

Lesson #20

Hebrews 11:1-7, Genesis 5:28-9:17

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Tell me what you think of when you hear the name “Noah” from the Bible. (*“Animals,” “ark,” “flood,” “rainbow,” “dove,” “olive branch” ... Give the kids a chance to share their answers.*) In the book of Hebrews Noah is listed among the Heroes of the Faith. Noah is a hero because he took God at His Word and obeyed Him. Did Noah understand what a flood was? Had he ever built an ark before? Nope! But Noah obeyed anyway. He had faith in God and trusted Him even when he didn’t fully understand. God told Noah exactly how He wanted him to build the great ark and why He wanted it built. Still, Noah had to decide whether or not he was going to trust God and do what He said to do. Noah made the wise choice to have faith and obey!

- **Noah had faith that God would supply what he needed** to build the ark. He needed the skill, the materials and the strength. God came through and supplied and Noah got busy and built the ark.
- **Noah had faith that God would keep his promise** and protect him and his whole family from the flood. God told Noah that He would save him, his wife, his three sons and their wives. Noah had faith and God came through.
- **Noah had faith that God would cause the animals to come to him**, two by two. (“Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark.” Gen. 7:15)

Genesis 6:22 says: “Noah did everything just as God commanded him.”

Can we obey God when He tells us to do something difficult or something we don’t want to do? Yes! Obeying God is always the best thing to do. He may not tell us to build an ark or do something extraordinary like Noah was told to do, but He does tell us to do things that are not easy. For example, God wants us to be kind to people—even to those who aren’t kind to us. We have a choice whether or not we are going to obey Him and treat others with kindness. Are we going to talk in a nice voice and say nice things? Are we going to share? Are we going to be helpful to someone even if they’re not helpful to us? When we make the choice to obey and be nice we please God.

What is God asking YOU to trust Him for? Is it hard to trust and have faith in God when you’re scared, for example? Did you know that when you feel scared God is right there with you? He never leaves you alone even for a second. He wants you to trust Him in those times when you feel scared. You can be honest with Him and say, “Lord, I feel afraid right now!” And then ask Him to help you. He WANTS you to ask Him—and then have faith that He will take care of you. He wants you to place your faith and complete trust in Him.

Let’s pray and ask God to help us with these things. “Father God, Your Word says that without faith it is impossible to please You. We want to please you like Noah did. Help us to grow every day in our faith so we will obey You in all that you ask of us. Amen.”

Grow at Home #20
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Today the children learned these God facts:

- God wants us to obey Him.
- God wants us to have faith in Him, trusting Him in all things.

Live it Out:

Our lesson highlighted the life of Noah. In Hebrews, he is listed among the Heroes of the Faith. God told Noah to do something that he didn't quite understand. Yet, Noah obeyed God and got to work building the ark. He obeyed because he trusted God. He had faith that God would help him complete the task and that He would keep his word and protect him and his family from the flood.

To illustrate faith, stand behind your child and tell him to fall back into your arms. This will probably make him a little nervous at first! Tell him that you promise to catch him and not let him hit the ground. Ask your child, "Do you trust me?" Remind him that you love him and you will catch him. After having him fall and catching him several times thank him for doing what you told him to do and for trusting you. Tell him that he can also trust God with whatever God tells him to do. Then make a verbal list of some things God tells us to do, for example: share what we have with others and tell others about Him. Remind him that we can all be a hero of the faith when we obey God and trust Him in all things.

Prayer: "Father, Your Word says that without faith it is impossible to please You. We want to please you like Noah did. Help us to grow every day in our faith so we will obey You in all that you ask of us. Amen."

Bible Verse: "Noah did everything just as God commanded him." Genesis 6:22