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# WELCOME TO WE

Thank you so much for your interest in this exciting new concept in faith nurture! The WE program can help your church family build relationships across generations as you learn about God and God's story together.

To grow in faith, we need each other! To truly be the body of Christ we need the enthusiasm of children, the energy of teens, and the experience of adults. We all have things to teach each other, and we all can help point each other to God.

## Why Intergenerational Learning?

In the past few years, church educators have identified some drawbacks of the “silo” approach to faith nurture in which age groups are separated. While that approach has allowed churches to tailor their teaching to the learning abilities of particular groups, it has also resulted in some negatives, including

- a lack of community within the church family as each group remains in its own orbit.
- the loss of opportunities to learn and grow with those who are in different places on the faith journey.
- a decrease in the ability of parents and other adults to effectively share their faith with children, youth, and young adults.
- a decrease in the ability of youth and young adults to see themselves as an integral part of the church community.

As a result, many churches are looking for ways to rebuild community and spend time learning and growing *together*.

## Why WE?

We're so excited that you've chosen WE—not just because it's a great program that's fun for all ages, but because of what WE can do for your faith community:

- WE's event-based format makes it fun for people of all ages to learn from each other and grow in faith as they hear God's story.
- WE complements EVERY Sunday school curriculum—Dwell, Walk With Me, or others. Whatever you're using now, you can use WE alongside it.
- WE is easy to set up and easy to use.
- It's cost-efficient—all you need are the following instructions, a few inexpensive and easy-to-find supplies, some good food, a few great volunteers, and you're ready to go!

### COMING SOON

## Year 1: The Epic Story

In ten events, your church family will look at God's story from creation to the new creation. It's a whirlwind tour, but it's also a great way to get a bird's-eye view of how God has worked and is still working through the family of faith.

Each and every one of us, no matter our age, has a place in God's story. God has designed us for this particular place and time. Our mission is to share God's love wherever we find ourselves: from kindergarten classrooms to college dorms, in fields or labs, in our own homes and workplaces, next door and around the world.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How long does a WE event last?**

Each WE event is designed to last about two hours, including a meal. If you serve only snacks or dessert, plan on an hour-and-a-half or less.

## **Why include a meal?**

A prepared meal is a big draw for busy households. Sharing a meal also makes it easier for people to meet others and to feel more comfortable when it's time to interact and learn together.

## **How many people should be seated at a table?**

Plan for six to eight people per table. This ensures that everyone has a chance to talk and be easily heard. The event outline also gives you tips for making seat assignments to help people mingle and meet each other.

## **Will all ages *really* feel welcome?**

Yes! WE poses open-ended questions that don't require extensive Bible knowledge or a "right" answer. Plus, the activities we've included are specially designed for a multigenerational setting. No matter how old you are or where you are on your faith journey, a WE event is a fun, affirming way to build faith.

## **Why is it important to give people something to take home?**

When the event is over, the learning should continue! After the event, every household will receive a take-home devotional. We've also provided suggestions for other fun and meaningful take-home items that you may want to give to WE participants.

## **How do WE events help people of all ages live out their faith?**

In addition to occasional service opportunities built right into some WE events, we've also included a step called "Take It Further" in which you'll find great ideas to help participants do something together to build on what they learned.

## **Can we use WE in our mid-week family ministry or in a home church?**

Absolutely! Although WE events are especially designed to involve your entire congregation, they will also work wonderfully in a family ministry, in a home church, in Christian school communities with parents and grandparents, and more! Anywhere an intergenerational group gathers, WE helps people grow in faith together.





# MAKING WE HAPPEN— PLANNING TIPS

## Gather Your Team

To make a WE event happen, identify the following people to help. Some of these duties can easily be combined if your volunteer pool is small.

**EVENT COORDINATOR/GREETER** (that’s you!) leads the planning, promotes the event to the congregation and community, recruits volunteers, gathers supplies, and makes sure the room is set up. During the event you’ll also welcome people, hand out nametags at the door, and pass out the take-home items before people leave.

**EVENT HOST** introduces the event, keeps it moving, and closes the event in prayer. Choose someone who’s outgoing, time-conscious, and comfortable in front of a crowd.

**SONG LEADER** provides musical accompaniment and teaches new songs. Consider asking a college student or musical teen to help in this way. (Or if your event host is musical, he or she can serve as song leader.)

**FOOD AND CLEANUP COORDINATOR** this person organizes the food, serving tables, and tableware for each event, whether it’s a served meal, a potluck, or a snack. Also arranges for cleanup afterward.

**A/V TECHNICIAN (OPTIONAL)** If you plan to use sound or projection equipment, recruit someone to run it.

## Planning Steps

### AT YOUR INITIAL TEAM MEETING

- Spend some time helping everyone catch the WE vision. See the “Welcome to WE” and “FAQ” sections of this guide (pp. 5 and 7 respectively).
- Go through the event outline (pp. 15 - 20) together. Make copies for each member and highlight the activities you’ve selected. Make sure each person on your team is clear about his or her role. TIP: the event outline includes tags that indicate which team member is responsible for that segment.
- Make plans for promoting the event. Subsequent WE modules will include promotional items your church can use to spread the word about WE. Consider promoting the WE event in some of the following ways:
  - Church bulletin announcement
  - PowerPoint announcement before or after worship services
  - Invitation emailed to members
  - Postcard invitations sent to homes
  - Fliers in member mailboxes
  - Fliers posted in common areas

**A WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT**

Meet again to touch base and tie up loose ends. The event coordinator should have supplies ready to distribute to individual team members as required.

**THE DAY OF THE EVENT**

Set up the room. For this WE event you'll need the following:

- A welcome table by the door with nametags (see supply list, p. 16, for details)
- Tables and chairs set up for groups of six to eight people
- Tables and tableware for food service
- Sound amplification equipment, such as a microphone, unless your group is very small
- Projection equipment for song lyrics and PowerPoint (optional)

# SUGGESTED MUSIC

Singing together is a meaningful way to worship God and build community. The WE theme song is “One Generation Will Call to the Next” by Greg Scheer (see p. 12). If it’s unfamiliar to your group, have the song leader teach it to them. We’ve also provided a list of other suggested songs that go with this event’s theme. Use a piano or guitar for accompaniment.

The following hymnals and songbooks contain many of the songs suggested in WE Events. They are available from Faith Alive at [www.FaithAliveResources.org](http://www.FaithAliveResources.org) or 1-800-333-8300.

*Contemporary Songs for Worship* (CSW)  
*Psalter Hymnal* (Psh)  
*Sing With Me* (SWM)

WE theme song: “One Generation Will Call to the Next” (CSW 4, see p. 12 in this book)

“Amigos De Cristo”

“In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified” (sing all verses)

“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

“We Are the Church”

“Uyai Mose/Come, All You People”

“Step by Step” (Consider changing the words “I” and “my” to “we” and “our” as you sing this together.)

WE THEME SONG

# ONE GENERATION WILL CALL TO THE NEXT

G D/F# Em C2

1 We will ex - tol you, God and King and  
 2 Great is the Lord! In all his ways he's  
 3 We con - tem - plate the splen - dor of the  
 4 Now may your name be sung in ev - ery

Am C G D/F# Dsus D

bless your ho - ly name.  
 great - ly to be praised.  
 world your hand has made.  
 tongue in ev - ery place.

G D/F# Em C2

Day af - ter day we'll sing your praise, for -  
 Were we to search for end - less days, his  
 Far great - er still the maj - es - ty we  
 Sing - ing the fame of your great love in

G/B C F D Am

ev - er and for - ev - er.  
 great - ness none could fath - om.  
 see in the Cre - a - tor!  
 ev - ery gen - er - a - tion.

Refrain

One gen-er - a - tion will call to the next: "Our

God is good, and his hand is strong!"

All of the world sings his mar - vel-ous acts, and

our voice will join with theirs in the song.



SAMPLE EVENT

# PEOPLE OF FAITH

## Scripture

Hebrews 11

## Event Focus

In this event you'll celebrate the fact that we are part of a large family of faith, using Hebrews 11 as a framework.

This WE event, like all the others, has three steps:

### **STEP 1: WELCOME, GATHERING, AND BUILDING COMMUNITY**

Gather as a group to enjoy some good food as you talk informally about how the family of faith has shaped your life.

### **STEP 2: LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR ALL AGES**

Enter the story through a dramatic reading of Hebrews 11 or a photo montage combined with a reading. Then live into the story as you do a fun activity with the people at your table.

### **STEP 3: REFLECT AND PRAISE**

Share what you've learned, praise God in song, and learn how to "take it further" with ideas for living out what you've learned.

These activities are designed to help everyone in your WE group

- be aware of the role faith has played in the lives of God's people throughout history.
- feel connected to God and to God's people of faith.



## Step 1: Welcome, Gathering, and Building Community

**EVENT COORDINATOR** To encourage people to meet each other, group them at tables by birth months—have all the January birthdays sit together, and so on. If your group is small, assign one season of the year to each table instead.

**EVENT COORDINATOR** Welcome each person as they arrive. Provide nametags, and ask them to write their birthday on the nametag along with their name. Ask them to sit at the table that's assigned to their birth month or season. (If there are young children who don't want to be separated from a parent, that's fine.)

**HOST** Begin the event with a warm welcome. Very briefly introduce the group to the WE concept using words like these:

Welcome, everyone, to this exciting WE event! Tonight we're trying something different. Instead of dividing up by ages or grades, we're all going to stay together, because we are all a family of faith together. Every person here, from age one to one hundred, has something to teach us about living with God, and every person here can learn from someone older or younger.

But first, let's see who's here tonight. This might get loud, so get ready! When I call out your age range, I want you to clap your hands as LOUD as you can!

Everybody ages one through twelve, clap your hands! How about thirteen through nineteen? Twenty through thirty-nine? Forty through sixty-nine? Seventy through one hundred?

We're VERY glad each one of you is here! Tonight with the people at your table you'll hear God's Word, eat some delicious food, and do some fun activities to help us think about how God's Word works in our lives.

## SUPPLIES AND PREP

### FOOD/CLEANUP COORDINATOR

#### Food Ideas

- Potluck dinner: ask everyone to bring a favorite family dish to pass
- Ethnic dinner: ask everyone to bring a dish from their own ethnic cuisine
- Order soups and sandwiches from a local deli
- For dessert: gingerbread people or other cookies in the shape of people

### EVENT COORDINATOR

#### Supplies and Prep for Step 1

- Table decorations and nametags. Assign each table a different month or season of the year. Make a corresponding sign for each table so people will know where to sit based on what month or season they were born in. Provide blank nametags for all WE participants to use—toddlers too!
- Conversation tents. Copy a conversation tent (p. 22) onto cardstock for every table. Fold in half as indicated. Place one tent on each table before participants arrive.

**HOST** Open with prayer, and then invite participants to enjoy the good food together. Point out the “conversation tents” on each table, asking table groups to use the questions to kick off their conversation during the meal and prepare to learn more later.

**FOOD/CLEANUP COORDINATOR** When people are finished eating, (allow about 45 minutes for a meal or 15 minutes for a snack) clear the tables to prepare for table activities.

## Step 2: Learning Experiences for All Ages

### ENTER THE STORY

**EVENT COORDINATOR** Before the event, choose one of the following ways to present the story:

- Find people to help lead a dramatic reading of Hebrews 11 (p. 23). Use the PowerPoint images on the website as indicated in the script.
- Have a talented photographer take a few dozen candid photos of people in your church. Make sure all age groups are represented. Load the images into PowerPoint and project them on a screen to illustrate the “People of Faith” theme as an expressive reader reads the alternative Hebrews 11 script (p. 25).

**HOST** Settle the group down as you invite them to enter God’s story (using one of the two options above.)

**HOST** After the story, invite table groups to take five minutes to share with each other about what surprises them most about the Hebrews 11 passage. Encourage them to make sure everyone gets a chance to speak. Then ask table groups to share some of their “surprises” with the larger group.

### EVENT COORDINATOR

#### Supplies and Prep for Step 2

Select a story presentation method and a “Live Into the Story” activity (see Step 2 below) and gather supplies accordingly.

- Make copies of the dramatic reading of Hebrews 11. For Reader 1, Reader 2, and the A/V technician, copy pages 23 - 24 (this version includes A/V cues). For all other WE participants, copy p. 25 (every two participants can share, if you want to save paper).
- If you’ll be using the PowerPoint images provided on the website as part of the dramatic reading, be sure the computer operator is familiar with the reading and

knows when to switch to the next image as indicated in the script.

- If you’re not using the dramatic reading but have chosen to show photos of people in your church while someone reads Hebrews 11, make sure you have someone to take those photos ahead of time and organize them into a PowerPoint presentation.
- If you choose to do the faith graffiti wall in the “Live into the Story” section, you’ll need colored markers, masking tape, and a long sheet of mural paper (or several sheets of smaller paper taped together).
- If you choose to do the “man on the street” video in the “Live into the Story” section, arrange to have it shot and edited beforehand.

## LIVE INTO THE STORY

**EVENT COORDINATOR** Before the event, choose one of the following activities, and gather any supplies needed:

- Make a “faith graffiti wall.” Somewhere in your meeting space, tape up a long sheet of mural paper (think big!) Have the host call tables up one by one to write with marker on the paper about a time when they acted by faith or experienced God’s grace and power in their lives. As tables are waiting for their turn, encourage them to share their stories together. Some stories may be dramatic: “God saved me from dying in a car accident.” Some people may have moving stories to tell about how they met Christ. Some may describe a more everyday faith: “I felt God helping me be calm as I waited in the dentist’s office.” After the event, display your graffiti wall in your church sanctuary and spend time reading each other’s stories of faith. Invite anyone who didn’t participate in the WE event to add their own graffiti to your wall.
- Have each table illustrate a different section of the Hebrews 11 passage using a real-life tableau or freeze-frame in which they arrange their bodies to recreate one or more scenes within that story. Assign each table a different person from Hebrews 11 (for a list of people and Bible references, see p. 26). Give the groups five to seven minutes to plan their tableau. Then ask each table to present its tableau so the whole group can guess which Bible person is being portrayed.
- Watch a “man on the street” video you’ve put together beforehand that features people talking about a time when they were scared or uncertain or doubtful and how they felt God’s presence. Teens and young adults in your church who are into technology might enjoy tackling this project.

**HOST** Invite each table to live into this story using one of the activities outlined above (which the event coordinator has prepared for in advance).

## EVENT COORDINATOR

### Supplies and Prep for Step 3

- Bible
- Ask your music leader to learn the WE theme song “One Generation Shall Call to the Next” (p. 12 - 13) and to prepare to lead songs from the list provided on page 11 or choose other congregational favorites around the theme of “People of Faith.”
- Take-home devotional guide (p. 28 - 29). Print or copy one per household on colored paper or cardstock. Also make sure your host has a copy to show people at the end of the event.
- Option: Family tree template for individuals or households to fill out (p. 27) using a collage of pictures or descriptions of family members who have experienced/shared God’s faithfulness in their lives. Photocopy or print one bookmark for each WE participant. Also make sure your host has a copy to show people at the end of the event.
- Option: A Bible bookmark is a good reminder to people that they’re part of the people of faith. If you had a photographer take photos of people in your congregation, ask someone in the congregation with graphic design skills to create a photocopyable bookmark using those photos and the

## Step 3: Reflect and Praise

**HOST** If you made a faith graffiti wall (first option above) invite a few volunteers (adults, youth, and kids) to read aloud some of the things people wrote on the wall.

**HOST** Lead the group in prayer, praising God for calling us to a family of faith where people of all ages can love each other, learn from each other, teach each other, and serve each other as we grow in faith together.

**SONG LEADER** Offer praise to God by singing the WE theme song “One Generation Will Call to the Next” (p. 12) and other songs from the list on page 11 as time allows.

**HOST** Introduce the take-home items that your greeter will hand out to each household before they leave. Call their attention first to the take-home devotional guide (pp. 28 - 29). Encourage everyone to use this devotional at home in the four weeks following the event. Be sure to point out the “Take It Further” ideas. Other take-home options for this event are listed below; introduce any that you are providing:

- “Family of Faith Tree” template to fill out (p. 27)
- Bible bookmark with photos of people in your congregation
- Dollar-store whiteboard for each household—suggest they use this to make their own faith graffiti wall at home (see first option in “Live into the Story”).

**HOST** Read (or ask a volunteer to read) Ephesians 3:14-21 from the Bible as a benediction:

For this reason [we] kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. [We] pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And [we] pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,

heading “I’m part of the people of faith at [church name].” Photocopy or print one bookmark for each WE participant. Also make sure your host has a copy to show people at the end of the event.

according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**EVENT COORDINATOR** Hand out take-home items as people leave.



# REPRODUCIBLES

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- Who are some of the people of faith who have shaped your life?
  - Has God ever done something in your life that people thought was impossible?
  - Tell about a time when you had to trust God.

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- Tell about a person you know who loves Jesus and how you know that.
  - Tell about a time in your life where you could feel God taking care of you.
  - Tell about a time that you felt that God wanted you to do something.
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# Dramatic Reading of Hebrews 11 with A/V Cues

Adapted from the New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

For this dramatic reading you'll need two people to read the parts of "Reader 1" and "Reader 2" clearly and expressively. Use the PowerPoint images on the event CD to accompany the reading.

**ALL:** Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see. That is what the people of long ago were praised for.



**ALL:** Abel had faith . . .

**Reader 1:** so he offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain did. Because of his faith Abel was praised as a godly man. Because of his faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.



**ALL:** Enoch had faith . . .

**Reader 2:** so God took him from this life before he died. Before God took him, Enoch was praised as one who pleased God.



**ALL:** Noah had faith . . .

**Reader 1:** so he built an ark to save his family and some of God's creatures from the flood, just as God had told him to. Because of his faith he was considered right with God.



**All:** Abraham had faith . . .

**Reader 2:** so he obeyed God. Because of his faith he made his home in the land God had promised him. Because Abraham had faith, God made it possible for him to become a father, even though he and Sarah were too old to have children.



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**Reader 2:** Because of his faith he obeyed when God asked him to lead God's people out of Egypt. Even though he was afraid, he did what God asked him to do.



**All:** The Israelites had faith . . .

**Reader 1:** so they left Egypt and passed through the Red Sea when God divided the waters for them. They went through it as if it were dry land.



**All:** Rahab had faith . . .



**Reader 2:** so she welcomed the Israelite spies when they came to see the Promised Land.



**All:** Jesus' disciples had faith . . .

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**Reader 2:** Even through persecution and hardship, the church grew and grew because they had faith that Jesus had saved them and that God would lead them.



**All:** Many of our ancestors had faith . . .

**Reader 1:** and they pointed us toward God. We are thankful for our mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, and uncles who loved God and shared that love with us.

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## Step 2: Living Tableaus

Here is a list of people named in Hebrews 11 and suggested Scripture passages that groups can use to create their living tableaus. Copy this list and cut it apart so you can give one to each table. If you have extra tables, it's OK to have some duplicate tableaus.

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**Abel** - Genesis 4:1-8

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**Enoch** - Genesis 5:18-24

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**Noah** - Genesis 6:9-14; 7:1-5

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**Abraham** - Genesis 12:1-5

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**Sarah** - Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-3

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**Isaac** - Genesis 27:22-35

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**Jacob** - Genesis 32:22-30

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**Joseph** - Genesis 37:3, 4, 12-24

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**Moses' Parents** - Exodus 2:1-10

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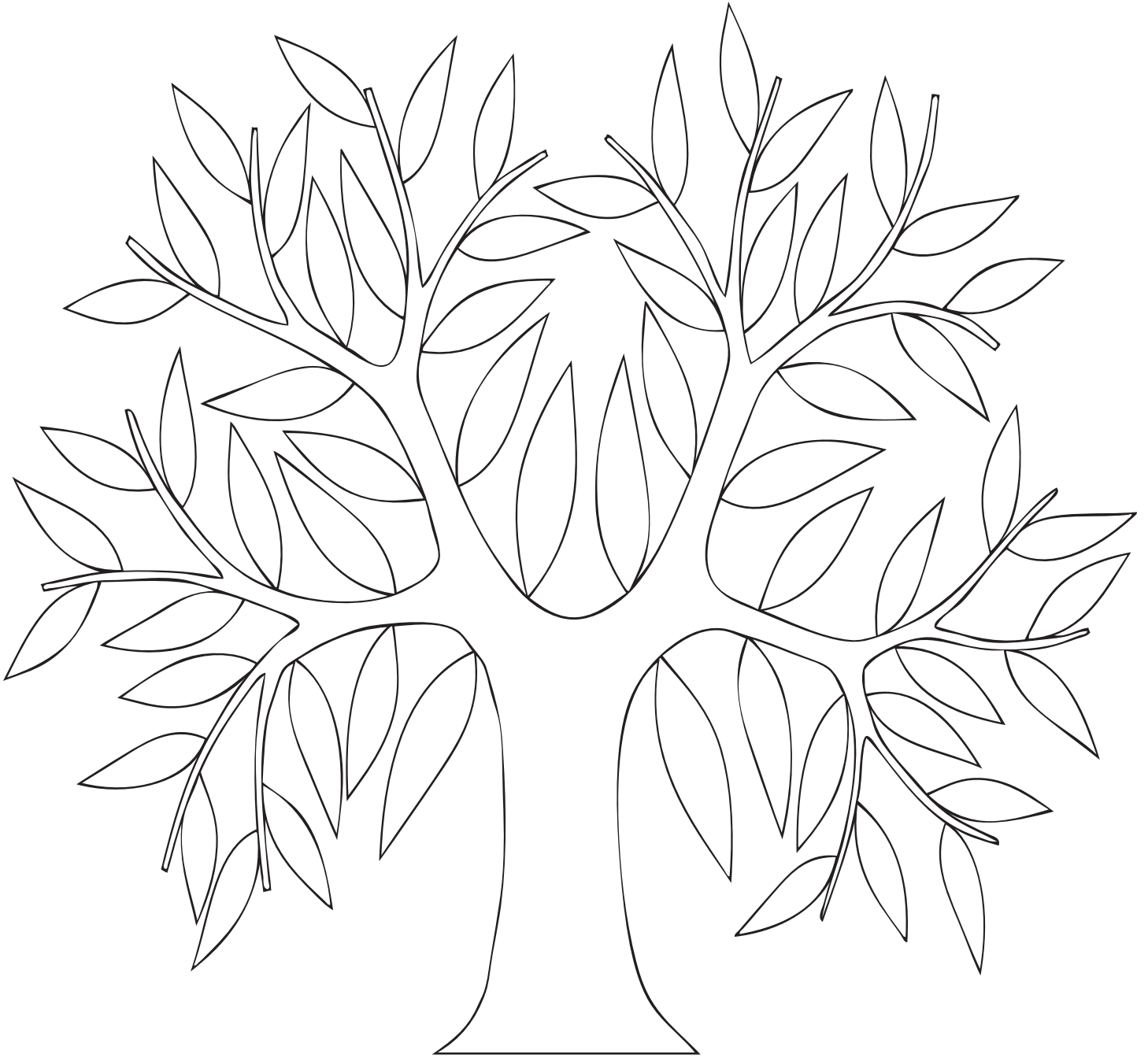
**Moses** - Exodus 12:31-32; 14:21-22

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**Rahab** - Joshua 2:1-15

# My “Family of Faith” Tree

On the leaves of this tree, write the names of people who are part of your “family of faith.” They can be family members, friends, church members, or anyone you choose.



# WEEK 4

## DAY 1

**Read: Exodus 3:1-15**

**Reflect:** At first Moses was afraid to be Israel's leader. What things make you afraid?

**Respond:** Read Isaiah 41:10. Picture

God's arms wrapped around you.

Thank God for always being with you.

## DAY 2

**Read: Exodus 12:29-42**

**Reflect:** Even after ten plagues, Pharaoh and his people didn't believe in the power of God. Why do you think it's so hard to believe in God sometimes?

**Respond:** Pray for anyone you know who doesn't believe in God. Ask God to fill that person with his love.

## DAY 3

**Read: Exodus 14:5-9, 21, 22**

**Reflect:** How do you think it would feel to walk between two towering walls of water?

**Respond:** Think of this story when you

walk between tall buildings. Thank God for his protection. For kids: act out today's passage using toy people.

## DAY 4

**Read: Joshua 6:1-20**

**Reflect:** Do you think the Israelites felt silly marching around Jericho and blowing trumpets? Would you?

**Respond:** Take a walk around your neighborhood, praying for the people who live and work there as you walk.

## DAY 5

**Read: Judges 4:1-10, 14-15**

**Reflect:** God sent judges to lead Israel, but the people weren't always good followers. Are you a good follower?

**Respond:** Sing "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" at every meal today, either in your head or out loud. (Don't know all the words? You can find them online).

## People of Faith Devotional Guide

The following passages reflect on people mentioned in Hebrews 11. Read one passage each weekday, then use the questions to think and talk about it.

# WEEK 1

## DAY 1

**Read: Genesis 4:1-8**

**Reflect:** Abel brought God the best of his flocks, but Cain's heart was not in his offering. How can you be more generous with the things God gives you?

**Respond:** Sing the song "What Can I Give Him" or listen to it online. Think or talk about what you can offer to God.

## DAY 2

**Read: Genesis 4:9-16**

**Reflect:** God protected Cain even after he killed his brother. What does this tell you about God's love for us?

**Respond:** Think or talk about times when you did something wrong. Pray, thanking God for his love and forgiveness and for sending Jesus to die for you.

## DAY 3

**Read: Genesis 5:1-2, 18-24**

**Reflect:** What do you think "Enoch walked with God" means? How could you walk more closely with God at home, at school, at work, at church, and in your free time?

**Respond:** Take a walk outside and talk to God as you walk. Imagine God walking with you and holding your hand.

## DAY 4

**Read: Genesis 6:1-10**

*(you may find a study Bible helpful)*

**Reflect:** How was Noah different from the other people of his time? Why do you think God might have chosen him?

**Respond:** Make a list of all the "righteous people" in your life or your family's life, and thank God for them by name.

## DAY 5

**Read: Genesis 6:11-22**

**Reflect:** If God told you to build an ark on dry land, like he told Noah to do, would you do it? Think about this seriously.

**Respond:** Think and pray about the things in your life that God might be asking you to do.

### Take It Further

After this event, your entire WE group, specific households, small groups, or your youth group may be interested in further exploring their place in God's family of faith. Here are some ideas:

- Set aside a space in your home for a faith graffiti wall. You could mount a large bulletin board, paint a wall with chalkboard paint, use the refrigerator, or think of your own ideas. Whenever you notice God taking care of you or when you do something "by faith," write or post it on your wall. Encourage your family, friends, and guests to add their own stories too.
- Encourage your church's worship planners to set aside regular time for people to share their faith stories with the congregation.
- Start a "faith stories" column in your church newsletter or on your church website.

## WEEK 2

### DAY 1

#### Read: Genesis 7:1-10, 24

**Reflect:** Noah's family was in the ark for 150 days. That's about five months! What might they have been thinking and feeling during that time? How would you feel?

**Respond:** Think of three times when you knew God was with you in a scary situation. Thank God for that in prayer.

### DAY 2

#### Read: Genesis 8:1; 15-22

**Reflect:** God saved Noah and his family, just as he promised. When you're in trouble, do you trust God's promises? **Respond:** Write the word trust on your hand to help you remember to trust God today.

### DAY 3

#### Read: Genesis 9:8-17

**Reflect:** A covenant is an unbreakable promise. What did God promise to Noah? What do those promises mean to you today?

**Respond:** Draw a rainbow on a stick-on note and stick it on a window as a reminder of God's promises.

### DAY 4

#### Read: Genesis 12:1-7

**Reflect:** God says Abram will be "a blessing" to everyone on earth. What does it mean to be a blessing to someone? **Respond:** Think of three ways, big or small, that you can be a blessing to people around you today—and do it!

### DAY 5

#### Read: Genesis 18:1-15

**Reflect:** Sarah forgot that nothing is impossible for God. Do you sometimes forget that too? How could you remember? **Respond:** Look through a family album and remember the times when God did amazing things for your family.

## WEEK 3

### DAY 1

#### Read: Genesis 22:1-8

**Reflect:** In this story, God puts Abraham's faith to the test. Has your faith ever been tested? When and how? **Respond:** This week, repeat the phrase "God will provide" whenever you're worried or in trouble.

### DAY 2

#### Read: Genesis 22:9-14

**Reflect:** Abraham was ready to offer God his only Son. Is there any part of your life that you need to give to God? **Respond:** On a piece of paper, write what you would like to give to God. Put the paper in a small box and wrap it like a present. Keep it where you'll see it often.

### DAY 3

#### Read: Genesis 27:22-35

**Reflect:** Jacob lied to receive his father's blessing. Which other Bible people did things they shouldn't have? **Respond:** Pray a prayer of thanks that we don't have to be perfect to be part of the people of faith.

### DAY 4

#### Read: Genesis 50:22-26

**Reflect:** Joseph reminded the Israelites of God's promises. Who reminds you of God's promises? **Respond:** Inside the cover of your Bible, write the names of the people of faith who have pointed you toward God.

### DAY 5

#### Read: Exodus 2:1-15

**Reflect:** Moses' parents took risks to keep their son alive. Do you know people who took risks because of their faith? **Respond:** Pray that God will give you the courage to take risks when you tell people about Jesus or do things God wants you to do.