



Don't Just Stand There - Do Something!

By Deborah Wassenberg

Introduction:

This lesson helps children understand that real faith takes action. We don't just say we believe in God – we show it by obeying Him, loving others and doing what He asks! (You can easily shorten the lesson by choosing specific Heroes of the Faith.)

Warmup Activity: The Statue Game

Activity:

Ask the kids to stand like statues.
Tell them: "When I say GO, do something that shows faith."
But when you say "GO," most kids won't know what to do.

Say:

"See? If we don't know what God wants, we stand still.
But when we *hear* God and *trust* God, we move!"

This sets up the whole lesson.

Bible Story: The Hall of Faith

Bible References: Hebrews 11:1-2

Visuals You Will Need:

1. Child sitting on a chair in Church
2. The word FAITH and the definition
3. Paintings in a castle
4. Ornatly framed pictures of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Rahab
5. Ornatly framed pictures of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel
6. Ornatly framed pictures of the Israelites: Red Sea Crossing, Jericho
7. Ornatly framed picture of Prophets
8. Sleeping child and an active child

Words:

1. Faith isn't just something you think or feel.
Faith is something you do based on trusting God.
God's heroes didn't just stand around – they acted on what God said.
2. What is faith?
The Bible explains it like this:
'Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see.'
3. If you've ever visited a castle, a manor house, or a grand old stately home, you'll know that the hallways are often lined with huge portraits.
The people in those paintings are dressed in royal robes or important uniforms.
They're remembered because of the great things they did, and their portraits hang on the walls so no one forgets them.
Hebrews 11 is just like that—a hallway filled with God's heroes.
But instead of paintings, we have their stories.
They are remembered not for fancy clothes, but because they **trusted God and did something about it**.
Their faith earned them a good reputation and God's approval.
4. Here are the people listed in the Hall of Faith:
Abel: Able offered a better sacrifice than his brother Cain, and Cain killed him because of it.
What did Abel **do**? How did he trust God? (*Discuss*)
Enoch: Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying because he pleased God.
What did Enoch **do**? How did he trust God? (*Discuss*)
Noah: Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood when no one had even seen or knew what rain was.
What did Noah **do**? How did he trust God? (*Discuss*)
Abraham: Abraham obeyed God's call to leave his homeland and go to a place he knew nothing about. It was his God-promised inheritance and he was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac because he believe God would raise him from the dead.
What did Abraham **do**? How did he trust God? (*Discuss*)
Sarah: received the ability to have a baby at age 90.
What did Sarah **do**? How did she trust God? (*Discuss*)
Isaac: blessed Jacob and Esau concerning their future.
What did Isaac **do**? How did he trust God? (*Discuss*)
Jacob: blessed each of Joseph's sons.
What did Jacob **do**? How did he trust God? (*Discuss*)
Joseph: spoke about the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and told them to take his bones with them when they left.
What did Joseph **do**? How did he trust God? (*Discuss*)

Moses: Moses's Mum and Dad get a mention because they weren't afraid to disobey Pharaoh's orders. What did Moses' Mum and Dad **do**? How did they trust God? (*Discuss*)

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and kept the Passover.

What did Moses **do**? How did he trust God? (*Discuss*)

Rahab: a gentile woman who heard and believed everything she'd heard about the Israelite's God.

What did Rahab **do**? How did she trust God? (*Discuss*)

5. In the Bible's Hall of Faith, it says there's not enough time to tell about every hero.

It like not having enough wall space in the castle to hang up the pictures of every hero for the visitors to look up at!

The Bible mentions:

Gideon: What did he **do**? He led a small army to victory against the Midianites.

Barak: What did he **do**? With the prophetess Deborah, he defeated the Canaanite army.

Samson: What did he **do**? With incredible strength, delivered the Israelites from the Philistines.

Jephthah: What did he **do**? Despite his difficult past, led Israel to victory over the Ammonites.

David: What did he **do**? He was a shepherd boy who defeated Goliath, and became king.

Samuel: What did he **do**? He was the last judge and a prophet, who anointed the first two kings of Israel and was dedicated to God's service from a young age.

6. The Israelites are also mentioned.

What did they **do**?

They crossed they crossed the Red Sea on dry land.

They circled the walls of Jericho for seven days before it fell down.

They were obedient and followed God's plans.

7. People of faith trust God no matter what.

Sometimes they were victorious, and escaped death.

Sometimes they were persecuted or even put to death.

But despite enormous challenges they endured everything with steadfast faith.

8. Their faith wasn't dead faith.

Even demons believe in God! (*James 2:18-19*)

It was living faith.

Living faith listens to God and agrees with Him.

(You hear God when you read your Bible.)

Living faith gets you working.

Living faith means you will do things that please God and you'll love others.

So don't just stand there, listen to God, and do something!

Ministry to the Children:

Before you can do anything for God, you need faith in Jesus to come first. All the heroes in the Hall of Faith didn't start by doing big things. They started by believing in God. You can't work for God until you belong to Him. You can't follow Jesus until you've asked Him to be your Saviour. Jesus is the One who gives you living faith. But living faith starts with one step. If that's you, Jesus is inviting you to take your first step of faith. Not building an ark. Not crossing a sea. Not fighting a giant. Just trusting Jesus, believing in Him, and asking Him to save you.

Pray:

"Jesus,
Thank You that You love me.
I know I have sinned.
Please forgive me.
I believe You died for me and rose again.
I put my faith in You today.
Give me living faith that follows You.
Amen."

If you prayed that prayer, you've taken the most important step of your whole life. Now you belong to Jesus. Now God is your Father. Now your faith is alive—and He will help you do everything He asks.

Memory Verse: James 2:17

Faith without works is dead.

Words:

Faith

Without

Works

Is dead

James

2:17

Actions:

point both hand up to the sky

cross arms in an X

pretend to hammer/sweep/cook

flop forward and pretend to 'power off'

use sign language to spell out the name

use sign language to spell out the numbers



Auslan is the Australian version of sign language. Check the internet for your country's version.

Games:

Stuck in the Mud: Tagger freeze players. Players are freed when another player crawls under their legs to release them.

Freeze Tag: Tagger freezes players. Teammates unfreeze with a tap or special action or words like, 'Jesus sets you free!'

Noah's Animal Freeze Tag: children are put into teams and act and sound as a certain animal. A monkey tags and freezes them, and Noah must set them free!

Craft: Photo Frames

There are many kinds of frames children can make. You'll find examples on the internet.

- Paddle pop stick frames: coloured and decorated
- Cardboard frames: decoupage with tissue paper or decorate with collage