

UNEDITED SPARKS

MAIN POINT: For each child to think about what faith is by hearing the Heroes of faith in Chapter 11 of Hebrews. **ADDITIONAL LEARNING:** For each child to think about how they too are heroes of faith.

10:50am Free Play: Some time to play before beginning the main session.

11:15 Tidy Up Time: In order to keep their attention during the crafts and story be sure to tidy away everything so that there are no distractions in the room.

11:20 Story + Snack:

Ask the children who their favourite heroes are.

Ask them why these heroes are special and what amazing super powers they have.

WATCH THE STORY: Search on YouTube 'The faithful hall of fame (hebrews 11)

Watch the video and when it finishes ask the children if they can remember any of the names of those in it.

Abel, Enoch, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rehab, Joshua.

Using the book provided, choose from Abraham, Joseph and Moses and remind them of the story of that particular hero and why they are a hero of faith.

Explain to the children that: being a hero of faith is all about sticking with God even when things get hard or don't look good.

11:30 Pray together:

Ask the children if there is anything they'd like to pray about.

Pray that they may be strong in their faith and always remember that God is with them.

11:40 Craft: HERO MASKS or COLOURING PAGES

For the younger children give them the colouring pages but for those more able use the sets provided to help make each child a mask so that they know they can be a hero of faith too!

Remind them of the heroes in the story and how they didn't have special costumes or masks but because they were special to God and were faithful to him God made them his heroes! Remind them that they just need to trust God to be one of his Heroes!



11:50 Songs: Use the iPad to worship God. Feel free to pick whichever songs you'd prefer by searching on YouTube. Examples: Our God is a great big God/Alive by Hillsong/My Lighthouse by Rend Collective.

If ahead of time then free play or play games together like duck duck goose or musical statues using CD player. 12pm Children given their crafts and taken down stairs to the meeting point ready to be picked up.

FLAMES + BLAZE

MAIN POINT: For each child to think about what faith is by hearing the Heroes of faith in Chapter 11 of Hebrews and how they stayed strong in their faith..

ADDITIONAL LEARNING: For each child to think about how they too are heroes of faith.

11:00am Play a collective game once all children have arrived.

Something like duck duck goose, bean game, simon says, number ladders, what's the time Mr.Wolf, ZipZapBoing!

11:00 GROUP TIME

Sit as a group and ask: *How are you doing?*

Ask the children what the best thing that has happened this week.

You may also at this moment ask if there is anything that they would like to share that they want to pray for before we begin our session.

See if the children can remember what book of the bible we are looking at.

Explain that we are still in the book of Hebrews and this week we are in Chapter 11! Chapter 11 is amazing as it's all about people from the Old Testament who are Heroes of Faith!

Ask the children if they could describe or explain what faith is.

It can be explained as complete trust or confidence in someone or something.

Ask the children what they think then it means to be a hero of faith.

Help them work out that a hero of faith is someone who trusts regardless of what is going on around them.

Tell them that today we are going to look at some of the Heroes of faith listed in Hebrews 11.

11:15 BIBLE + Snack

Hebrews 11 is a fantastic summary of the heroes of faith throughout the Old Testament. Some are well known, others not so much! But all were people who lived 100% by faith. They didn't always know what was ahead and some faced hard times but they always trusted God and this is why they are heroes!

Get the children to try to remember some of the names of those mentioned in the video.

WATCH THE STORY: Search on YouTube 'The faithful hall of fame (hebrews 11)

These people and their stories are amazing but God can work through us too when we trust Him – no matter what the world around us might think!

BLAZE: Get the children to find Hebrews 11 in their bibles and make a list together of all the names that are mentioned in that passage. Then get the children to break into smaller groups and using the books and resources provided to draw or write in their green work books about one of the heroes. See what they can find

out about what makes them special and why they think they are a hero of faith. You could see if they want to share at the end.

FLAMES: Together pick one hero from the video and make a poster of the important parts of their story. Use the books and resources provided.

11:35 CRAFT

FLAMES: Masks

BLAZE: Masks or Gliders

Using the sets provided to help make each child a mask or a superhero glider so that they know they can be a hero of faith too!

As you make the craft remind them of the heroes in the story and how they didn't have special costumes or masks but because they were special to God and were faithful and trusted him, God made them his heroes! Remind them that they just need to trust God to be one of his Heroes!

If possible get the children to write the memory verse on their craft as a reminder of what Faith is and what a hero of faith has.

11:45 MEMORY VERSE

Learn the memory verse below together. You could either get them to just say it back in different voices or play hangman with it or make up actions to learn it!

“Faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

11:55 PRAY

Ask the children if there is anything they would like to pray for and then end by saying a prayer giving thanks to God for giving us faith.

Pray that we all may trust God more each day and become heroes of faith like those we've heard about today.