

Heroes of Faith

Ordinary people who trusted an extraordinary God.

14 days · about 10 minutes a day · for the whole family

How to use this

Pick a time you already gather — dinner, or just before bed — and keep it there. The whole thing takes about ten minutes.

1. Read the passage together. On a busy night, just read the memory verse — that counts.
2. Read the short devotion out loud.
3. Talk through the questions. Let everyone answer in their own words; there are no wrong answers.
4. Say the memory verse together, and try to remember it tomorrow.

DAY 1 Abel – Faith in Worship Genesis 4:1-8; Hebrews 11:4

Abel and Cain both brought offerings to God, but Abel brought his by faith, giving God his very best. Hebrews tells us that because of his faith, Abel was counted as righteous — not because his gift was perfect, but because his heart trusted God. This reminds us that what God truly wants is not just our things but our hearts. Long before we ever bring anything to God, He has already given us the greatest gift of all in His Son.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What do you think made Abel's offering pleasing to God?
2. Why does God care more about our hearts than the size of our gifts?
3. What is one thing your family could offer to God this week with a glad and trusting heart?

MEMORY VERSE · HEBREWS 11:4

“By faith, Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he had testimony given to him that he was righteous, God testifying with respect to his gifts; and through it he, being dead, still speaks.”

DAY 2 Enoch – Walking with God Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5-6

The Bible says Enoch 'walked with God,' which is a beautiful way of saying he lived close to God every single day. He didn't just believe God existed; he trusted Him and wanted to please Him, and God was so pleased that He took Enoch home to be with Him. Hebrews reminds us that without faith it is impossible to please God, because coming to Him means believing that He rewards those who seek Him. Walking with God isn't about being perfect — it's about staying close to the One who loves us.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What do you think it looks like to 'walk with God' during an ordinary day?
2. Why might God be pleased when we seek Him even when we can't see Him?
3. What is one small habit that could help your family stay close to God this week?

MEMORY VERSE · HEBREWS 11:6

“Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him, for he who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him.”

DAY 3 Noah – Faith in Action Genesis 6:9-22; Hebrews 11:7

God warned Noah about things no one had ever seen, and Noah believed Him enough to spend years building an enormous boat on dry land. People may have laughed, but Noah obeyed God 'in holy fear,' trusting that God's word was true. His faith wasn't just something he thought — it was something he did, hammer and nail, day after day. God kept Noah and his family safe, reminding us that He is a God who rescues those who trust Him.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. How did Noah show that he really believed what God told him?
2. Why can it be hard to obey God when others don't understand?
3. What is something God has asked us to do that takes faith to actually start?

MEMORY VERSE · HEBREWS 11:7

“By faith, Noah, being warned about things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared a ship for the saving of his house, through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”

DAY 4 Abraham – Faith to Go Genesis 12:1-9; Hebrews 11:8-10

God called Abraham to leave his home and travel to a land he had never seen, and Abraham went, not knowing where he was going. He trusted God's promise more than he trusted the comfort of staying put. Hebrews says he was looking forward to a city built by God, keeping his eyes on something bigger than the journey. Following God sometimes means stepping into the unknown, but we can go bravely because the One leading us always keeps His promises.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What would be the hardest part of leaving home like Abraham did?
2. How does trusting God's promises help us be brave when things are uncertain?
3. Where might God be asking our family to follow Him, even without all the answers?

MEMORY VERSE · HEBREWS 11:8

“By faith, Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to the place which he was to receive for an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he went.”

DAY 5 Sarah – Faith to Believe Genesis 18:9-15; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 11:11-12

When God promised Sarah a baby in her old age, it seemed so impossible that she laughed. But God gently asked, 'Is anything too hard for the Lord?' — and in His perfect time, He gave her a son named Isaac. Her laughter of doubt became laughter of joy, because God always keeps His word, even when we struggle to believe. We can bring our doubts honestly to God, knowing nothing is too hard for Him.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why do you think Sarah laughed when she first heard God's promise?
2. What does it mean to you that nothing is too hard for the Lord?
3. When something feels impossible, how can our family ask God for faith to keep trusting?

MEMORY VERSE · GENESIS 18:14

“Is anything too hard for Yahweh? At the set time I will return to you, when the season comes round, and Sarah will have a son.””

DAY 6 Isaac – Faith for the Future Genesis 27:27-29; Hebrews 11:20

Near the end of his life, Isaac blessed his sons and spoke of good things still to come for them. He couldn't see the future, but he trusted that God would carry on His promises long after he was gone. Hebrews says he did this 'by faith,' believing God's plans would keep unfolding for his family. We can pray for our children and grandchildren the same way, trusting God to be faithful to the generations after us.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why do you think Isaac spoke about the future with hope?
2. How does trusting God help us when we think about things that haven't happened yet?
3. What good things can our family ask God to do in the years ahead?

MEMORY VERSE · HEBREWS 11:20

“By faith, Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even concerning things to come.”

DAY 7 Jacob – Faith at Life's End Genesis 48:8-20; Hebrews 11:21

As Jacob grew old and weak, he gathered Joseph's sons close and blessed them, worshiping God even while leaning on his staff. His body was failing, but his faith was strong, and he wanted to pass that faith on to the next generation. Hebrews remembers this quiet moment as one of the great acts of faith in all of Scripture. It reminds us that worshiping God and blessing our family can be some of the most important things we ever do.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why do you think Jacob worshiped God even when he was old and weak?
2. What does it mean to 'bless' someone in your family?
3. How can we pass our faith on to the people we love?

MEMORY VERSE · HEBREWS 11:21

“By faith, Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.”

DAY 8 Joseph – Faith Through Trials Genesis 50:15-26; Hebrews 11:22

Joseph's brothers had treated him terribly, yet years later Joseph forgave them with the famous words, 'You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good.' Through betrayal, slavery, and prison, Joseph kept trusting that God was working out a good plan. At the very end of his life, he still believed God's promises so firmly that he spoke of the day God would lead his people home. His story shows us that God can bring good even out of the hardest things.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. How was Joseph able to forgive the brothers who hurt him?
2. What does it mean that God can use even bad things for good?
3. When something feels unfair, how can we ask God to help us trust His plan?

MEMORY VERSE · GENESIS 50:20

“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is today, to save many people alive.”

DAY 9 Moses – Faith to Lead Exodus 3:1-14; Hebrews 11:23-28

When God spoke to Moses from a burning bush, Moses felt small and unsure, asking, 'Who am I?' But God's answer was really about Himself: 'I AM WHO I AM,' the ever-present, all-powerful God who would go with him. Moses didn't have to be strong enough on his own, because God promised to be with him every step. When God calls us to do something that feels too big, He never sends us alone.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why do you think Moses felt afraid when God called him?
2. What does God's name 'I AM' tell us about who He is?
3. When a task feels too big, how does it help to remember that God goes with us?

MEMORY VERSE · EXODUS 3:14

“God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM,” and he said, “You shall tell the children of Israel this: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’””

DAY 10 Rahab – Faith of an Outsider Joshua 2:1-21; Hebrews 11:31

Rahab wasn't an Israelite and her past was far from perfect, yet when she heard about the God of Israel, she believed He was the true God. She bravely protected His messengers and asked to be saved, tying a scarlet cord in her window as a sign of trust. God welcomed her in, and she became part of the family line that led all the way to Jesus. Rahab's story shows us that God's grace reaches anyone who turns to Him in faith — no one is too far away.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What made Rahab decide to trust the God of Israel?
2. How does Rahab's story show us that God welcomes all kinds of people?
3. What does it mean that God's grace can reach anyone, no matter their past?

MEMORY VERSE · HEBREWS 11:31

“By faith, Rahab the prostitute, didn’t perish with those who were disobedient, having received the spies in peace.”

DAY 11 Gideon – Faith Despite Doubt Judges 6:11-24; Judges 7:1-7

When God called Gideon a 'mighty warrior,' Gideon felt like the weakest, smallest person around and was full of questions. God was patient with his doubts, and then He did something surprising — He shrank Gideon's army down to just three hundred men. God did this so everyone would know the victory came from Him, not from human strength. We can bring our doubts and our weakness to God, because His power shines brightest when we trust Him.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why do you think God chose to use such a small army?
2. How does it help to know God is patient with our doubts and questions?
3. When we feel weak or unsure, how can we still trust God to help us?

MEMORY VERSE · JUDGES 6:12

“Yahweh’s angel appeared to him, and said to him, “Yahweh is with you, you mighty man of valor!””

DAY 12 David – Faith Against Giants 1 Samuel 17:32-50; Hebrews 11:32-34

Everyone was terrified of the giant Goliath, but young David ran toward the battle saying, 'The battle is the Lord's.' He didn't trust in armor or size; he trusted in the God who had helped him before. With a sling, a stone, and a heart full of faith, David showed that God is bigger than any giant we will ever face. Whatever 'giants' we meet, we can be brave because the same mighty God is on our side.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What gave David the courage to face Goliath?
2. What does it mean that 'the battle is the Lord's'?
3. What 'giant' might you be facing, and how can you trust God with it?

MEMORY VERSE · 1 SAMUEL 17:47

“and that all this assembly may know that Yahweh doesn’t save with sword and spear; for the battle is Yahweh’s, and he will give you into our hand.””

DAY 13 Daniel – Faith Under Pressure Daniel 6:10-23

Even when a new law made praying to God against the rules, Daniel opened his window and prayed just as he always had. He was thrown into a den of lions for it, but he trusted God more than he feared the danger. God shut the lions' mouths and kept Daniel safe through the long night. Daniel reminds us to stay faithful to God even when it's hard, because the God we pray to is always with us.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why do you think Daniel kept praying even when it was against the law?
2. How does Daniel's story help us when doing right feels scary?
3. What helps you stay close to God when others around you don't?

MEMORY VERSE · DANIEL 6:23

“Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.””

DAY 14 The Ultimate Hero – Jesus Hebrews 12:1-3; Philippians 2:5-11

All these heroes were ordinary people who trusted God, and every one of them was pointing forward to the greatest Hero of all — Jesus. He is called the 'author and perfecter of our faith,' the one who left heaven, humbled Himself, and went to the cross for us, then rose again in victory. The other heroes show us what faith looks like, but Jesus is the one who actually saves us, by His grace and not by anything we earn. So we fix our eyes on Him and run our race with joy, because He has already run ahead of us all the way home.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What makes Jesus the greatest Hero of all the people we've read about?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is the 'author and perfecter' of our faith?
3. How does keeping our eyes on Jesus help us keep going when life is hard?

MEMORY VERSE · HEBREWS 12:2

“looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

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