



Family Time

Main Idea: Steps of Faith



Key Verse: Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.

Talk: Gephyrophobia is the term for the fear of driving over bridges. A person who suffers from this condition is afraid to cross a bridge, especially a bridge over water. He doesn't have faith that the bridge will hold him up. Millions of people place their faith in bridges every day and drive over them. But some people don't have faith and fall into fear, thinking the bridge is going to collapse with them on it.



Read: Hebrews 11:1-4



Talk: Faith means believing in something you cannot see or touch. The writer of Hebrews gave the example of God creating the world out of nothing just by speaking. We can read the Bible story of God creating the world out of nothing, but no one saw God do it. The only way to believe it is by faith. From the very first verse of Scripture, we are called to believe in things that we cannot see.

We also believe by faith that God is real. We can't see God or touch Him. We can read about God in the Bible, but because we can't see Him, we must have faith to believe that He is real. But believing in God is only the first step of faith. God wants us to place our faith in him to save us from our sins. To place our faith in Jesus is to trust Him with our lives by believing in God's plan of salvation. That is the only way we can be saved and the only way we can please God. Hebrews 11 is filled with people whom God commended for their faith.

Ask:

- What is faith? (Faith means believing and trusting in things that cannot be seen.)
- What example did the writer of Hebrews give of something that takes faith to believe? (The writer of Hebrews used the example of God creating the world out of nothing, simply by speaking.)
- Can you think of things you need to have faith in to believe?
- What does it mean to have faith in God and trust Him? (Having faith in God means you believe that He is real even though you cannot see Him. You believe in Jesus even though you were not born until long after He walked the earth.)



Pray:

Dear God, give us faith to believe in you and to not have doubt.