A chalk drawing on a blackboard background featuring several flowers. There is a pink flower on the left, a red flower in the center, and a yellow flower on the right. All flowers have green stems and leaves. The drawing is done in a simple, childlike style.

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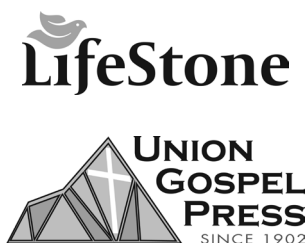
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Dear Beginner Teacher,

Welcome to *Beginner Bible Teacher*! As witnesses for Christ in a changing world, we have to think creatively about how we minister, while still holding firmly to the Word of Truth.

Our Plus Series contains robust Bible lessons and background information that have been clearly crafted to help you excite your students to learn God's Word.

Beginner Bible Teacher features:

- **Introductory pages** for each unit will connect the units to one another and point toward the quarter's major themes.
- The **Big Idea** is the main point of the lesson. This helps you focus your lesson on the one thing you want your students to take away about God and His Word.
- **Prepare Your Mind** and **Prepare Your Heart** will ready you to teach with background information and a short devotional.
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KEY:

Teacher Tips



Just Curious



Prop Prompts



Actions



LEARN FROM GOOD EXAMPLES

Lesson Text: Hebrews 11:1-2, 4-13

"Without faith it is impossible to please [God]" (Hebrews 11:6).

BIG IDEA: Good people in the Bible show us how to trust God.



- Abel showed faith in God with his gift, and God accepted it.
- Enoch obeyed God in everything, and God took him to heaven.
- Noah showed faith in God by obeying to build the huge boat God asked him to build.

MEMORY HELPER



Trusting that a flashlight with new batteries will work does not take a lot of faith. Trusting God takes great faith. The Bible gives us examples of people with great faith.



CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus is the perfect example of how to trust God for everything.



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Here's a peek at features of the *Beginner Bible Learner*®:

• A **lesson recap** summarizes the lesson in language beginners can easily understand.

• The **Memory Helper** reminds students of something interesting in the Bible lesson that will help them remember the Big Idea.



• The **coloring page** is bigger than ever to make it easier for little hands to color.

• **Talk About It** connects with Next Steps and cues parents or caregivers in on how they can help their children apply the lesson throughout the week.

• Each page is perforated, so it is easy to rip out and take home!

TALK ABOUT IT

Help your child make a reminder card of how to strengthen his or her faith by obeying a command in the Bible.

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Lesson 4: Galatians 2:15—3:5

Hang On to the Truth About Jesus

God cares about our thinking, feeling, and doing. In this first unit, we look at biblical thinking. Simply listing rules or abstract ideas would not engage students' imaginations or be memorable. Thankfully, God provides us with good examples to imitate and bad examples to learn from. The biblical accounts are memorable and helpful. God urges us to seek His wisdom and to cling to the good news that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ, not through our works. There are many things your students do not yet understand, but make sure they understand the gospel!





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Big Idea: Good people in the Bible show us how to trust God.

HEBREWS 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a

place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Prepare Your Mind

Hebrews teaches that salvation is by grace through faith in Christ, not by the laws and rituals of Jewish custom. It presents Christ as superior to previous revelations and encourages believers to persevere in this better, grace-based relationship with God by faith in Him. Faith in Christ sustains believers in trials. Hebrews lists Old Testament heroes whose faith testifies of their trustworthy God.



Supplies

- flashlight
- Bible
- three pictures: Abel giving his gift, Enoch being taken up, Noah's ark
- white paper lunch bags
- crayons or markers
- stick-on googly eyes
- self-stick address labels

Prepare Your Heart

The faith heroes did not hold tightly to the things of the world but looked to a future home and relied on God to fulfill His promises. They accepted God's truth, even when they could not understand, and they acted with obedience. As believers, we must invest time, resources, and effort into living a God-pleasing life of faith. As we focus on God and His kingdom, we will see the things of the world as temporary. The things of God are eternal (2 Cor. 4:18). When God takes believers out of this "foreign" land, He calls them to an everlasting home, one He has prepared simply because they have placed their hope in Him.



Suggested Song ⌚ 5 min

"I'm Trusting You" (Lifetree Kids)



Glossary

faith: believing and trusting in something or someone

impossible: a word that describes something that cannot happen without God's special power



Conversation Starter

Who knows how a flashlight works? (👉 Show **flashlight**.)
How do you know it will work when I turn it on?
You could say that you trust that the flashlight will work.

Bible Lesson ⌚ 10-15 min

Today's Bible lesson is about trust. I can trust that this flashlight will work because I know the batteries have power. The Bible has a word for a special kind of trust: **Faith**. We put our trust or faith in a lot of things and people. You can have faith in your parents, teachers, bus drivers, and doctors. Those are people you can hear, touch, and see. The Bible teaches about a special faith that you can have even when you can't see, hear, or touch. Today you will learn about good people who show us how to have this special faith in God.

(👉 Show Hebrews in the **Bible**.) The book of Hebrews was written to people who were being treated badly because of their faith in God. They needed to hear about others who had faith in God even in difficult times. Four men who had faith were Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham.

Abel had great faith. He wanted to please God. One way people of the Old Testament worshipped God was to bring gifts to Him. What gift could you give God? Abel wanted to please God with his gift, so he brought the very best lamb from his flock. (👉 Show **picture of Abel giving his gift**.) His brother, Cain, was a farmer, so Cain brought some crops to God. But the Bible says we cannot please God without faith. Cain's gift did not show that he wanted to please God. God accepted Abel's gift, but not Cain's. People of faith want to please God.

Enoch was a man who lived long ago. Enoch obeyed God in everything. God was very pleased with Enoch for the great faith he had in Him. One day, Enoch just disappeared!

(👉 Show **picture of Enoch being taken up**.) God wanted Enoch to be with Him, so God took Enoch to heaven.

God asked Noah to build a huge boat. God was about to destroy the earth with a flood. Noah believed God, and he obeyed. (👉 Show **picture of Noah's ark**.) People of faith believe and obey God even when they do not understand God's plan.

Abraham was a friend of God. God told Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation. Even though Abraham had no children, he had great faith in God. People of faith trust that nothing is impossible for God.



Activity: A-Mazing Trust ⌚ 5-10 min

Remind students that the heroes of faith trusted God even when they could not see God's plan. Pair students by height. Partner one should stand behind partner two, placing both hands on partner two's shoulders. Partner two should keep his or her eyes closed. Partner one should guide partner two through the maze of chairs. Discuss trusting without seeing. Review the four examples from the lesson.

PREP: Set up chairs to form a simple maze.

Story Time ⌚ 5 min

Amelia and Aunt Sarah loved spending Saturday mornings hiking trails near their home. One morning, some of the trail was covered in heavy fog. As the two hikers reached the highest point, Hank, Amelia's Jack Russell terrier, dashed ahead.

"Hank! Come back!" Amelia called out. They could hear Hank's happy barking moving farther and farther away. Amelia turned to Aunt Sarah. "Now what? We can't see a thing, and we can't turn around and leave Hank!"

"Everything will be fine. Hank knows the way. Let's listen carefully for Hank's bark. Come on!"

Amelia and Aunt Sarah could hear Hank faintly, so they moved toward the direction of his bark. As they got closer to Hank, it became clearer.

At the trail's end, all three hikers enjoyed resting on one of the park benches.

"Aunt Sarah," Amelia said, "we listened for Hank, and he showed us the way. That reminds me of how Abraham listened to God and obeyed His words. Abraham trusted and obeyed God even though he couldn't see God's plan. The more Abraham pleased God, the closer he became to God, and the easier it was for him to trust God. He didn't have to see God's plan because he trusted that God's plan was good."

Aunt Sarah smiled. "Amelia, that is a great connection to understanding how people of great faith lived."

Amelia smiled. "The next time something bothers me, I will remember this day and know I can trust God."



Handcraft: Hero of Faith Puppet ⌚ 10 min

Help children as needed.

Instructions:

1. **Color** a strip across **bag** flap to represent a mask. Stick **googly eyes** onto the mask.
2. **Draw** nose and mouth below the mask.
3. Decorate the puppet with **crayons or markers**.
4. Print a large "F" as a symbol on puppet's body and place faith labels around it.

SUPPLIES:

- self-stick address labels
- crayons or markers
- white paper lunch bags
- stick-on googly eyes

PREP: Create four **address labels** per child: "Abel pleased God," "Enoch was close to God," "Noah obeyed God," and "Abraham trusted God."

Review Questions

1. Why did God accept Abel's gift, but not Cain's? (Abel showed faith.)
2. Why did God take Enoch to heaven? (Enoch obeyed God in everything.)
3. How did Noah show that he had faith in God? (He obeyed God by building a huge boat.)

Next Steps

The faith heroes of the Bible believed and trusted God. Their strong faith caused them to obey God because they wanted to please Him. This week, strengthen your faith in God. With a grown-up's help, make a card to remind you of one way you can obey God's Word, the Bible.

Christ Focus

Jesus is the perfect example of how to trust God for everything.

Prayer Points

- Thank God that you can trust Him even in difficult situations. •
- Ask God to strengthen your faith so that you can please Him. •