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Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see. Tough thing to do, huh? It goes against the old expression, "Seeing is believing." But God asks us to have faith in Him, and He rewards that faith.

Read Hebrews 11:1. We wrote our own definition for faith. Now you write your own.

ASK God to increase your faith in Him.

Read Genesis 1:1-2. (Challenge: read all of Genesis 1.)

We weren't here first, you know. That's right. God created everything: night and day, land and sea, vegetable and fruit, bird, fish, and land-loving animal. And then He made us humans ... in His image ... to benefit from it. God loves His people so much that He once told a group of them that He had written their names on the palms of His hands. (See Isaiah 49:16.) Our hands, our hearts, our whole bodies are living testimonies to the fact that God exists. Think about that for a bit!

Now, return the favor and write God's name on your hands. Get some washable markers.

—○ On one hand write, "I am" and on the other write, "God's."

OR

—○ Write, "I belong" on one hand and "to the Lord" on the other.

THANK God for showing you He is real.

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Read Psalm 19:1-4, and then go outside. Look at the sky. Look at the sun. (Not directly—ouch!) Close your eyes and feel the heat. Stand there and think for a few minutes about what the God who created this amazing place must be like. What kind of being could make a world like the one we live in?

Write some descriptive words about God here:



PRAY (with your eyes open) about being faithful to the one who made all that you see.

Read Romans 1:20.

God's creation tells us about Him. Created things are one way He shows us He is real. And because these real things are so beautifully designed (think what would happen if the stars weren't securely up in the sky or if you didn't have any skin on), we know we can trust Him to make something good and beautiful in our lives, too!

Go outside and find one of each of these kinds of things:

- Soft
- Hard
- Fuzzy
- Rough
- Smelly
- Ugly
- Smooth
- Green
- Bumpy
- Prickly
- Brown
- Silky
- Moving
- Sticky

ASK God what He wants you to learn about Him from what you've found.

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What's the first birthday you remember? Can you remember anything about preschool or what you got for Christmas last year and who gave it to you? Remembering is fun; it can bring you joy. And remembering is good for you. It's good for families to remember things they did together. And since you're learning to be a part of God's family, you should remember things about Him, too.

Read Psalm 66:1-6.

- Talk to your parents about something they remember God doing in their lives.
- Record it as a faith story and take it to church on Sunday.

ASK God to show you a promise He has for your life.



2

Last week you learned the definition of faith. And then you wrote your own. Remember it? Remembering is so important. Even though Abraham had a lot of faith in God, he still messed up sometimes, usually because he forgot that God keeps His promises.

Read these promises from God and memorize at least three of them:

- Deuteronomy 31:6**
- Isaiah 30:21**
- Isaiah 40:29**
- Jeremiah 29:11**
- Matthew 28:20**
- John 10:27-28**
- John 16:33**
- 1 John 1:9**

TELL God how grateful you are that He speaks, listens, and keeps His promises.

3

Read Genesis 12:7.

When Abraham got to Canaan and he heard God's promise, he built an altar, a place where he could worship God and thank Him for what was to come. Did you catch that?

He was praising God for what God would do, not just what He had done. At that point God hadn't made His promise come true. But Abraham trusted that God would. (We know that God kept His promise; we can read about it in the Bible.)

How about making something to remember the promises you learned about yesterday? ○ Go outside and make an altar. ○ Stack some rocks or make something from sticks. ○ Go back to your altar daily and thank God for what He has promised YOU!

THANK God that He keeps all the promises He makes to you.

4

Read Ephesians 2:12-13.

If you forget everything else, remember the most important promise God has ever made. Before we make the choice to trust Jesus, we are totally confused, totally sinful, totally separated from Him. But when we ask Jesus to be our Savior, we'll have a life that lasts forever. Every wrong thing we have done or ever will do will be forgiven. This is God's most amazing and important promise to you. And He kept it when He sent us Jesus.

- With a parent's permission, go online and watch a YouTube® video of Mark Schultz's song, "Remember Me."

PRAISE God for the eternal life that is yours when you believe in Jesus.

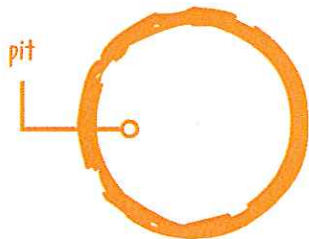




Read Genesis 37:16-28.

We tell the story of Joseph with a happy ending, but we can't forget he spent some time in a pit, waiting to be sold as a slave!

Write the name of a "pit" you're in or have been in. (A pit is a hard, scary, or sad situation.) Around the pit write the words, *God is with me!*



PRAISE God for being with you, even in the pits.

2

God was with Joseph, even when things weren't going well. God is always with His people. The book of Hebrews (where all this month's Bible stories come from) lists other people God was with, even when times were tough.

Look up these verses to discover some other faithful God-followers:

Hebrews 11:7
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Hebrews 11:30
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(Hint: Who led the Israelites to march around the walls of Jericho? See Joshua 6:2.)

Hebrews 11:30
 Write 6 people's names here:

Read Psalm 9:9-10 to discover others He's with.

THANK God that you can know He's always with you.

Answers: Noah; Joshua; Gideon; Barak; Samson, Jephthah; David; Samuel

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Read Psalm 139:7-10.

There's no escaping it. God just loves you way too much to ever let you go. Did you read the verse? Get it? There's nowhere you can go that He's not willing to go with you. Where might your faith lead you to go for HIM?

- Interview an adult about things he or she has done because of faith in Jesus.
- Write what you learn on the back of this card and record it as a faith story.

ASK God to let you feel His presence when you need Him.

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Read 2 Timothy 2:13.

See this wavy line?



Label it "Life." Change colors and draw a straight line above the wavy line. Label it "God."

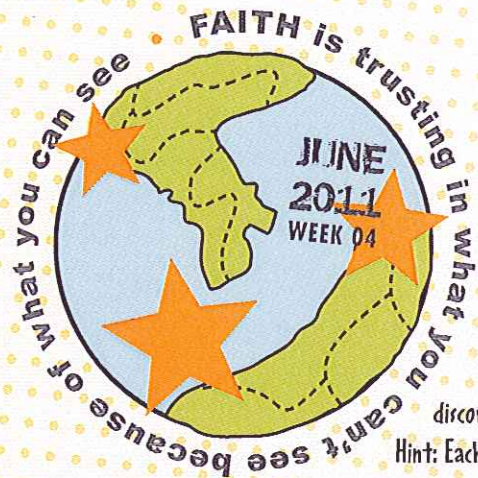
Here's the deal. Life is up and down. (Remember Joseph? Thrown in a pit, sold as a slave, put in charge of Potiphar's house, thrown in jail for something he didn't do, put second in command of Egypt, saved people from starvation.) But God is not up and down. He is always faithful, even when you're not.

PRAY that your life will be an example of faithfulness.

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Read Matthew 19:26. What were we talking about again? Oh, yeah—faith. Do you really believe that things that look impossible can still happen? It's a good bet when God's in the picture. God makes seemingly impossible things happen all the time.

Ten was a big number for Moses. There were 10 plagues in Egypt. God gave him 10 Commandments. Here's a 10-letter word: IMPOSSIBLE. Unscramble the words to discover 10 things God did in Moses' life that were seemingly impossible.

Hint: Each one begins with the letters in the word IMPOSSIBLE.

- fantin** Moses was taken away from his family as an _____.
- mairim** _____ watched over him in his basket bed next to the river.
- phahoar** Moses gave God's message to _____.
- beyedo** Moses _____ God even though he was afraid.
- vessla** The people Moses led to freedom were _____.
- spkae** Moses was afraid to _____ to Pharaoh.
- elbisivni** Moses obeyed God even though He was _____.
- vedliebe** Moses _____ God would rescue the people.
- tel** God said, " _____ my people go."
- tpyge** Moses and the Israelites left _____.

ASK God to show you what He wants to make possible in your life.

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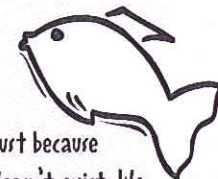
Read Exodus 14:14. What do you feel like doing when you're being attacked? Get away? Fight? But look at what Moses told the Israelites: "The Lord is going to handle this for you! Hold still!"

- Flip this card over and draw a picture of something that makes you really mad.
- Now draw yourself next to that picture holding still. Where's God in the picture? Don't draw Him. Remember He's invisible. But even though you can't see Him, He's there. He will fight for you. Hang on to your faith in Him and remember there are times you need to be still.

THANK God for loving you enough to fight for you.

Answers for Day 1: Infant, Miriam, Pharaoh, obeyed, slaves, speak, invisible, believed, tel, Egypt

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Read 2 Corinthians 4:18. Just because something's invisible doesn't mean it doesn't exist. We believe in wind and gravity and love. But you can't see them. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't believe in God just because you can't see Him. That's ridiculous.

Cut out the fish. Float it on the top of a large bowl of water. When it becomes still, drop some dishwashing soap right behind its tail and watch it swim. What's the trick? Surface tension on the top of the water. You can't see it, but when the soap interferes with it, the fish moves. BTW, God controls surface tension, too. Think of how He used it in your Bible story this week!

PRAISE God for the invisible things He's made.

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Read Exodus 14:10-13. Can you believe what the Israelites said to Moses? "It would have been better for us to be slaves in Egypt than to die in the desert!" No! Stop! Er-er! They had good reason to be scared, but they had begun to believe a lie. It's never better for God's people to serve anyone other than HIM! Why did they believe this lie? They forgot to believe that God is supernatural, that He can do the impossible. If you forget this, you may believe some lies, too.

- Flip this card over and make a list of things a supernatural God can do that you can't do.
- Talk about it with someone you see today.

THANK God that He is supernatural.

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