hall of Heros' because it talks about people throughout the Bible who had incredible FAITH that God keeps His promises and that He has a plan for the whole world - even when they themselves never saw the ending.

PRACTICE IT (K-5th)

(Styrofoam plates - 1 per kid (3rd-5th), toothpicks -1 per kid (3rd-5th), permanent markers or ball point pen - 1 per kid (3rd-5th), "Connect the Dot" Activity Plages - 1 page per kid (K-2nd ONLY))

What You Do:

(k-2nd)

- Give each kid, one of the activity pages and have them trace and connect the dots.
- Challenge the kids to share how it relates to the Bible story.
- NOTE: In some cases, the kids may not guess correctly, and that's okay!
- Discuss how Noah trusted and obeyed God without seeing the full picture! Because Noah trusted God without seeing the full picture, he had to trust God each step of the way. He obeyed God and built an ark, even though he'd never built one. Noah got ready for it to rain for days and days because he trusted God when God said it would.

(3rd-5th)

- Give each kid a toothpick and a Styrofoam plate.

- Instruct the kids to gently use the toothpicks to poke holes in the plate to outline something from today's Bible Story (but not an ark or rainbow).
- Encourage the kids to keep what they're outlining a secret!
- Once they've finished, invite the kids to exchange plates.
- Give each kid a ball point pen or permanent marker.
- Collect the toothpicks and throw them away
- Challenge the kids to "connect the dots" to guess the picture.
- NOTE: In some cases, the kids may not guess closely what the original kid was creating, and that's okay!
- Direct each kid to reveal their original intention for their drawing.
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- **(K-5th)**
- Ask:
 - Why do you think it could've been hard for Noah to understand what God was doing?
- Say, "I'm going to say something that might not make sense. Then, you'll strike a pose and say: 'I can trust God even when I don't understand!'"
- Read the scenarios below, pausing each time for the kids to pose and say, I can trust God even when I don't understand.
- Encourage the kids to get creative with their poses each time!
 - Scenarios
 - "When you're really tired, but it's a school day . . .
 - (Kids pose and say, I can trust God even when I don't understand.)
 - "When you get in trouble . . .
 - (Kids pose and say, I can trust God even when I don't understand.)
 - "When you don't understand the math worksheet . . .
 - (Kids pose and say, I can trust God even when I don't understand.)
 - "When you forget your snack at school . . .
 - (Kids pose and say, I can trust God even when I don't understand.)
 - "When someone you thought was a friend says something unkind . . .
 - (Kids pose and say, I can trust God even when I don't understand.)
- What You Say:

With God's help, we can face all kinds of situations that are hard or don't make sense to us. Just like with Noah, God is with us in everything we face. He promises! And God will see us through what we're facing. Noah's story reminds us that God is with us every step of the way. God was with Noah as he built the boat. God was with Noah as all the animals came. God was with Noah as it rained and rained. God was with Noah when it took so long for the wavy water to go down. God faced every new and difficult thing with Noah. And God promises to face everything with you, even if it is new or different.

GET STRONGER (K-5th)

(Supplies Vary)

What You Do:

- Follow the instructions for the “Bible Literacy” activity that is in your bin.

PRAYER

What You Do:

Encourage the kids to sit with you in a circle.

Pray:

“Dear God, we love You! Thanks for reminding us today that You are always with us and that we can trust You no matter what. Thank You for the story of Noah, and so many other true stories in Your Word that remind us You are faithful to keep Your promises. When we face things that just don’t make sense, help us to trust You more because You have always been good. Thank You for loving us so much—we want to trust You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”