

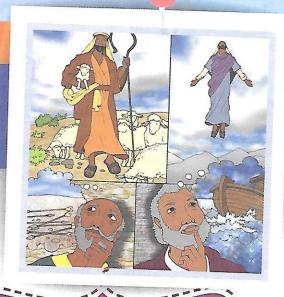
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**Lesson Scripture:** 



Having faith means being confident that what we hope for will happen. It means believing in something, even if we cannot see it. People who lived long ago won God's approval with their faith. It is through our faith that we know that God created everything. Abel's faith made his sacrifice to God better than Cain's. Abel's faith still exists as an example to all.



#### **Key Verse**

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)

Because of faith, Enoch did not experience death. God was pleased with him. We cannot please God without having faith. Whoever goes to God must have faith that God exists. God rewards those who seek Him.

By faith, Noah heard God's warnings about the future. He obeyed God and built a boat-and he and his family were saved. Noah was considered righteous because of his faith. By faith, Abraham obeyed when God called him to go out to a country which God had promised him.

These people died having faith. They did not receive the things God had promised—they only saw them. They knew that they did not belong on earth.

> They desired to reach heaven, not to have what they left behind. God is not ashamed for them to call Him their God, because He has prepared a place for them.



### A Hero in the Faith

Terrance was excited to visit the Tuskegee Airmen Museum. The airmen were his heroes.

"Dad, this is great! I have always wanted to visit where the airmen learned to fly!" Terrance said while walking into the museum.

Terrance had learned a lot about flying from his dad. He was happy that they were on this trip. Together, they would learn more about their heroes.

"Excuse me," a museum guide said, "would you all like to meet a living Tuskegee airman?"

"Definitely!" Terrance responded.

They all walked over to the display where an older gentleman was wearing an airman uniform. He was telling a story about when he learned to fly. As Terrance listened, he learned that this man had wanted to fly since he was a boy. The man then motioned to Terrance.

"Come here, son. I was about your age when I learned to have faith and believed that I would fly one day. And because of faith, I did. I was flying to make the world better for others," the airman said.

"You're a true hero!" Terrance exclaimed to the gentleman.

"I was a boy who had faith," the man replied.

# Exploring the Story TRUBY SLab \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

Hello! Ruby here! Today's lesson reminds us of our faith heroes that are around us. In the lesson, we hear about the heroes who used their faith in God in their everyday lives. Though many of them had to wait for things for which they had faith, they never gave up or gave in. Their faith blesses our lives. Harriet Tubman, the Tuskegee Airmen, George Washington Carver, and so many others were people of faith and heroes because of their faith.

Do you have any heroes who have strong faith? Let's name them and describe their faith. Please share with the class.

### **Faith Heroes in Pictures**

Below are names of people discussed in today's Bible story. In the box below each person's name, draw a picture of the faith that he showed and lived out.

Abraham	Abel
Noah	Enoch

## **Searching for Words**

Find the listed words from today's lesson in the word search below.

