

**MAIN POINT:**

God's Story Assures Us

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"I have told you these things so that you can have peace because of me. In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." John 16:33*

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

In the book of Hebrews, we discover a "Hall of Faith." This is a list of people in the Old Testament, who lived their lives with great faith. God uses their stories of faith to assure us in our faith, as we learn to trust Him.

**WATCH IT**

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

**DO IT → FAITH PORTRAIT**

**Supplies:**

- Portrait Frame template (1 per child)
- Pencil crayons or markers
- Pencils

**Activity Instructions:**

- Print out the template.
- Have children think of someone that has a faith that they admire. This could be a grandparent, parent, a leader, a pastor, or another faith-filled adult in their life.
- Have them name their drawing after that person in the "title" section of the gallery label. Add the attributes of that person in the blanks provided.
- Then have them draw and colour a portrait of that person. While they are making their masterpieces, discuss the following.

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## TALK ABOUT IT

- 1. What qualities tell you that a person is full of faith?** (They pray for you, they often have a Bible verse to share and encourage you with, they tell stories of God's faithfulness, you see them reading their Bible a lot, they have a close relationship with Jesus, they serve others.)
- 2. We show that our faith is more than just words, when our actions match our words. Noah didn't just believe God, he built the boat. Abraham didn't just believe God, he moved to another country. When we live out our faith with actions, we assure others of God's faithfulness. Have you experienced assurance from someone's faith in action?** (When someone you love had cancer, they trusted God for healing. When a parent faced job loss they asked God to provide for their needs. When God told your teacher to share a meal with a stranger, she did, and witnessed God assuring someone's faith in God's ability to provide. When God called your uncle to go to Bible college, he went, and now he's a pastor at a church.)
- 3. The Bible celebrates the faithfulness in action of many people in Hebrews 11. Some of these stories we are familiar with, and some of them might be new. God's story is filled with stories of faith to assure us. Who is someone of faith that's in the Bible that you want to celebrate?** (Paul sharing the gospel with everyone he met, even those who arrested him. David believing God would make him king, like God promised, even though he had to wait a really long time. Hannah trusting God to give her a child, and then giving him to God so that he would grow up to serve Him. Rahab rescuing her family by believing the spies, and placing the red cord in her window.)

## FAMILY PRAYER:

**Dear God, Thank You for giving us the stories of those who lived their lives for You. Thank You for assuring us that You are always with us. Thank You that we can have faith in You because we can always trust You. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## OFFERING:

Our Children's Ministries offering from April to June will be going to The Well Cafe, a ministry of Centre Street Church. The Well Café is a place for people to connect in community as they share a free, hot meal together.

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Title \_\_\_\_\_

Faith Attributes of subject \_\_\_\_\_

They assure my faith by \_\_\_\_\_