

Faith is Obeying What God Says

Week 1:

The Big Point: Faith is Obeying What God Says!

God's Word: God Calls Abram to a new Land (Genesis 12:1-9, 13:1-18)

Memory Verse: Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.
(Hebrews 11:1)

Application: I choose faith and obey what God says everyday!

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Series Aim: To help kids understand that having faith is an everyday decision to believe God, based on knowing God.

Creative Video:  Abraham and Lot (Genesis 12-13)

Huddle Guide #1

Duration: 20 mins

Before Sunday:

- *Pray* and prepare yourself by reading through this Huddle Guide and the Word Study of the week found on the [HopeKids Service Plan Blogspot](#).
- All Huddle Leaders (or Huddle Hosts) are to prepare your own “script” and things to say. Feel free to inject your own questions or discussion points whenever necessary to suit the needs of your children.

Note: Huddle guides will be written to cater to a huddle group context only. No huddle slides will be provided.

Before Service on Sunday Morning:

- The following materials will be provided for you:
 - World Map Printout
- Prepare all the items that are needed for Huddle Time. For this week:
 - Writing materials/ Stationary
 - HopeKids Journal
 - Bibles

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During Huddle Time:

- Have the children sit in a circle, keeping it to 12 children per group.
- Welcome and ease the children into Huddle Time by:
 - Introducing yourself and the kids to one another
 - Air high-fives, fist bumps
 - Playing small ice breaker games
- Remind the kids that the BEST rules still applies during Huddle Time

Activity 1: Discussion on Faith

Materials needed:

- World Map Printout
- Physical Bibles



Alright HopeKids. **Show world map printout.** Let's go one round to share, where is one country you would like to go to or stay in and why? If you know where it is on the world map, you can point it out to the rest of us, okay?

**Allow kids to share, as they share, make comments and conversations with them.*

Ooh, those are some really cool countries you mentioned. Let me ask you another question. If you were to go to any of these countries, will you be able to know your way around already? Will you know how to take the bus/train? Or do you think you will need a map or directory of that country and city?

**Allow kids to answer*

You will probably need a map right? Because you wouldn't really know the roads and know your way around like how you know your way around Singapore. Even within Singapore, we sometimes need to refer to Google Maps or other maps.

	How do you think you will feel about going to a whole new country without knowing where to go, and without a map?
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**Allow kids to share*

Probably not the easiest, huh? And maybe a little anxious because we won't know where we are, we won't know where to go and how to go. But that was actually exactly how things were for Abraham, who first went by the name Abram. You have heard the story today. How do you think you will respond if you were Abram?

**Allow kids to share*

Abram responded with faith, and this faith is possible because he believed and trusted in God. He knew that God is good, and God has good plans and that is why, when God called him, Abram was able to obey God's word and God's call. He knew that God would lead him and show him the way. Abram knew God because he had everyday faith in Him. Do you think Abram only started believing God at that moment when God called him?

**Allow kids to answer*

No, Abram had already believed in God before that. It is precisely because Abram knew and already had everyday belief and faith in God... that's why Abram could easily believe in God and obey Him. And from Abram's obedience, we see how God is indeed who we can believe and trust. We can have faith in God. Abram might not be able to see God, and he did not go where he was going... but Abram knew God was leading him to new places that are good. And we also know from the Bible that God did not just challenge Abram to leave, but also gave Abram a promise. Let's look at Genesis 12:1-3 together. Would someone like to read it for the rest of us?

**Get kids to flip the Bible and have one volunteer read Genesis 12: 1-3*

God gave Abram the promise that God will make Abram and his family into a great nation. And we know that countries are not just the people but also places. So Abram knew that if God were to make him a great nation, God would also give him a good place or a good land.

Abram might not have been able to see God or know where he was going, but he believed God, trusted God, and was able to obey God. Abram obeyed God and really did leave behind his hometown and his extended family to go to the place where God will show him!

Now, let's bring it back to our own life... perhaps as of now, if God called you to go to a new place.. Some of you might be able to trust God like Abram did. But some of you might not be able to believe and trust God as Abram did. We are all on different parts of our journey of believing in God.

But I want you to know that Abram had the everyday faith to obey God and trust God because Abram already knew God as his friend, and as his God. To grow in our faith, belief and trust in God, we need to know Him more and more like how we know a close and trusted friend or a trusted family member. **Teachers can insert your own testimony/experience about how you trusted God and chose to have faith in him or how your faith in God has grown through the years.*

Closing of Huddle Time:

- HopeKids, we can have the everyday faith to obey God, only when we already know God and trust in him like how we know a friend or trusted family member. Keep growing in how much you know him and as you do, you will learn to have more and more everyday faith in Him. It's all about the choice to believe in God more and more, even when you don't see. And even when it is hard or does not make sense. Let's now pray together.
- **Lead the kids to pray together! - feel free to get kids to share their experiences and to pray for the kids in their specific experiences or struggles!*
- Remind them again that their faith in God will grow as they learn to know God more. We can have everyday faith as we know Him more. We can have the everyday faith to obey God! **Faith is obeying what God says!**

Activity 2: Memory Verse

Objective: To hide God's Word in the children's hearts

Materials needed:

- Writing Materials
- HopeKids Journal

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

This memory verse is the starting point of this whole series on faith, helping us to know that faith is simply to believe in God, in what God says and what He promised. When we hope for things in God, we can be sure of it despite not seeing it yet in the physical world. Having faith does not mean not having doubts but choosing to believe in God and what He says everyday - it is an everyday decision to believe in God again. Since faith is a belief and being sure in who God is, we can rest assured and take action - obeying in what God says. **Faith is Obeying what God Says.**

NOTE: Huddle leaders to think of creative ways to engage and motivate the children to hide the Word in their hearts, for example:

- Splitting the huddle group into 2 (by gender, by age, or randomly etc) and getting them to compete in memorising the memory verse
- Unscrambling the memory verse into pieces of paper, and asking them to piece together
- Play 'fill in the blank' kind of concept

Announcements



Come back next week to continue learning about having everyday faith!!