



FAITH | WEEK 3 | AUGUST 17, 2025 | ELEMENTARY

ABRAHAM

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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)

ATOMIC IMAGES

(No Supplies)

“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!"

(SLIDES: ATOMIC IMAGES)

HOW TO PLAY

- You can have each person compete individually or divide your group into teams for this game.
- Each slide contains a video that will start zoomed in on a photo and slowly zoom out. Individuals or teams will try and shout out the description of the final photo before the full image is revealed.
- The first to correctly guess the answer to each slide will be awarded one point for that round (or simply play for the joy of the game).
- Keep playing until you've made it through all slides before tallying up everyone's total points to decide your winner.

"That was so fun! Now everyone stand up and let's worship God!"

WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)

(VIDEO: THAT'S WHO I PRAISE, WAVEWALKER)

BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

"Have you ever been asked to do something really hard in your life? Have you ever been asked to do something you didn't know you could handle?"

"This week, we're going to look at the story of a couple who was asked to do something really hard! When they first got the assignment, they might have wondered if they could do it too."

"But before we dive into their story, let me tell you about something awesome we're doing this year! We're going to read through key stories each week so we can learn the big story God is telling in the Bible. At the end of the year, our intention is to have learned more about God, since that's one of the important reasons He gave us the Bible in the first place! Check out this timeline:"

(SLIDE: GOD'S BIG STORY)

(Comment on the timeline)

"Ok, let's check out our video for today."

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 5 MIN)

"When we think of Abraham and Sarah, we can remember that even though they weren't always faithful to God, He was always faithful to them."

“This week, we saw how God had made some big promises to Abraham and Sarah, including one where they would have a child. They had to wait a long, long time for God to make that promise come true. Sometimes Abraham and Sarah acted faithfully, sometimes they didn’t. But as we see, God was faithful. He did just what He said He was going to do, because He always does.

“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.

“Even when we stray and start doing our own thing instead of going God’s way, we can be sure that God loves us and WANTS us to follow after Him and His ways. He will continue to love and guide you, and will help you get back on the right path.

“Before we go to small groups, let’s turn to our neighbor and answer the Key Question for today.

(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION) ‘What does it look like 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 about Abraham and Sarah. Even when we are in situations where we’re nervous about doing what You ask us to do, please give us peace. Thank You so much for your perfect plan to send Jesus for us. Thank You for being faithful a long time to rescue us so we could be close friends with You. 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: What does it look like to trust God?

(Answers will vary, Trusting God means listening to Him, talking to Him, and believing He loves you no matter what—even when things don't go your way.)

LOOK IT UP (K-5th)

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

Look Up: Hebrews 11:8-12

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)

(Floor Tape, Blindfolds – 2 per group)

What You Do:

- Direct kids to form groups of two (a group of three is okay).
- Designate a starting line and a finish line in your group space with floor tape. Place random 'X's in between the two lines to form 'mines'.
- To move the game quicker, have two pairs go at the same time.
- Tell the kids to identify who will be the "walker," and who will be the "guide."
- Blindfold the walker (if comfortable) or ask them to close their eyes.
- Explain how to play.
 - o The "Guide" is to help the "Walker" move safely to the finish line using only their voice (no touching!)
 - o They can say things like, "Take one step forward," "Turn right," or "Stop!"
- The goal is to get the "walker" safely to the finish line without stepping on a 'mine'.
- Continue until every group gets a turn to walk.

What You Say:

“Awesome job, friends! It can feel a little scary to walk without seeing, right? I mean, you really had to trust your partner to guide you to safety!

“In life, we don’t always know what’s coming next. Even though we can see, there are a lot of things we don’t understand, like why it’s taking us so long to understand math or if you’re ever going to find friends again after your big move. Friends, we CAN trust God’s plan for us because we can trust God. He is good and is always working for good! Nothing can stop God’s plan to bring good out of hard things and to make everything right in the end. God loves us and knows what’s best for us, and you can trust that God has a plan and it’s a good one.”

GET STRONGER (K-5th)

(Supplies Vary)

What You Do:

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

PRAYER

“God, thank You for being with us in every minute of our lives! Sometimes, we don’t understand why some things happen. When we’re worried or unsure, please remind us that You are good and that nothing can stop Your good plan to make everything right in the end. Please help us trust in You and in Your promise to make everything right in the end because You have never never, ever broken a promise. Help us to have faith and trust in You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen!”