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### LESSON PLAN:

**Purpose:**

To show each of us has faith; our faith can increase; our faith is seen by what we do and say; only faith pleases God.

**Bible Lesson and text:**

Genesis 6, 7 and 8.

Heb 11:7 "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." (KJV)

**FOCUS:**

We live our life with faith in something. As a Christian our faith must be in God. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

**Scripture:**

Heb 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (NKJ)

**Lie Buster:**

I am a speaker of Truth walking in faith.  
I am a God pleaser.  
I am a full time God seeker.

**Teaching Styles:**

Use flannel graphs, pictures, props with dramatic teaching.

**TEACHING POINTS TO COVER:**

Noah was a follower of God even when those around him were not. God gave him favor. Noah knew God and obeyed His voice, even when he did not understand. He walked in faith. He did things the right way; God's way. He didn't quit. His obedience saved his family and the future generations of man and animals. Noah thanked God after the flood and God was very pleased to give a sign of promise; the rainbow.



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### Object Lesson: 1. Simple Faith Everyday - You Have It

**Point:**

To show how each of us has faith; faith in natural things, faith in people.

**Props:**

An umbrella, raincoat, tools, a blueprint etc. to enhance the teaching.

**Directions:**

Give simple orders in the class to one child at a time.

1. Sit on the chair; (faith in chair it didn't break; that it would hold child)
  2. Turn on the water or the light: (faith in the spigot or switch)
  3. Give the teacher a hug; (faith that the teacher will receive hug)
  4. Open the box of cookies; (faith there would be cookies inside)
  5. Eat the cookies; (faith to believe the cookies were good)
- A. These are constants in our lives. We don't think before we act on these, we just do because we have had constant experience that what was expected in each would come to be.
- B. Our faith in God should be to the same respect. We don't wonder if "God is" or "if God will" or "if God is able." God is, God will and God is able. God and His Word are constant and proven faithful.

### Object Lesson 2: POWDERED UP

**Point:**

Faith to be real must be released. Our life of faith touches the world around us and the people who are watching us. Our faith released brings God's presence and purposes.

**Props:**

A can of baby powder wrapped in paper with the word FAITH written on it.



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### Directions:

1. Show the can but don't open it. PREACH as you demonstrate: This is faith. Is it faith because the can says so? Just saying it is faith isn't enough. There could be anything in the can.
2. Faith must be seen to be genuine faith. Just like in us. We can say I have faith, but then I must show it. Faith is active.
3. The evidence that faith is alive is when I shake some powder on the table. The children like to rub their hands through it. Can you see the "faith" ?
  - A. Now my faith has touched you.
  - B. You are affected when I walk in faith.
  - C. My faith will release the presence of God where I apply it.

### Object Lesson 3: Hello, Are You Really There?

#### Point:

Faith must be active to make connection. Even though we can't see the person we are talking to on a phone, they are very real and we are connected via the phone wires and electronic transmissions. God is real and we are connected to Him via the new birth and our faith in God. When opposition to faith comes, we must deal with it.

1. Make a pretend phone call to someone on the telephone (Judy). Make this a funny object lesson. You really want to call a special friend, but in the process until you actually make the call, say and do things like:

I wonder if the phone will ring on the other end? Just keep looking at the phone, but don't pick it up. Judy's phone number is 777- 4242. Yes, that's her phone number. This phone is an ugly color. I have a red phone at home. You know this phone is really making me angry. It is just sitting here and not doing anything. Just keep talking about phones and what they do, but don't actually dial the phone number. I really want Judy to come to my house tomorrow. I hope she will come and stay overnight. I hope she likes the cake I am making. This phone will help me to talk to her. I hope I reach her before she leaves for the market. Maybe all the phone wires are jammed. Maybe all the phone workers are off for vacation. Maybe the batteries are dead in the phone.....(Finally make the call. It rings and rings. Hang up and try again.....) The line is busy. (Frustrated.....) Well, I'll try one more time. The line is busy. Then you "give up." See she doesn't want to come, she has probably got a new friend. These phones are all just a big waste of space. Every time I call my friends they are never home or they are talking to



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someone else. I think I'll just throw this phone in the trash can. (Throw the phone in the can.)

2. You want to get the children to a place where there are ready to jump out of their seat to make the call for you. They know if you just pick up and dial the phone you will reach your friend.
3. That is how God is with us. He so wants us to just have faith in Him and the answer will come.
4. Faith makes a decision to do and carry through to the end.
  - A. You have faith to dial the number. You have faith in the phone in your hand that pushing buttons will connect you to the friend, etc.
5. We see with the eyes of faith not our natural eyes.
  - A. Can you see her? She is real.
  - B. You can "see" the connection and talking to each other. Because phones have proven to be reliable, most of the time, we trust them.
6. Hindrances to faith
  - A. What would cause a phone call not to be received???? They could be the same reasons why our faith won't work.
  - B. Let the children answer why your phone would not have worked.
  - C. Spiritual hindrances
    - 1) Doubt or unbelief
      - a. Doubt is lack of understanding, not knowing or being sure.
      - b. Unbelief is knowing but refusing to obey or believe
    - 2) Fear
    - 3) Lies that we believe about a person, a law, or God.
    - 4) Procrastination.
    - 5) Quitting or giving up.
    - 6) Anger



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7. **Ministry Time:** Be Holy Spirit led. If you are sensing areas that are hindering the children in their faith, be prepared to have a time of prayer, repentance, restoration and release of the faith of God to come in a powerful way to the children.

### Study Sheet Teaching and Activation

Below is question 5 from the Study Sheet. Have the children repeat the verse several times. On the board write the words that the children are supposed to circle on what they believe about God.

Heb. 11:6 "...he who comes to God must believe that He is..." (NKJ) What do I believe about God? (Circle the words you believe).

GOD: Loves Me Loves sinners Blesses rich people more Gives faith to me

Forgives Sin Believes in me Likes pastor's prayers more Is Faithful

Keeps Promises Is with me only when I don't sin Trusts me Talks to me

Be very sensitive as the children answer. Allow wrong answers. Wrong answers are good. They help to expose a faulty belief a child may have. This will be a time to "erase" ungodly beliefs concerning God. Do not let other children shame a child who answers wrongly. A child's answer is important.

Ask the children to add other things they believe and write them on the board as they come. Review the list. Are all these statements true?

**Ministry Time:** (Teacher speaking) Children, together we want to replace any lies we have about God with truth. There are different ones here that have different areas they need erased. This is what we are going to do. Together we are going to pray and ask God to fill us with His truth of who He is. This is going to bring us and God joy. We are going to be God full. I need everyone to pray..... Father, I come to you today, and I thank You that You want me to know You. I want to know you more and I ask you to put in me the Truth of who You really are, not what I think. I want to know You. Now, I ask you to forgive me for believing lies about You. Forgive me for believing the lie that you.....(say out loud the lies about God that you have written down on the board.) Thank you for forgiving me. Now in the Name of Jesus, I renounce



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and break agreement with all of these lies about God. I command every lie to leave me and never come back. Father God, I receive the truth of who You are. Thank you, in Jesus name, amen.

The teacher at this point will take the eraser and after each lie that is written down say:

Example: "God blesses rich people more" is a lie. Lie you go now in Jesus name. Now erase the words. Replace it with a truth: Let's all say this together: "God blesses those who are obedient. Write that statement in it's place. Continue this through your list. Erasing and commanding the lies to go in Jesus name. Replace each with a truth and have the children say the truth out loud as you write them on the board.

Additional ministry and activation if you are in a flow. Have the children speak out loud the Identity statements below.

Jesus is my **Savior** so I am saved from death. Jesus is my **Healer** so I am healed. Jesus is God's **Gift** to me, so I am gifted and a gift to the body of Christ. Jesus is my **Peace** so I am living in peace. Jesus is my **Friend** so I am a friend of God and others. Jesus is **Emmanuel (God with me)** so I am never alone. Jesus is the **Shepherd** so I am His follower. Jesus is my **Light** so I can see even in darkness. Jesus is **Love** so I am filled with love and love people. Jesus is my **Provider** so I have all I need. Jesus is the **King of kings** so I am a King's kid. Jesus is **Champion** so I am a winner with Jesus. Jesus is **Faithful** so I am faithful.

### Object Lesson 4: Keys for Living

#### Point:

God is our source of faith. In Him we trust and stay connected. A key opens the promise. Every key has an assignment.

#### Props:

Have a ring of keys; these can be real keys or make different colors from heavy card stock. Have some different types of key rings with animals, people, sayings etc.

1. The ring represents God.
  - A. Eternal, His covenant, Cannot be broken, Faithfulness
2. Most key rings have an attached article. The article represents us; unique.



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3. A key was made to be on the ring. (He is the vine, we are the branches.) Show a key and ask the children to describe the key. Show more keys and ask the same question. What is the same about all the keys? They have a hole.
4. Ask what is a key used for. Each key is for a specific use. Only one key on the ring will work for: house, car, garage, bike, locker, office etc...
5. Our keys of faith must be in God. God must be in us for Bible faith to work.
  - A. Faith cannot be in the the object of what we believe they will open, start, lock etc. or in the key itself. Faith in our faith is failure. It is self centered and prideful.
  - B. Faith in God is fruitful. We have faith in God for many things. What does His Word promise us who exercise faith? Heb. 11:6
  - C. The Word of God will bring life to the faith in God that is already in us. His word will bring specific faith for every area and event in our lives.

**Activation:** The Bible tells us many things about God's faithfulness to His children.

Let's see how many keys of faith we can have on our God ring. (On keys or on labels to stick on the keys, have written words of what God has provided. Have some blank ones for children who have a different faith key.)

Allow the children to pick a key or word or you say them and the children must decide if they are to be on the ring. Examples: healing for me or another; salvation for me or another person; not having a family; love; joy; provision; friendship with God; understanding His word; always being sick; fighting; peace; anointing to minister; favor; authority over the enemy; forgiveness.

Wow!!! Look at all the different keys of faith God has given us to live in His kingdom. We are full of faith. We are God pleasers. We are bringing God's kingdom to many.

### **Object Lesson 5: Faith is Taking Over**

**Point:**



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Continually hearing the Word of God, expands our faith. We have to mix (action) the word we hear with the faith we already have in us. Thank you, Jesus.

### Props:

Get a bowl or quart jar, flour, warm water, small cloth to cover top of jar, spoonful of sugar and yeast. Put the yeast in a container and write "Word of God" on it. Before class mix one cup of flour and two cups of water and sugar in the jar.

1. This jar represents us. In the jar is what we will call our spirit man. Today our spirit man is here to receive God's word, just like we are.
2. At the start of class then periodically during teaching, say: just like you are hearing God's word I am putting some "Word" in the jar. Time for more "Word." Do this several times.
3. Sprinkle some "Word yeast" outside the jar. Watch to see if the children notice. Where must the Word go to be effective and bring faith?
4. The cover: Holy Spirit seal and reveal this "Word." Cover jar each time.
5. The jar's cover will rise up and the children will see the effects the word has in the jar.
6. The action of mixing and waiting is a demonstration of our faith. Faith without works is dead.

**Teaching Point:** Faith is the substance. Faith can't be separated from the mixture. Faith is not something we can hold. But it is seen when it is active. The enemy can come in and steal our seed of faith or the seedling of faith. The enemy can come in to stop the word from being heard. But if we stay focused (action) and covered the enemy is stopped. Then a time comes when the faith in us arises to the occasion and God is glorified. Our faith is taking over! We are overtaking the enemy.

### Study Sheet Review

You can write the points in question 6 on the board and let the children take turns finding the answers in their Bibles. For younger children, make a card with each letter of F A I T H. On the opposite side of the card write the answer. Example: F- Friend. Have a board with question 6 written. See if they can match the letter on the card to the letter on the board. Then tell them what the answer is and write it on the board.



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Elaborate on the points as you have the children participate.

### Point:

When we are God seekers, our faith is seen by all men. Our faith is seen by God. The results of faith are some of the answers in question six below. Faith causes us to: Be a FRIEND of God; ARISE; we have faith IN GOD; like Abraham we TRUST God; to have a faith deposit we know faith comes by HEARING.

6. Bible Search: Read the verses below and fill in the blank behind each letter.

F \_\_\_\_\_ James 2:23 "...He was called the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

A \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 17:19 (KJV or NKJ) "\_\_\_\_\_, go your way, your faith.."

I \_\_\_\_\_ Mark 11:22 "Have faith \_\_\_\_\_"

T \_\_\_\_\_ James 2:23 (TLB) "Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ God,"

H \_\_\_\_\_ Rom 10:17 "Faith comes by \_\_\_\_\_"

### Additional Identity Statements:

IDENTITY: I AM PATIENT; I AM DILIGENT; I AM A FINISHER; I AM SAFE IN GOD; I AM PROTECTED; I AM TRUSTWORTHY; I FOLLOW DIRECTIONS; I BUILD THE BEST; MY OBEDIENCE SAVES OTHERS; I AM A BELIEVER; I AM AN HEIR OF GOD'S PROMISES; I SEE WITH EYES OF FAITH.

**WHO IS MY GOD:** GOD IS PATIENT; GOD IS DILIGENT; JESUS IS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF MY FAITH; GOD IS MY SANCTUARY (SAFETY); GOD IS MY PROTECTOR;



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GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY; GOD IS MY TEACHER; JESUS IS THE MASTER BUILDER; JESUS IS MY SAVIOR; JESUS BELIEVES IN ME; GOD IS MY FATHER

### TEACHER STUDY NOTES REFLECTIONS ON FAITH

Faith in God always brings God into every situation. Faith brings God on the scene. Faith in God, keeps God in control. He gets to run the “show” and announce the final act. God gets to call the curtain call, do the curtain call and be the curtain call. Faith gets to put the spotlight on God for the standing ovation that is so rightly His. And then, He turns to His “cast,” extends His hand and calls for them to take a bow. Well done, thou good and faithful servants. Faith keeps the “show” running to the end of the season.

Faith is a process of trusting more and more in God and less and less in what we or another can do. Trusting God only comes by relationship. Relationship comes by commitment. God is totally committed to us and is longing and drawing for our total commitment to Him. As we develop and grow in trust then our faith level also comes to new levels. This includes faith in others. Trusting causes love to grow.

As we experience God's love in real ways, our faith grows. Yes, Jesus loves me He told me so. A revelation of God's love is like dumping a can of gasoline on our faith flame. Our faith explodes and will not even tolerate any thought or entrance of faithless opposition. The fire of God's love makes ashes of “faith busters.” When we have a foundation of trust (the soil of our heart) for faith to be deposited in, faith will flourish.

Most children are naturally very trusting. God designed them that way. Children easily move in faith, because they trust and believe what people they love tell them. Children move in faith readily as they hear the word of God.

Our “perceiver” will direct our “believer.” Our “believer” will direct our “doer.” Our doer will direct our faith. Our faith will show our “god” or “God.”



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We are told to take heed how we hear and what we hear. Remember faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. When we hear other than the word of God, the faith that comes will not bring the God of the word to the scene, but some other "god."

The hearing of God's word, is inclusive of both the logos and rhema. The word and the Spirit must agree. The agreement brings the power, presence and promise to fruition. Faith demonstrated.

### WHAT IS FAITH:

A. Faith is believing and trusting what God says.

Heb 11:1 "What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead." (TLB)

Heb 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (NKJ)

B. Everyone (saved and unsaved) operates in some form of faith every day. What is the basis of the faith in people's lives? Experiences; trusting people, things, money or God.

C. Our actions show where our faith is and what we believe and think.

- 1) Faith is not a feeling, faith is action demonstrating our belief in God and what he says. Feelings can follow our faith, but not dictate our faith.
- 2) We can still have fear, but move in faith. Our faith is shown by our action. We sometimes have to do it afraid. (Christians can have fears, yet choose to function in faith.)

2 Tim 1:7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (KJV)

- 3) Actions of faith will overcome feelings and fear.

James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (KJV)



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### 4) Faith is living, growing and demonstrates a living God

James 2:17-24 "Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. "But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-- and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.' (NKJ)

James 2:26 "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (NKJ)

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing." (NIV)

### 5) Faith is not fantasy but the reality of the Kingdom of God.

2 Cor 5:7 "We know these things are true by believing, not by seeing." (TLB)

2 Cor 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (KJV)

### 6) Faith is valuable and is to be guarded.

John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (NIV)

Eph 6:16 "In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." (NIV)

1 Pet 1:7 "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." (KJV)



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2 Pet 1:1 "..., to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:" (KJV)

### WE ARE TO PUT OUR FAITH IN GOD

- A. Not: Evil report:WHAT WE SEE, HEAR, FEEL (Numbers 13:17 - 33; the 12 spies report;only two walked in faith in God).
- B. Yes:Good report:IN GOD and His WORD?

### WHAT DOES FAITH IN GOD PRODUCE?

- A. Brings salvation

Rom 1:16-17 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." (NKJ)

- B. Brings healing and miracles

Luke 7:48-50 "Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (NIV)

Luke 17:19 "And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." (NKJ)

James 5:15 "And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." (NKJ)

- C. Brings rest and favor

Heb 4:1-2 "Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. "For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.(NIV)



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Heb 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (NKJ)

2 Cor 9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (NIV)

Gen 6:8 "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD." (NIV)

### D. Brings deliverance

Matt 17:19-21 "Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast him out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." (NKJ)

### E. Keeps me from sin

Rom 14:23 "But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin." (NKJ)

Heb 10:38 "Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him." (NKJ)

### F. Keeps me focused and maturing

Heb 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;..." (KJV)

### G. Moves Mountains

Mark 11:22-23; "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him." (NIV)

### H. Is the victory that overcomes



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1 John 5:4-5 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (KJV)

### **WE CAN HAVE AS MUCH FAITH AS WE WANT. HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?**

Rom 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (NKJ)

Heb 6:12 "We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised." (NIV)

Mark 4:24 "Then He said to them, 'Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.'" (NKJ)



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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### FAITH STUDY SHEET

1. I need to hear \_\_\_\_\_ to have godly faith. (Write the correct letter in space.)

A.The Weather Channel      B.God's Word      C.The cheerleaders

2. My body is growing. How does my faith grow? (Circle the correct letters)

- A. Speaking and praying God's word out of my mouth
- B. Listening to godly truth from other Christians
- C. Hearing a testimony of God working in someone's life
- D. Singing or listening to praise music
- E. Reading my Bible
- F. Playing video Games

3. Faith is seen by what we do as we pursue God. Name someone from the Bible that has shown their faith. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Memory Verse: Say the verse three times out loud. (Fill in the blanks.)



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REQUIREMENTS: YOUNGER CHILDREN QUESTIONS 1 - 4; OLDER CHILDREN: ALL

5. Heb. 11:6 "...he who comes to God must believe that He is..." (NKJ) What do I believe about God? (Circle the words you believe).

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