

Overview of January Segment 3 lessons



UNIT THEME: God the Father: Faith that Please God

For the next three months(January, February, March) we will be looking at a series of lessons that focus on the trinity– God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This month we will look at God the Father. We will be highlighting Faith, as an important feature of a relationship with God.

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is “being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Perhaps no other component of the Christian life is more important than faith. In fact it is impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6)

The dictionary defines *faith* as “belief in, devotion to, or trust in somebody or something, especially without logical proof.” It also defines *faith* as “belief in and devotion to God.” According to the Bible, faith is belief in the one, true God without actually seeing Him. Faith is so important that, without it, we have no place with God, *as the goal of our faith is salvation. God wants us to have living faith so we can grow in our relationship with Him.*

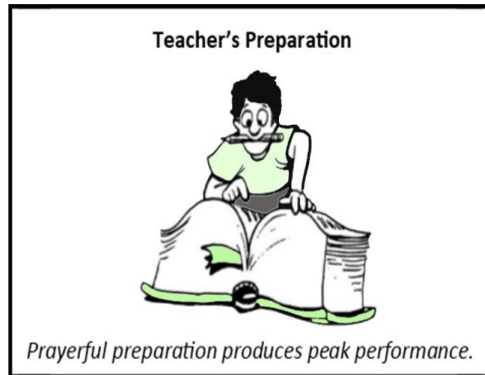
The Bible has much more to say about faith and how important it is. All this will be unpacked in this series of lessons.

The purpose of this series is to help your students better understand true Biblical faith and to contribute to grow in his or her own personal faith as followers of Christ.

January Segment 3 Lessons

- 1st Sunday Faith in action: The Pioneers of Faith
- 2nd Sunday Faith in Action: The Patriarchs of Faith
- 3rd Sunday Faith in Action: A Prototype of Faith
- 4th Sunday Faith in Action: Pathfinders of Faith

LESSON
Teens 12 years and under
January 3rd Sunday



January 3rd Sunday.... A prototype of Faith: Moses

Topic: A prototype of Faith: Moses

Main Text: Hebrews 11:23-29

Central focus: God wants us to grow in faith

Golden Text: Hebrews 11: 24,25 - By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Specific Objective/Learning Outcome

Cognitive Domain– Knowledge (What will students know?)

- The Golden Text
- What is faith
- The faith of Moses

Psychomotor Domain - Skills (What will students do?)

Learn the Golden Text

Affective Domain- Attitudes (What will students feel /experience?)

Today we should feel assured that we can grow in faith.

Materials: Copies of Activity Sheet

Teacher's Inspiration

As you prepare to teach your students, may you be inspired by the following reflection;



Exodus 14

People don't like to hear that living by faith guarantees hardship, but it's true. When we choose to obey God, we will at times suffer and have to make painful sacrifices—like Moses in today's reading.

Growing up in Pharaoh's palace, Moses must have known that carrying out God's command to free His people was humanly impossible—the prideful Egyptian ruler relied on Hebrew slave labour to build his storage cities (Exodus 1:11). Nevertheless, Moses did what the Lord said to do. And the slaves' release was just the beginning. Moses then spent 40 years leading this errant people, interceding for them when they disobeyed God, and calling upon the Lord when they faced trouble.

Moses' life may have been marked by challenge and sacrifice, but more importantly, it was shaped by an intimate relationship with God. When a new obstacle would arise, Moses turned first to God for guidance and provision. His hardships challenged his trust in himself and strengthened his faith in the Lord.

This is also true for believers today, and Scripture teaches that our trials also produce deeper intimacy with the Lord (1 Peter 4:1-2). When we accept that hardship is a part of the Christian life, we can lean on God and grow closer to Him.

Ref: <https://www.intouch.org/read/daily-devotions/moses-forward-by-faith>



OPENING ACTIVITIES

Welcome Greet each child

Devotion: Foster the Holy Spirit's Presence: Song –Prayer

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Learn present Golden Text:

Memorization activity:

Read it	Record/write it	Recite it
Register/hear it	Rehearse it	Relate/share it

LESSON

INTRODUCTION

The Imaginative Learner

Why do I need to know this lesson?



Today's lesson is about, 'Faith in action' with a focus on the faith demonstrated by a prototype - Moses.

A prototype is an early sample or original model of something, from which other forms are developed or copied or patterned:" a standard or typical example

Ref: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/prototype>

Just think of this list of ten of the greatest inventions of all times. They all have one thing in common: The all began by creating a prototype of the idea.

1. Thales of Miletus: He is credited with inventing mathematics.
2. Leonardo da Vinci: invented the helicopter and the battle tank. He designs for mechanical looms and hydraulic saws. He drew plans for submarines and robots etc
3. Thomas Edison: He is credited with inventions, such as the phonograph, the electric light bulb, the telephone (although Alexander Graham Bell made it to the patent office first on that occasion), the movie camera, the microphone and alkaline batteries.
4. Archimedes: He invented the pulley, the lever, the catapult and the cog... not to mention the Archimedes screw.
5. Benjamin Franklin He invented lightning conductor, bifocal lenses,
6. Louis Pasteur and Alexander Fleming. Louis Pasteur was the first microbiologist. He invented the principles of vaccination and pasteurisation. Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin a few decades later, so he's the one that made antibiotics possible. They were both pioneers of modern medicine and the first scientists to declare all-out war on viruses and bacteria!
7. The Montgolfier brothers and Clément Ader: They invented the aeroplane.
8. Nikola Tesla: Though he didn't invent the world's coolest electric car. We thank him for the invention of alternating current, the modern electric motor, remote controlled boats and, radar technology and wireless communications.
9. Auguste and Louis Lumière: He invented the cinema./motion picture in history.
10. Tim Berners-Lee: He invented the Internet, the biggest breakthrough of the late 20th century.

God created Moses as one of our greatest prototypes of faith. His demonstration of faith is a sample or model for followers of the Lord today.

The lessons is very important for you to know as there is so much that we can learn from the life of this great prototype that can learn serve to strengthen our faith as well. God wans us to grow in faith.

Topics to be covered:

- What is faith
- The faith of Moses

BODY

The Analytic Learner

What do I need to know?



• What is Faith (Hebrews 11:1-2)

Faith has been defined in the Bible as the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).

Faith consists of two components - one is **Belief** the other is **Trust**.

Although many people think that these two words are interchangeable, there is a subtle difference between them based on their meaning.

⇒ Belief : “Belief” is a noun which means:

- * (a) an acceptance that a statement is true or that something exists or
- * (b) something one accepts as true or real; a firmly held opinion or conviction.

⇒ Trust: “Trust” can either be a noun or verb. As a noun, “trust” means “a firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.”

As we look at the above definitions, you may not readily observe any difference about “belief” and “trust.” However, “trust” holds a greater meaning than “belief.” Just like what other people say, your belief might only be lip service. You can easily say to someone that you believe him or her, but when you say that you trust him or her, it needs a deeper consideration. “Belief” is the product of the mind, while “trust” is the product of both the mind and heart.

When you are believing, it is just like you are expecting to earn something; but if you are trusting, you are surrendering all of yourself no matter what the outcome is – for the better or worse. However, without believing, you cannot reach the stage of trust. Belief is already halfway to trust. You only need to do it in action. If you don’t stop believing and hold firm in your convictions, the door of trust will open right before you.

Ref: <http://www.differencebetween.net/language/words-language/differences-between-belief-and-trust/>

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Moses’ life was one of faith and trust. It can be divided into three major sections of 40 years each. The first 40 years were spent in Pharaoh’s court; the second 40, in the desert of Midian; and the last 40, in the desert of Sinai. *Stephen declares: “Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds” (Acts 7:22).*

God used this gifted leader to bring about His plan for Israel and the world. Bible describes him as “the man of God” and “the servant of the LORD” (Deuteronomy 33:1; 34:5). In fact, his relationship with God was so intimate that “the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend” (Exodus. 33:11). *Prepared by Rev. Moses Shaw*
 grew in faith, God wants us to grow in our faith—belief and trust in Him.

BODY

The Common Sense Learner

How does it work?



• The Faith of Moses (Hebrews 11:23–29)

* Moses' Parents' Faith

Moses was born in Egypt in an era when the midwives were under orders to kill all Jewish newborn males (Ex. 1:15–17). Moses' parents, Amram and Jochebed from the tribe of Levi, were people of faith (Num. 26:59). they demonstrated faith in God and hid Moses for three months because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command" (Heb. 11:23).

When Jochebed could no longer hide him, by faith she made an ark of bulrushes, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, and laid Moses in it by the river-bank. Pharaoh's daughter discovered the infant and asked Moses' sister, Miriam, waiting nearby, to summon a Hebrew nurse. In God's sovereignty, Jochebed became his nurse. Pharaoh's daughter gave Moses to his mother and even paid her wages until he became Pharaoh's daughter's adopted son (Ex. 2:1–10; Acts 7:21). Thus Jochebed had a number of years to implant in Moses a sense of his Jewish identity. This is a beautiful example of how God honored the faith of a humble, God-fearing couple. He answered their prayer, spared Moses' life, and fulfilled His purpose for him.

Ref: <https://israelmyglory.org/article/the-faith-of-moses-hebrews-1123-29/>

* Moses' Personal Faith

Moses personal faith journey may be explained by the following steps:

Rejection. First, Moses rejected his royal position: "By faith Moses, when he became of age [40 years old, Acts 7:23], refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter" (Heb. 11:24). By this act of faith. He chose to leave his royal privilege in Egypt and identify with the Israelite slaves (Ex. 1:8–14).

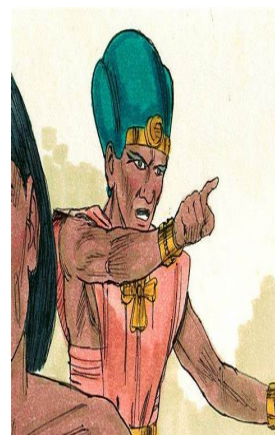
Re-evaluation. Moses chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God" (Heb. 11:25). He viewed Israel not as slaves, but as God's people. He knew the Lord had called him to be part of his people's divine destiny and was willing to suffer affliction with them.

Refusal. Moses refused to "enjoy the passing pleasures of sin" (Heb. vs 25). His royal position offered him all the enjoyment and experiences of prestige and power that most men want. However, Moses shunned them all. For him to remain in Egypt's court would have been the sin of disobedience because he knew God was calling him to a divine mission among the Israelites.

Reflection. Moses was well aware of the reproach he would suffer. He did not jump quickly to leave the royal court but carefully reflected on what it would cost him before making his life-changing decision. He was willing to suffer "reproach" (Heb. vs 26)—to be derided, laughed at, and persecuted for his choice. Moses considered what he had in the Messiah (Christ) to be "greater riches than the treasures in Egypt" (Heb. 11:26).

Reward. Moses knew he would be rewarded for his faith, and "he looked to the reward" (Heb.11:26). He did not look for earthly wealth and opulence but, rather, for spiritual wealth that was eternal. He would be granted in the life to come.

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BODY

The Common Sense Learner

How does it work?



- **The Faith of Moses (Hebrews 11:23–29) cont’d.**

- * Moses’ Public Faith

- ⇒ Moses exhibited persevering faith: “By faith he forsook [abandoned] Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king” (v. 27). Moses left Egypt twice: when he fled to Midian and when he led Israel out of Egypt. On leading Israel out of Egypt, Moses “forsook” or permanently departed from Egypt, totally renouncing it. Moses departed Egypt strong in faith because “he endured [held fast and persevered] as seeing Him who is invisible” (Heb. 11:27). With no means to defend Israel against Pharaoh, Moses persevered, keeping his eyes fixed on the invisible God who enabled him to stand boldly against the exceedingly great power of Pharaoh, who was determined to destroy him and keep the Israelites in slavery.
- ⇒ Moses exhibited faith by instituting the Passover: “By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them” (v. 28). In obedience to God’s command, Moses instructed each Israelite household to kill a lamb and apply some of its blood to the lintels and doorposts of their houses to protect them from physical death. For God was to pass through Egypt, killing the firstborn of man and beast in each house not protected by the blood (Ex. 11:4; 12:12–13, 23, 27, 29). Moses’ faith in God’s provision of blood protection was great indeed because neither he nor Israel nor the world had ever seen such deliverance.
- ⇒ Moses exhibited faith in God’s protection: “By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned” (Heb. 11:29). The Red Sea crossing is recorded in Exodus 14. Pharaoh pursued Israel hoping to recapture his slaves. The Israelites, struck with terror, were trapped by the sea in front and Pharaoh’s army at the rear. Frightened and angry, they blamed Moses for their predicament. In a step of great faith, Moses declared, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD... For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace” (Ex. 14:13–14). As the children of Israel walked into the sea, the waters parted; and they walked on dry land with the water walled up on both sides. The Egyptians tried to follow and drowned in the sea (vv. 27–28). God had promised to protect and deliver Israel, but both Moses and Israel had to step out in faith.

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BODY

The Dynamic Learner

What can I do with what I have learnt?

(Application)



Moses' personal journey is a prototype of faith, how does your faith journey compare with that of Moses in the following areas?

- ⇒ Rejection. Moses rejected his royal position. (e.g. *When given an opportunity that does not please God, you reject the offer in order to please God*)
- ⇒ Re-evaluation. Moses chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God" (e.g. *You make your Christian belief known even though it may cause others to ridicule or ostracise you.*)
- ⇒ Refusal. Moses refused to "enjoy the passing pleasures of sin" (e.g. *You refuse to indulge in pre-marital sex and other sins in order to please God.*)
- ⇒ Reflection. Moses was well aware of the reproach he would suffer. (e.g. *You are aware of the hardships you may suffer because of your godly stance but you make up your mind to do the right thing.*)
- ⇒ Reward. Moses knew he would be rewarded for his faith. (e.g. *You are joyful because you know that your reward is sure in this life, and in the life to come*)

Let's pray that God will help our faith in Him to grow.

CONCLUSION

Our lesson today focussed on Moses as a prototype of faith.

A prototype is an early sample or original model of something, from which other forms are developed or copied or patterned:" a standard or typical example. As a prototype Moses stands out as a giant when it comes to faith, character, and resolve to serve the Lord. His demonstration of faith is a sample or model for followers of the Lord today.

Moses' faith was evident in his entire life of service to God, beginning with the faith of his parents as they hid him from the Egyptians who were killing all of the males born to the Israelites. Then his personal faith. Being raised in the household of Pharaoh, Moses was a privileged person adopted into royalty yet, Moses left all of that for the sake of his own people. Then his public faith : This same faith led Moses in a lifetime of faithfulness to God. As such, he knew God as no other man ever did. God tells us in Deuteronomy 34:10, And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.

There is so much that we can learn from the life of this great prototype of faith to strengthen our personal and public faith as well. God wants us to grow in faith.

ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Cognitive Domain– Knowledge...

1. Who were Moses parents [Amram and Jochebed]
2. According to the lesson, list the five steps in Moses personal faith journey. [Rejection. Re-evaluation. Refusal. Reflection. Reward.]
3. According to the lesson list Moses’ three acts of public faith [(1)Moses exhibited persevering faith: “By faith he forsook [abandoned] Egypt; (2). Moses exhibited faith by instituting the Passover; (3) Moses exhibited faith in God’s protection: “By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land]

Psychomotor Domain – Skills... (What the students should do to reinforce what they have learnt.)

Recite Golden Text _____

CLOSING ACTIVITY

Affective Domain- Attitudes - (What the students should feel /experience.)

How does today’s lesson make you feel?

What attitude or behavior does it make you want to change?

Today we should feel assured that we can grow in faith.

Let’s pray and ask God to help us to experience this feeling and to change any attitude or behavior that this lesson features as being displeasing to Him.

Prayer
Next lesson

Activity: Word Search Puzzle

Without using your Bibles, fill in the blanks in a passage from Hebrews 11: 23-29, with the most appropriate option from the words below. Upon completion you can verify your answers by checking your Bibles (KJV).

People of God, Passover, Red sea, Proper, Pharaoh's, Invisible, First born, Egyptians, Three, Egypt

23By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid _____ months of his parents, because they saw *he was a* _____ child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of _____ daughter;

25Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the _____, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in _____: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

27By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is _____.

28Through faith he kept the _____, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the _____ should touch them.

29By faith they passed through the _____ as by dry *land*: which the _____ assaying to do were

drowned.

