

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

**DATE:** 3/21/21

**SCRIPTURE:** Hebrews 11

**LESSON:** The Hall of Faith



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week we learned about how Jesus is better than the easy life! This week, we are going to look at some people who trusted that Jesus was better even when their lives were very difficult.

**Confidence in Things Unseen** - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is an object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. Practice some trust falls with kids. Have them stand in front of you and fall back into your arms. After you have practiced a few times, ask your kids if they trust when they fall back you will catch them. Then, place a blindfold over your child's eyes and ask if they still trust you to catch them when they can't see.

**Say** - Today we are going to learn about faith. Hebrews 11:1 gives us our definition of faith as being "sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." You still had faith in me to catch you even when you couldn't see.



## LESSON - THE HALL OF FAITH

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [The Hall of Faith](#)

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**Faith is the assurance of things hoped for.** (Kids repeat!)

Faith is having confidence that the good and godly things we hope for will someday come true. That means when life is tough, we can have faith and trust that one day God will make everything new and better like He promises He will!

And when we know we are supposed to obey God... but we really want to do what we know is wrong, we can have faith that God knows what He is talking about!

When we look at the world and see the brokenness and hurting people, we can have faith that God is in control and one day He will make everything good again.

What do you hope for? What is broken that you want to see God fix?

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**All the faithful people in Hebrews 11 hoped for a better world.** (Kids repeat!)

We saw in the video and we have learned lots of stories about people from the Bible who had faith. Do you remember any of those people and what they did? (*Help kids think of examples of people who had faith in God in hard circumstances either from the video or from past lessons*). That's right!

Those people had faith even when their world was broken. They trusted God was making and bringing a better city, a better country, a whole new world. God invites His people into His kingdom way of life, and someday He will bring His kingdom fully!

**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**Faith doesn't guarantee an easy life.** (Kids repeat!)

Some of the people from the video had faith in God, but it didn't make their lives any better here on Earth. When Able had faith and brought God the best he had in his offering, his brother got jealous and angry and killed him. When Noah obeyed God by building the ark, lots of people made fun of him. When Joseph had faith and

obeyed God by running away from sin, he ended up in prison. Abraham had faith that God would fulfill His promise to give him a nation's worth of descendants, God kept that promise years later, but Abraham didn't get to see it. All of the people we've talked about in the Old Testament had faith that God had a rescue plan for His people, but none of them ever got to see Jesus come and die to save them. BUT they had faith and trusted God anyway, and they got to be part of God's rescue mission for His people and His plan to make all things good again. They hoped for the best thing even though they never got to see it. And that best thing is..

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus is the best thing we can hope for by faith.** (kids repeat)

God's biggest promise was to rescue us from sin, and He did that by sending His Son to die on the cross to save us from our sin!

We can have faith in God's promises because we have seen Him make His promises come true in the past. All through the Old Testament, God promised to send a Messiah to rescue His people from sin and He did it in Jesus!

Remember earlier when you did the trust fall blindfolded? You could trust that I would catch you because I had caught you every time before! It's the same thing with God but even better. We can trust He will come through, because He has so many times before.



## RESPONSE

**Sing:** [Rejoice Be Glad](#) (Key Passage Song)  
[Psalm 40:5](#)

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you for giving us all of these examples of people who had faith in you! Help us to have faith even when it is difficult. Amen.

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What is faith? Is having faith easy for you?
- Who were some of the people mentioned in the hall of faith and who was one of your favorites?
- Why were these people in the hall of faith?
- What is the hardest part of having faith and trusting God for you?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
  - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com).*



## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#) of the heroes of faith.

**Parent Share** - When is a time when you had to have faith in God's promises?

**Mirror, Mirror** - Two people sit facing each other and hold their hands out in front of them with their palms facing the other - each player's hands should be close to the other person's but not touching. Take turns leading and following. The object is for the leader to move their hands and for the follower to imitate as exactly as possible.