

The theme for this quarter is "Models of Faith." You have learned that faith is something you have, but this quarter you will learn that faith is also an action. You can live a faithful life and become a model of faith yourself. How? That's what you will learn this quarter. To start, read the following Scripture passages and match them to the correct references. They will help you start learning how to live out your faith.

1. Romans 12:2

- 2. Proverbs 16:20
- 3. Psalm 1:1-2
- 4. Matthew 6:19-21
- 5. Colossians 2:6-8

- A. Pay attention to God's Word. Trust God for blessings.
- B. Do not depend on the world's treasures. Seek out heavenly treasures.
- C. Don't conform to the world's ideas. Be transformed by a renewed mind.
- D. Do not receive counsel from wicked people. Meditate on God's Word.
- E. Do not be deceived by ideas of the world. Be firmly rooted in your faith.



HIGH FIVE

Some people build model toys. Some build miniature airplanes, houses, or army tanks. Regardless of the item under construction, in order to be successful, you have to follow instructions on how to properly build the model.

The same is true with faith. In order to build your faith, you have to follow clear instructions. You can find those instructions in the Bible. This quarter, keep a record of how often you read your Bible and give yourself a HIGH FIVE each time you follow the instructions given there. On the lines below, write some of the instructions that you've read and followed.





My Special Relationship

What's It All About?

Bryant fumbled to find the alarm clock's off button. Here it was—the first day of school. Bryant was entering the sixth grade. He was moving from the elementary building to the middle school. He was a little nervous, but he knew he would be fine. He rolled out of bed and dropped to his knees.

"Dear Lord," Bryant began, "thank You for this day. Please bless me and all the kids starting school today. Help us do what is right in Your sight. Help us do our schoolwork to the best of our abilities and to follow

instructions. Protect us and keep us. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

After he prayed, Bryant felt better. He didn't know what the school day would hold, but he was at peace, knowing that he placed his trust in God.

How does Bryant demonstrate faith in this story? How important is it to have faith in Jesus? How can you enter into a relationship with Jesus? Do you need someone's help? Why or why not?



Learning From God

You have probably learned about faith before. You know that faith is belief in the Lord—in who He is and in His promises. You may even be strong in your faith. This quarter, you will put your faith into action. You'll start by learning how to persevere in faith.

Hebrews 10:19–31, NIV—Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having

our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. 26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

What I Have Learned

Find the following words from today's lesson in the word search.

ASSURANCE BLOOD COVENANT FAITH GOD									HEART JESUS PRIEST SACRIFICE WITNESSES					
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Keep In Mind

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23, NIV).

Choosing What's Best

Explain how Jesus' death allows you to confidently enter into the presence of God. How important is it to be in God's presence?

Doing My Part

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Your challenge is to tell others about Jesus. Don't be afraid or ashamed—speak with confidence. You'd be surprised how many people can benefit from learning about the Lord, and how your words can lead them in that direction. LESSON 2 • September 11: : : : : : : : : : Based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 6; Psalm 46:1-3, 8-11



I Know God Is With Us

What's It All About?

Rachel and Roger came home from school to find their mom engaged in a heated phone conversation. She abruptly ended the call when they walked in.

"How are my two blessings doing?" she asked as she kissed them both.

"Fine," Rachel replied. "What's going on? Was that Dad? Did he get the job?"

Mom shook her head. "No, he didn't get the job." She ushered the kids into the kitchen.

Roger, unaffected by what Mom had just said, fixed

himself a bowl of cereal. Rachel, however, knew more than she was supposed to. She had overheard her parents talking the night before about overdue mortgage payments and the strain to keep food on the table. "How are we gonna make it?" Rachel asked quietly.

"We're gonna make it just fine," Mom said.

Rachel didn't understand. "How can you be sure?"

"I'm sure because I have faith in God," Mom replied. "I'm sure that He's with us and will take care of us." Why do you think Rachel's mom was so sure, in spite of their circumstances? What assurance does God's presence bring you? Do you believe He can change a difficult situation for the better? Why or why not?



Learning From God

Because there are so many troubling events going on in the world, it is hard to remain positive. You can't be sure what's going to happen from one day to the next. There is one thing, however, that you can be sure of. You can be sure of God. He loves you. He is always with you and has promised to supply your needs.

Hebrews 11:1–3, 6, NIV—Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **2** This is what the ancients were commended for. **3** By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that

he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Psalm 46:1–3, 8–11, NIV—God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. **2** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, **3** though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. **8** Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. **9** He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. **10** He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." **11** The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

What I Have Learned

Review the lesson's Scripture passage to complete the following phrases.

1. Faith is (Hebrews 11:1):

Keep In Mind

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1, NIV).

Choosing What's Best

Do you feel confident of God's presence in your life? When you're faced with a challenge or a crisis, how do you respond—in faith or in fear? Explain why.

2. Through faith (v. 3):

3. Without faith (v. 6):

4. God is (Psalm 46:1):

5. [God] maketh (v. 9):

6. The Lord is (v. 11):

Doing My Part

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Your challenge is to practice relying on God for positive change. You can start by praying to God each morning and telling Him that you trust and depend on Him to be your ever-present help.