

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

APRIL 18 2021

In Sunday School Today: The Hall of Faith (Hebrews 11)

Memory Verse: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" 1 Chronicles 16:31

Dear Parents,

It is common to think of faith as something that is just within us—trust and confidence in God. While that is surely part of it, faith doesn't stop there. Faith starts inside of us and always leads to action.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews wanted to explain the fullness of faith to the early Jewish Christians. One of the best ways he could do this was to walk through examples of how men and women in the Old Testament had proven to be faithful. The result is Hebrews 11, often known as the Hall of Faith.

Abel had faith when he gave an offering to God, and God accepted his offering. Noah had faith. He believed God when God told him to build an ark to rescue his family.

Abraham had faith when God called him to leave his home. Abraham's wife Sarah had faith when she trusted God to give her a family even though she was too old to have children. Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses had faith too. Rahab had faith when she hid the Israelite spies in Jericho.

All of these people trusted God, and so did many others. Having faith was not easy. Many suffered, and they died before God's greatest promise—the arrival of Jesus—came true, but they believed that God had a wonderful plan. God was pleased with them because they trusted Him.

This week, share the examples of these heroes of faith to help your kids understand faith in action. We can and should learn from these examples; that is why God gave them to us in Hebrews 11. However, emphasize that every person in this list was a sinner in need of salvation. **Each of these heroes needed a greater hero. Point your kids to Jesus, the perfect hero who rescues us from sin.**

Family Discussion Questions:

- Who do you know that has strong faith?
- What is the end goal of God's promises to us?

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Gretna Glen Summer Camp

Registration is Open!

Summer Camp Brochure is out and registration is open! Please know that COGS will contribute \$50 towards any member/regular attendee Day Camp fee and \$100 towards any Overnight Camp. GG summer camp booklets are on the KidMin Table. Please take one!



One contribution/child/summer.



Spring Clean Up at COGS Coming Soon

May 8-May 29th

Is your family looking for a way to serve? A sign up genius is out with many little jobs around the church grounds that need completed. If you and your family would love to serve, please sign up for one of the "clean up" jobs. All of the jobs must be completed by May 29th, so you have some time to complete them as it works for you! It will be a great way to serve all while sprucing up our grounds!

Pastor Al's retirement

As you know, Pastor Al will be retiring at the end of June. How has his time at Church of the Good Shepherd impacted you and your faith? Put it in writing: it can be a letter, a poem a few pictures but **please use only ONE 8-1/2 x 11" page**. We will then compile those pages into a book to give him at his retirement. Please email Abbie Burton your finished product or mail to church making it to my attention. Must be submitted by May 30, 2021!

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SUMMER GAMES VBS 2021

Tuesday, July 6th—Friday, July 9th

6-8PM

Train, Compete, Reach the Goal

We are super excited about offering Summer Games VBS to our COGS Kids this summer! The planning has started and it's going to be a fun 4-nights.



We still need more people to help plan this event and to make this a safe but yet fun and memorable experience for our COGS Kids and community. We will even have an Olympian visit and share about her experience in the Olympics!

Registration is open via the Eventbrite link.

<https://cogssummervbs.eventbrite.com>

It will be a fun week with lots of games/competitions and some fun opening/closing ceremonies!

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