

# LESSON 10:

## FAITH



### AIM

To introduce the subject of faith. To explain what faith is and that as Christians we can totally put our faith in God because he will never let us down.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Actual Reality CD
- Computer
- LCD Projector (depending on size of the group)
- Lots of cardboard, sticky tape, scissors, glue, paper, to make models with.
- Pieces of rolled cardboard or relay batons.
- Bibles
- A prize that can be shared out – ie box of chocolates

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[Click on the left hand Box with an 'A' on it, then click on all the red words as an introduction to this topic. Explain afterwards that we are looking at the whole subject of faith and what it means to us today.]

### BIBLE:

Read Hebrews 11:1-39 [This is a long passage, divide it between the group]

### ACTIVITY:

**FANCY DRESS, RELAY RACE:** [Expected length of time 35-45 minutes.]

[Explain to the group that if everyone really enters into the game then this will be a lot of fun. Place all of the cardboard, paper, glue and other materials into the centre of the room. Each person in the group is going to be a person from the passage either:]

Abel	(Had Animals)
Enoch	(Very Old man)
Noah	(Had an Ark)
Abraham	(Was given a sheep for the sacrifice)
Isaac	(Had two sons)
Jacob	(Stole his brother's blessing)
Moses	(Found in the bull rushes)
Israelites	(Were slaves, fled through the Red Sea)
Rahab	(Helped God's people, was a prostitute)
Gideon	(Was a bit of a wimp, God saw him as a mighty warrior)
Samson	(Very Strong man)
Samuel	(Was a prophet)
David	(Killed Goliath, was a king)

After selecting a group member they have 30-35 minutes to make themselves into that person. The more elaborate the costumes the better. Give them the hints about the people to help the group decide how to create themselves into characters. Award a prize for the best costume.

[While they are doing that arrange an obstacle course around the room, using chairs, tables etc make it wide enough that two or three people can race around it at once.]

Divide the group into two or three teams depending on numbers. Explain that in their teams they are going to have a relay race around the course.

As the last person in each team, crosses the finishing line they have to pass the baton to you.

### EXPLANATION:

Explain that faith is like a relay baton, that the people we read about in the Bible have run their leg of the race and have shown us how to do it, now they are passing on the baton of faith to us to live for God in this difficult world.

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[Click on and read through the rams head at the top which talks about Abraham.]

Then click on the Ark at the top, which talks about Noah and read that through.

Finally click on the computer next to the Bible and have a discussion based around these questions.

### DISCUSS:

If someone were to 'dig up' evidence from your life would they see that you were a person of faith?

Does your life show that you trust in God for things you cannot see?

Are you sure of what you hope for?

Abraham and Noah lived their lives with conviction. In what ways has God personally asked you to show your faith in him?

[Have examples from your own life to stimulate the discussion if things are going a bit slowly]

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[Click the Bible section next to the ark and read the Bible verses together. Then lead a discussion using these questions.]

Who feels that their faith is small?

Who wants God to increase their faith?

According to these verses how do we go about achieving greater faith?

### RESPONSE:

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is being sure and certain. What things is God asking you to put your faith in him for right now? Give opportunity for people to be prayed for about these things. Also if you think it's appropriate give opportunity for people to put their faith in God for the very first time.

### CONCLUSION:

**We can have 100% faith in God he will never let us down. The people in the Bible have shown us how to do it. Now it is our time to pick up the baton of faith and to do the things we can't yet see that God is calling us to do.**