

The Hall of Faith

The Heroes of Heaven

Lesson 6

The Teacher's Preparation

Scripture Passages to Study: Hebrews 11

Study Guide: Read "The Hall of Faith: *The Heroes of Heaven*" from *New Testament Highlights - Part 2*.

Lesson Objective: A child of God should not only love God but also have the desire to please Him and serve Him. Since faith is required to please God, then God's people must know how to get faith, and grow faith: through the Word of God.

Lesson Application: I can be a hero of the faith if I obey, believe, and walk with God!

Memory Verse: Romans 10:17



"THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART..."

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

—Romans 10:17

The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Umbrella and Sunglasses



The Teacher's Lesson Plan

Materials: Umbrella, Sunglasses, Leaves, Gloves

What You Could Say:

Many places in the world have four seasons, times when one may see different kinds of weather. Those seasons are spring, summer, fall (or autumn), and winter. In the spring, flowers are blooming and trees have buds for their new leaves. If you go outside in the spring, you may want to bring a light jacket and an umbrella with you; in the springtime, you can expect a lot of rain! In the summer, the weather is very warm. The sun shines so brightly that adults and even children wear sunglasses outside. Hardly anyone wears a coat or jacket in the summer, because the weather is so warm. In the fall, the weather becomes colder; and the leaves on the trees begin changing colors from green to orange or red and then fall to the ground! Thanksgiving Day is during the fall season, and you can use the colorful leaves to decorate your home. The last season is winter. In our country, the weather becomes so cold in some areas that we have snow! If you live in one of those areas, you can make big snowballs or funny snowmen. You must remember, though, to wear your winter clothes—coat, scarf, gloves, boots, etc.—when you play outside.

During these different seasons, so many things change: the weather, the trees, and the flowers, among other things. Even *you* have to change into different types of clothes during the seasons. Though everything is changing around you, remember that *Jesus Christ never changes*. “*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever*” (Hebrews 13:8). You can have faith that, no matter what is happening around you and even to you, He is always “*nigh unto all them that call upon him*.” In today's lesson, you will learn about faith in God and about how others had faith to accomplish much for Him.

Teacher's Notes

A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering on a cold iron.
—Horace Mann

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Kids' programs are filled with superhuman characters. They jump over mountains and climb up the sides of buildings. They can stop a train with one arm. But these are all make believe. No human can do those things.

What people in your life are your heroes—your dad and mom, your pastor or Sunday school teacher? God tells us about some real heroes in Hebrews 11. And He tells us what made them heroes—their faith.

What Is Faith?

Have you ever *hoped* that you would get a certain gift for your birthday? You couldn't wait to see if you would get it. That *hope* is a "wish." That is not the same meaning of *hope* that we see in Hebrews 11:1.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

The substance of things hoped for means believing you have what you want even before you have it. *Evidence* is "proof." So *the evidence of things not seen* is knowing you have something that you don't have yet.

Faith is believing you have something even though you don't have it yet. We can't see salvation, but we know we have it when we ask Jesus to save us. We can't see heaven, but we know we will go there some day.

Heaven's Hall of Faith

Faith is very important to God. Hebrews 11:2 says that *by faith* the "elders obtained a good report." God talks about some of these people in Hebrews 11. We will talk about only four of them in our lesson today.

Abel is the first person God mentions in His Hall of Faith. Adam and Eve told their boys about how they sinned in the Garden of Eden. They showed their boys how to take a perfect lamb and offer it as a sacrifice for their sins. Cain did not want bring a lamb for a sacrifice. But Abel obeyed God. Again and again, he brought a lamb for his sacrifice. Cain was jealous of his brother and killed him. But God put Abel's name in this chapter to tell us that He was pleased with Abel's faith.

Everyone knew that Enoch loved God (Hebrews 11:5). Enoch talked with God every day. One day, God took him to heaven. God wanted Enoch to be with Him.

Noah is another hero in Hebrews 11. When Noah lived, it had never before rained on the earth. God told Noah to build a huge boat because He was going to send a great flood. Noah and his sons hammered and sawed and worked on this boat for 100 years. For 100 years, Noah begged people to believe the Lord and come into the ark and be saved. For 100 years, people

laughed at Noah and his family. Not one of his friends or neighbors believed him. But Noah believed God. His faith saved him and his whole family.

Every time God told Abraham to do something, he did it without asking questions. God told him to move. He didn't say where to move. But Abraham packed up and moved just like God told him to do. When Abraham was 100 years old, God told him he was going to have a child. And Abraham believed God. Then God told Abraham to offer his teenage son as a sacrifice. Abraham started out to offer Isaac just like God said. But God was testing Abraham's faith. And Abraham passed that test. Because of his faith, God calls Abraham His friend (James 2:23).

Conclusion

All of these people in Hebrews 11 believed God. Do you want to please God? Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please him."

How can we learn to trust God? "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). To have faith, we must read God's Word. You are not too young to read the Bible. Read some of God's Word every day. We must also listen to the teaching and preaching of God's Word. Be in Sunday school and church every week. Then you, too, will please God. You, too, will be a hero of faith.

Teacher's Notes
