



JUNE 2020 • WEEK ONE

PRETEEN PARENT GUIDE

BIBLE STORY

Faith Is . . .
Hebrews 11:1-12:3

MEMORY VERSE

*Faith is being sure of
what we hope for. It
is being sure of what
we do not see.*
Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

LIFE APP

Faith
Trusting in what you
can't see because of
what you can see

KEY QUESTION

What are things you
believe that you can't
see?

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no
matter what.

ACTIVITY: UNSEEN ART

WHAT YOU NEED: art supplies such as paper, markers, glue, glitter, magazine pages, etc.

WHAT YOU DO:

Either individually or as a family, make a collage or illustration of things (or people) that you've never SEEN, but you believe they exist. (For example: other planets/stars, famous landscapes like the Grand Canyon, celebrities, music, etc.) Use any supplies you have on hand. The project can be as fancy or as simple as you choose. The goal is to start a conversation about how it's possible to believe in something even though you've never seen it.

As you work on the art project, use the following questions to guide your conversation. Share about a couple of things that help you know Jesus and have faith in God, especially during these uncertain times.

- What's one thing you've never seen but you don't doubt that it exists (or did exist in the past)?
- How do you know that thing or person is real?
- Who are some people from the Bible who have had faith in God, even when they didn't know how things would turn out?
- What questions do you have about what it looks like to have faith in Jesus?

(Parents: don't feel like you have to have all the answers to your kid's questions! No one has ALL the answers. The important thing is that you validate the importance of asking questions and engage your kid in a conversation about faith. Check out theparentcue.org/topics/faith/ for more on helping your kids develop their faith.)



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GOSPEL MOMENT

We can have faith in Jesus even though we can't see Him. Not only can we read about who Jesus is and what He's done, but we can also look to others who follow Jesus, too. When you know how He has worked in other people's lives, you can see how He can work in YOUR life, too.

"The truth is, there will be times in our lives when it feels like we CAN'T see. There will be things we don't understand. There will be times when we aren't sure how it will all work out. But through all of it, we can trust Jesus and choose to have faith.

"You might wonder where to start with all of this. Where do you start to put your faith in Jesus? Well, you can talk to someone who DOES follow and trust in Jesus—like maybe a parent or someone else in your family, or your Small Group Leader. You can ask them how THEY put their faith in Jesus. You can also read the stories of the men and women in the Bible who chose to trust in Jesus. When you see and hear how others have put their faith in Jesus, it can help you do the same.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) If we can't see Jesus, how do we know He's real?
- 2) What would you tell someone who doesn't believe God or Jesus exists?
- 3) What do we see around us that helps us know God is real?
- 4) When you have doubts about your faith, who can you talk to?
- 5) What if you haven't figured out what you believe or what kind of faith you have? Is that okay? What can you do to start or continue figuring that out?

PRAYER

Dear God, You have given us some amazing examples of faith. Help us to trust You the way Noah, Abraham, Moses, and others did. Most of all, help us to keep our eyes on Jesus and believe He's with us even though we can't see Him.