

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 22

Have Faith

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Younger Verse

But without faith no one can please God.

Hebrews 11:6

Older Verse

But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him.

Hebrews 11:6

Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus was teaching a large crowd of people. He had just told the story about the farmer who planted the seed. The seed represents God's message, and people respond to it differently, like the different types of soil. We need to be like the good soil and let God's word grow in our hearts.

Jesus went on to say that we need to share our faith with others. He compared God's message to a lamp. He said that no one would light a lamp and then cover it or hide it under a bed! No, lamps are placed in the open, where they will light the way for people. He said that if we listen to His words, He will help us understand more about Him. Then we can help others know Him, too!

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One day Jesus and His disciples got in a boat. Jesus told them to cross over to the other side of the lake. While they were on the way, Jesus went to sleep. While Jesus was asleep, the winds began to blow, and a very strong storm came upon the little boat. The disciples were afraid. They ran to Jesus, shouting, "Master, Master, we are going to drown!"

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Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus taught about letting our light shine

Understand that we need to have faith in Jesus

Learn that Jesus calmed a storm

faith?”

And the disciples asked each other, “Who is this man, that even the wind and waves obey Him?”

Whether Jesus was talking about soil, or a lamp, or family, He was emphasizing the importance of faith. Faith is believing in something you cannot see. We cannot see Jesus, but we have faith that He is real and that He is God’s Son. We have faith that He died on the cross and rose again. We have faith that He can save us from our sins if we invite Him into our life.

Jesus knew that His disciples needed to have more faith in Him. They were afraid even though He was with them! If you have accepted Christ, you have His Spirit with you. You do not need to be afraid. If you have not accepted Christ, you can do that today! Ask Him to come into your life and forgive your sins. Then you can have a new life and Jesus will be with you—forever!

Review Questions

1. What did Jesus compare God’s message to? (a lamp)
2. Jesus said that you don’t hide a lamp. What should we do with God’s message? (We should let it shine by sharing it with others.)
3. Who did Jesus say is His family? (Those who hear God’s message and obey it.)
4. What happened while Jesus was asleep in the boat? (A strong storm came upon their boat.)
5. What did Jesus do about the storm? (He commanded it to be still.)
6. What did Jesus say to the disciples? (He asked them, “Where is your faith?”)

Life Application

Are you letting your light shine for Jesus? The first step is to have faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Once you have Jesus in your life, you need to let others know that you are not the same person any more. Explain why you are different. Help your friends understand that they, too, can ask Jesus into their lives. He can forgive their sins like He forgave you.

If you are afraid to share Jesus with others, it is like hiding a lamp. It is like having light in the darkness, but not letting anyone else use it. We need to share the light with everyone! If that for you, ask God more faith and

is difficult to give you courage.

Planning for Lesson 23
Jesus Has Power Over Evil
Luke 8:26-30; 9:37-42

Preschool Lesson for Have Faith

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Jesus wants us to have faith in Him. Faith is believing in something you cannot see. We cannot see Jesus, but we have faith that He is real and that He is God's Son. We have faith that He died on the cross and rose again. We have faith that He can save us from our sins if we invite Him into our life.

Let's shine our light for Jesus by telling our friends about Him. Let them know that Jesus loves them!

Sing, "This Little Light of Mine."



**Hands-on Activities
for
Have Faith**

If appropriate for your group, darken the room and shine a flashlight up to the ceiling. Explain that people are in the dark without Jesus. When Christians tell others about Jesus and they believe, it's like turning on a flashlight in a dark room. A person finally understands who Jesus is!

Sing, "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let it Shine," or "With Jesus in Your Boat You Can Smile Through the Storm."

It is so much fun to pretend to sound like a storm. You may want to use a blue tarp as the "water." Bring metal containers or cookie sheets to make sounds like lightning and thunder. You can also have the kids make clapping and snapping sounds for rain and thunder and blowing noises for the wind.

Jesus said those who believe in Him are in His family. Talk about family members that we can tell about Jesus. Have kids draw a picture of their family.

There are other verses about "light" in the Bible. Let the older kids look up some of them.

Some New Testament Verses:

Luke 8:16; Luke 11:33-36

John 3:21; John 8:21; John 12:36, 46

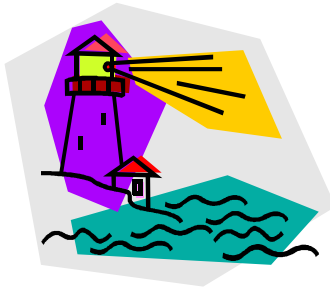
Some Old Testament Verses:

Psalms 27:1; Psalm 89:15

Isaiah 9:2; 60:1, 19-20

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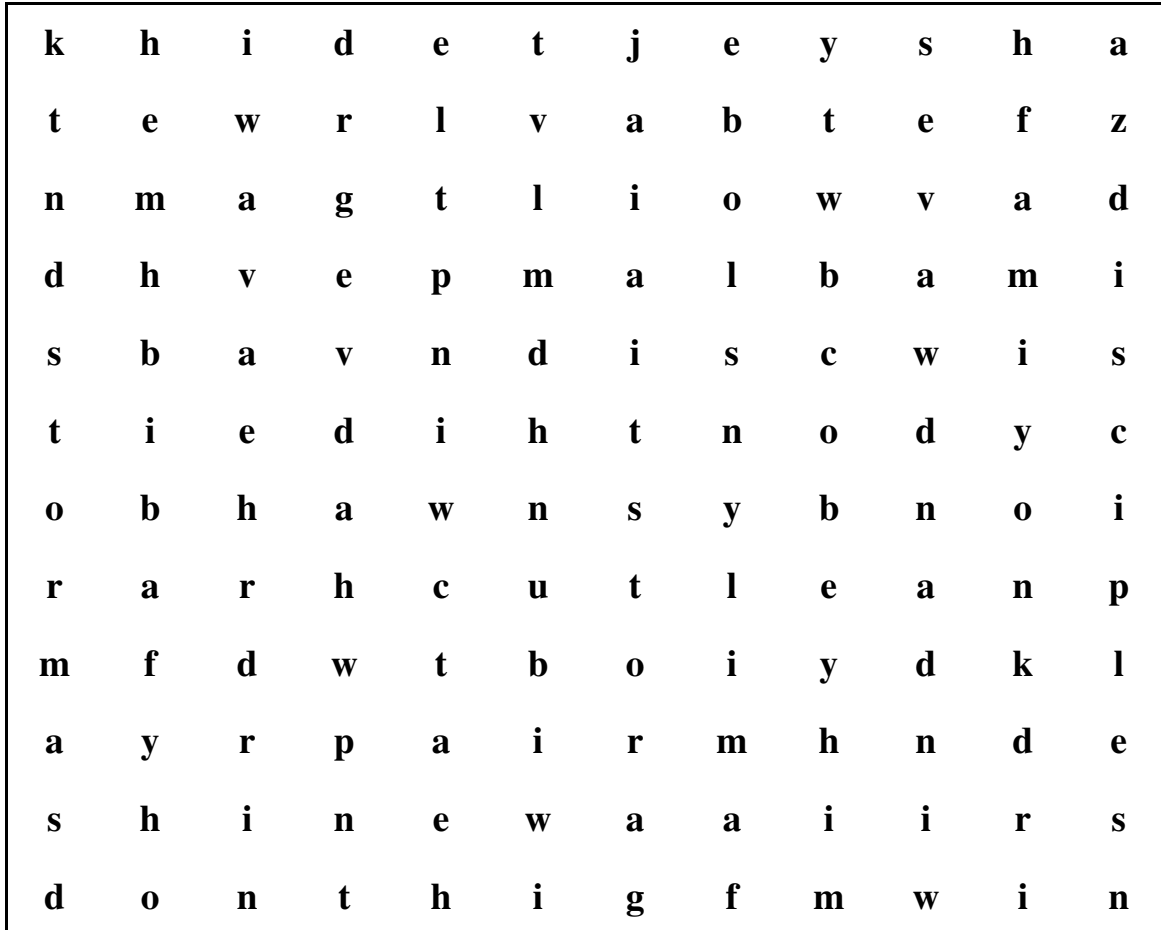
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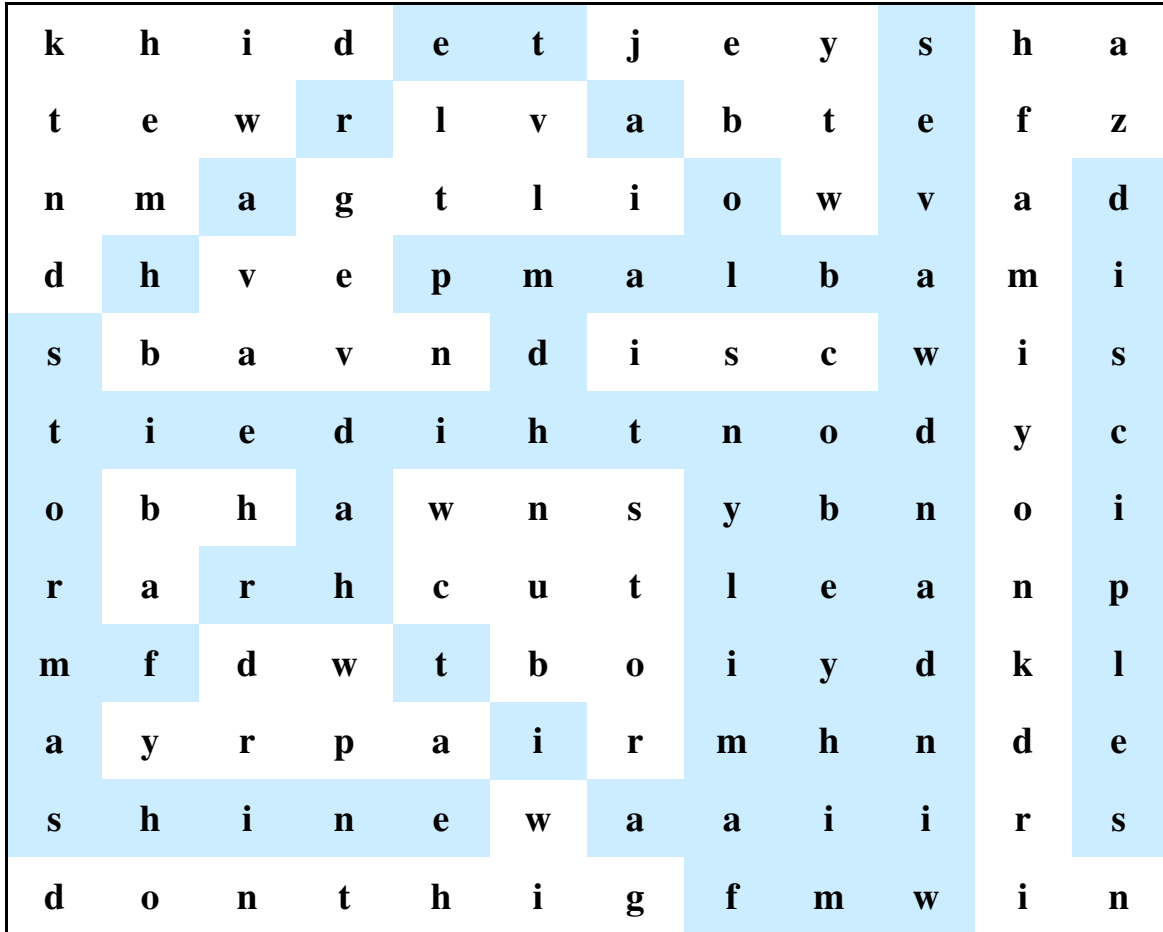
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