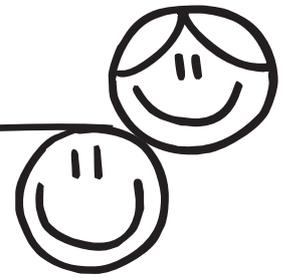


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Suggested Structure

Introduction - All Kids

Sunday School Assembly

(May include opening prayer, prayer requests, music, testimonies)

Encourage the senior students to lead the music, prayer and/or share what God is doing their life.

Summary of previous lesson – ask the children

Introduce lesson topic

Lesson - Break into class groups

Have the students read through lesson scriptures and discuss the characters, the scenario, points of view and what the lesson is in the story or scriptures.

Use discussion questions to discuss further and breakdown.

Activity - Play, Movie, Poem, Rap, Comic, student directed. Suggestions below.

Finish

Summary of lesson

Cleanup, collate work into class/students folders

Supervised free play, outdoor games or board games if meeting isn't finished

Please leave feedback with your SS coordinator.

Lesson Title

Continual Faith and Conclusion

Lesson Purpose and Themes

To remember what we have learned about Faith and gain an understanding that we need to have faith always.

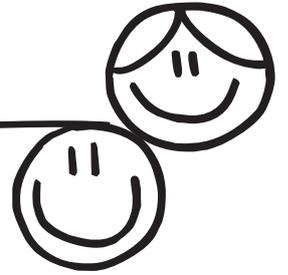
Lessons and Themes from the term:

1 By Faith we Understand – We have faith everyday in lots of things. E.g. a chair

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- when we go to sit on a chair we have faith that it will hold us. We don't think twice we just go and sit on it. That's having faith. Our parents put their foot on the breaks in the car having faith that it will stop the car...

2 By Faith we Please God - Abel pleased God by giving him the best of his flock and God blessed him. Enoch pleased God so much that he didn't have to die, God just took him.

3 Obedience through Faith - Noah was obedient when God asked him to build an Ark and built it even though he had never seen rain before. Noah showed great faith through being obedient. Abraham was obedient to God and moved around in tents for years without knowing where he was going.

4 Faith of Abraham - Abraham trusted God when he and Sarah could not have children. God blessed them with a baby when they were both very old. God chose Abraham and Sarah to be the parents of a nation because of their faith.

5 Faith without Seeing - Abraham was promised a huge family that would become a whole country (nation). Abraham died before he could see this but he died having faith that it would happen.

6 Faith of a Family - Abraham's son Isaac also trusted God when God told Abraham to sacrifice (kill) him. Just before Abraham was going to kill Isaac God sent an angel to stop him. God went on to promise Abraham a family as big as all the stars in the sky.

7 Faith of Moses - Moses grew up with the Egyptians but did not like the way they treated the Israelites. God chose Moses because of his faith to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

8 By Faith they Overcame - Rahab overcame a horrible and sad life by having faith in God and helping the Israelites.

9 Continual Faith - This lesson - If we have faith always for everything big and small God will help us with everything big and small. If you believe God can do it, he will do it and the best way to practice faith is to pray.

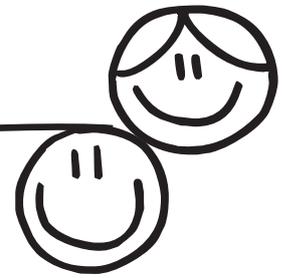
Key points:

The world says I'll believe it when I see it!

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God says, you'd see it when you believe it!

Without faith you cannot please God.

Faith is a tool to be used and always produces a result.

Faith is like gravity. If you drop a rock it hits the ground, you know it will hit the ground. When you have faith, big things will happen.

Lesson Content

These are the last nine versus of Hebrews 11. Read to the children.

Hebrew 11:32-40 *And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. 35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. 36 Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. 37 They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— 38 the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.*

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. 40 God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Discussion Questions

1. What has been your favourite story of faith? Why?

Activities/Craft

- **Experiment.** Perform a simple experiment which clearly indicates when

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correct ingredients are put together (i.e. faith, prayer, believing) that a result will occur (God's power will be released):

Make a cake, pancakes, volcano out of a class (bicarb + soda water), beat cream etc...

- **Favourite Story.** Have students write about or do a comic strip of their favourite faith story from Hebrews 11.
- **Play.** Practice play if students have put on together.
- **Power Verse** Hebrew 11:1-3 *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

This is the 'Power Verse' for the term. Have the children write down what it means to them now that they have read all of Hebrew 11.

- See filing cabinet and craft books for additional activities or create your own.

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