



# Trusting in the Promises

## MAIN IDEAS

- **Obedience to God comes from trusting in God.**
- **Faith is believing in God and His promises, even though we can't see the outcome.**

## MEMORY VERSE

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.—Hebrews 11:1*

## SCRIPTURE

- 1) Genesis 17:7
- 2) Hebrews 11:1, 8, 11
- 3) Hebrews 11:17-19



## LESSON SUMMARY

Abraham had great challenges to his faith. Though God had given him the promise to make of him a great nation, God did not give him an heir until he was 100 years old. Then, when the evidence that the promise would be fulfilled could be easily seen, God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, the heir to the promise. Once again, Abraham's faith was put to the test.

Would he trust God? Would he step out in obedience without seeing the end result? Hebrews shows us the great faith that Abraham had, "He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead..." (Hebrews 11:19). Surely a faith like that must come from a lifetime of stepping out in faith and obedience...and seeing God to be faithful.

If we want the kind of faith that Abraham had, we too must be willing to step out in faith and obedience and see God work for us. Human nature tends to "play it safe." We like to "have all our ducks in a row." But the life of faith compels us to trust God without seeing the end result...to step out and see that He is who He says He is and He is faithful to all His promises.

***Hebrews 11:1—Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.***

*Pray this week that God will increase your faith. Ask Him to give you an obedient heart that flows from trust in Him. Pray that your son or daughter will see God as trustworthy and desire to grow in faith in Him.*

## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Talk to your son or daughter about the ways in which he or she shows faith in you as a parent. Then talk about your limitations and why you will sometimes fail as a parent. *Why is faith in God a more reliable faith?* [Help your child to see that God has no limitations, no sin, and no wrong motives, so He is completely trustworthy.]

- *How can you grow in faith in God?* [Explain to your child that faith in God is a gift from God, but God does use means to increase our faith such as His Word and the encouragement of Christians.] *Why does our faith grow when we act on God's Word?* [Help your child to see that when we obey God's Word, we see that He is faithful to His Word. Our faith grows as we see His faithfulness.]

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**ACTIVITY**

With mom or dad, read Hebrews 11:6. Ask mom or dad to help you understand this verse. Then in the first box, write down two ways in which God showed you this week that He is real. Then in the second box, write down two things you did this week to seek God.

***Hebrews 11:6—And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.***

**GOD EXISTS**

**SEEKING HIM**