

## OVERVIEW

There are many stories in the Bible of men and women putting their faith into action and achieving great things for God. In this program, we are learning about some of these 'heroes of the faith' listed in Hebrews 11. Our heart is that kids will see the many ways they can activate their faith in their lives, learning from these great men and women who have gone before us. Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. We don't trust our feelings or what our circumstance looks like, we have faith in God with the help of the Holy Spirit!

**Memory Verse:** "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

- Hebrews 11:1

**Repeated Phrase:** Like the faith heroes in the Bible, no matter what we face, faith in God has great reward!

**This weeks key point:** Faith is believing in God, no matter what happens!

## RESOURCES

- Game: Eight chairs (optional)
- Illustration: A picture of puzzle pieces or real puzzle pieces.
- Connect Groups: The Week 1 Activity Sheets, Bibles and colouring pencils.

## 1. QUICK WELCOME & GAME: JINX CHALLENGE

Welcome the kids and spot any newcomers, welcoming them especially.

Play a game with the kids! Here is a game idea you can use, or select another game of your own.

- Place 8 chairs in two lines facing each other, so each pair is facing each other.
- The aim of the game is to jinx your partner successfully.
- Select 8 volunteers to take a seat (They can also just sit on their bottoms in pairs facing each other). The game host will read out a category and each pair will take a turn to respond with an item in that category. On the count of 3 they must each say the first thing that comes to mind in that category, and if they match, they get a point.
- The team with the most points at the end, wins!

## 2. SECOND WELCOME & OUR BIG THREE RULES

- **Welcome the kids and introduce the program:** We are in Week 1 of our program 'Heroes of the Faith' where we are learning that **Faith is believing in God, no matter what happens.**
- **Go through our three big rules:** We are kind, we listen, we obey. Explain any reward system in place such as prizes/team points.

## 3. WORSHIP, MEMORY VERSE, OFFERING & ANIMATION

- **Have praise and worship time** with the kids, if they haven't already with the adults at the start of church.
- **Go through the memory verse** with the kids and have them repeat it after you. Make it fun by having them say it backward, splitting them into teams to say one word each, using accents... be creative!
- **Give a 1-2 minute offering** encouragement of why we give and then pray over the offering. See our [Offering Ideas](#) for help.
- **Play the animation** before the preach - this helps introduce the concept of the week in a fun and visual way.

## 4. PREACH - NOAH

This week we are learning about Noah. Noah had favour with God, and The Bible says He walked with God, even when no-one else around him was. God was grieved at the evil in the hearts of all men, all men but Noah. So God spoke to Noah telling him He was going to flood the earth. He told Noah to build a boat for his family and the animals to live on to survive the flood. Noah obeyed God and had faith that God's plan would succeed.

**Our key point this week is:** Faith is believing in God, no matter what happens. Here is a snapshot of the preach:

- **Faith is believing in God, no matter what happens.** We don't know what our future holds, but when we have faith in God, we believe He is with us and work all things together for good.
- **Have faith in God, He has great plans for you.** As we walk faithfully with God, He will begin to show us the plans He has for us.
- **Faith leads to great blessing.** The Bible says those who rely on faith in God are blessed like Abraham (Galatians 3:9).

## 5. CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

Connect groups are a time for building friendships and discussing the preach. Remember to keep it fun and to pray! Afterward, you can do the worksheet and/or choose a fun activity to play together to build friendships.

1. Why did God plan to send a flood?
2. What was Noah's response to God's plan for him?
3. How do you think you would have reacted if God had asked you?
4. Are there times in your life where God has asked you to do something? How did you respond to God?
5. In what ways can we learn from Noah, to build our own faith?

Pray together that God will help the kids to follow His ways and carry His commandments in their heart all their days.