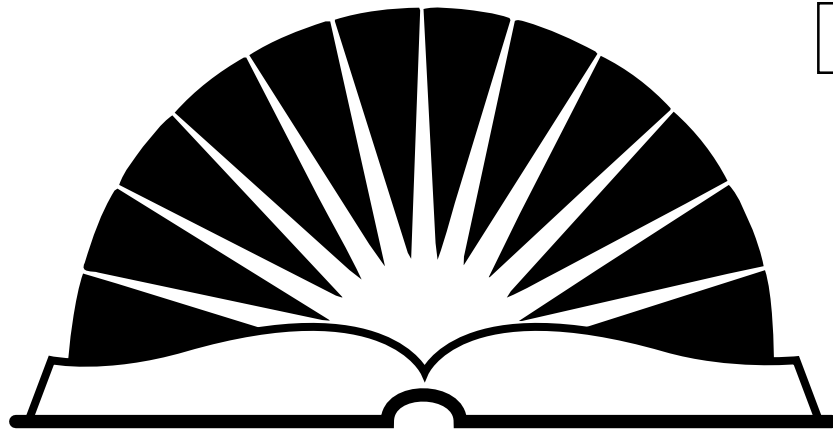


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BIBLE STUDIES

HALL OF FAITH

Youth Bible Study

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Sample
Lesson

HALL OF FAITH - WEEK ONE

NO LESSON DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship; you may want to begin the craft early.

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: BALLOON RELAY

Divide into two teams behind the start line. At the opposite end of the room, place a chair for each team. Give each player a balloon. Each player must blow up the balloon just prior to his turn to run. The first player blows up his balloon and runs to the opposite chair. He puts the balloon on it and bounces on it until it pops. If it doesn't pop on the first try, he continues bouncing until it does pop. When it does pop, he races back to the second player, tags him, and then the balloon is blown up and race resumes. The first team to pop all their balloons wins.

15 - 20 minutes discuss class rules

to end of class CRAFT: BUTTERFLY MOBILE

MATERIALS

wooden chopsticks or 1/4" x 2' dowel rods
straws colored thread
photocopies of butterflies cotton swabs
watercolor paints and crayons
coated telephone wire or twist ties, 3" long

Each straw holds two butterflies. The number of butterflies desired for each mobile will depend on how many each child wants to make. At least four should be made so there are two straws with butterflies at each end of the dowel rod.

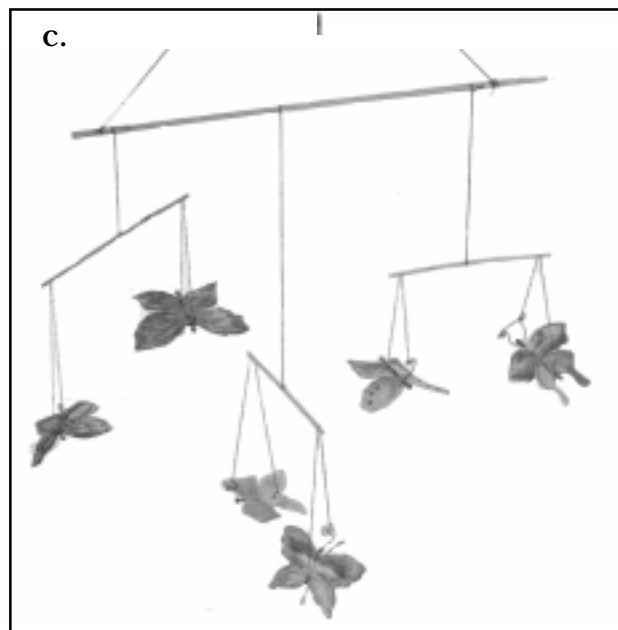
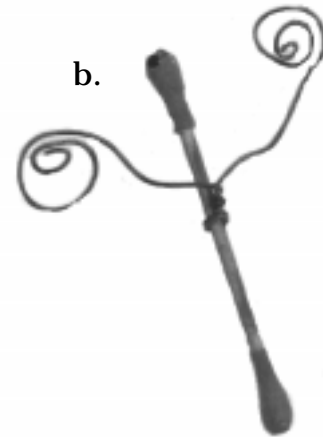
Photocopy onto cardstock at least 2 copies for each child of the butterfly pattern on page 9. Cut out. Make two small slits in the middle of the wings (see pattern) through which the cotton swab will slide.

Color both sides of the wings with crayons. Press hard so that the color when "washed" with the watercolor paints will not fade. Use a small amount of water on the brush and watercolor paint both sides of the colored wings. Allow to dry. Paint the cotton swabs with the watercolors (see figure a, page 9).

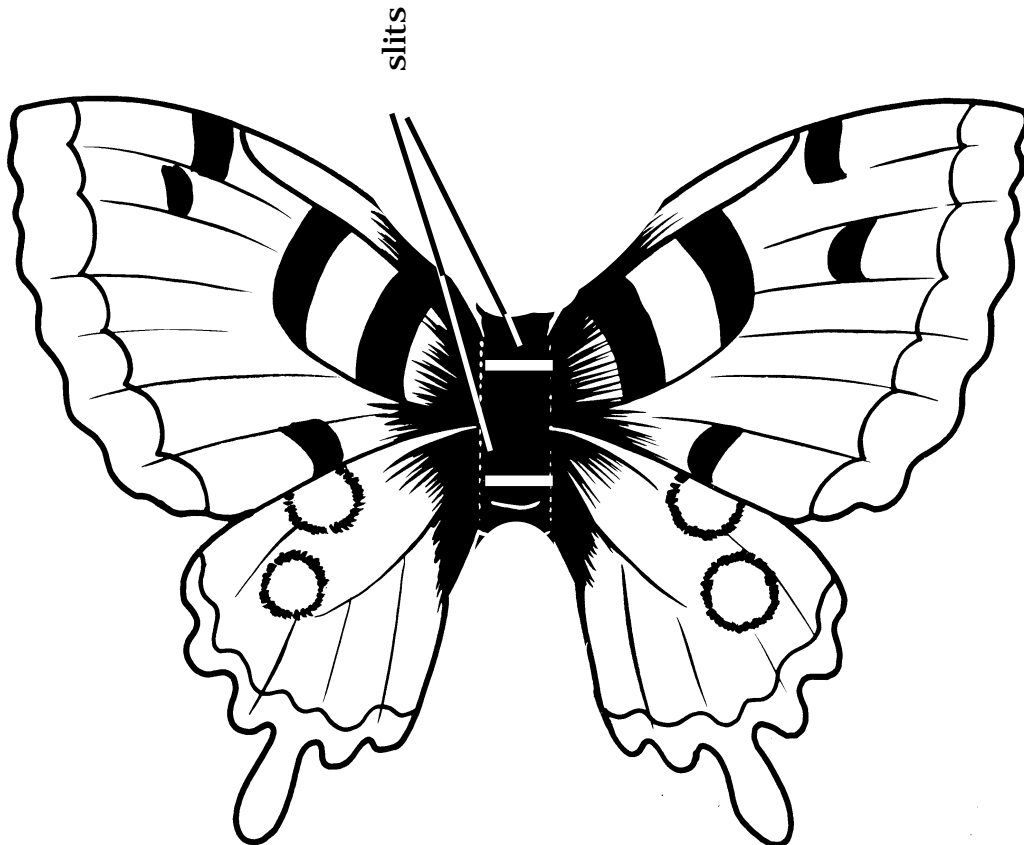
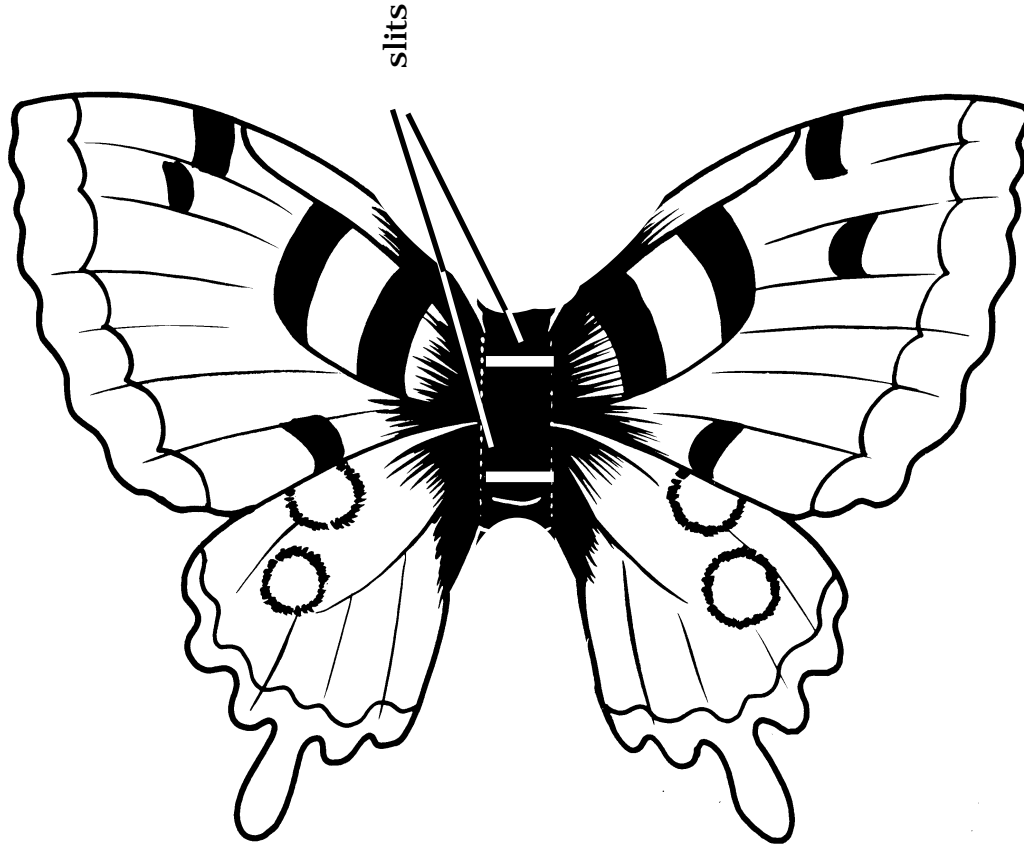
When dry, slide swab through the slits in the wings. Bend the wire or twist tie around one end of the swab for the antenna. Curl wire ends (see figure b).

Tie one end of an 8" length of string to the antenna, and the other at the opposite end of the swab, or tail.

Make a 1" slit at each end of a straw. Slide the butterfly string into slit. Repeat for second butterfly. Tie string to each end of the dowel rod (see figure c).



Butterfly Pattern



HALL OF FAITH - LESSON 1

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verses on your paper.

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 1,2.

Hebrews 11 is called the faith chapter of the Bible. We will study this chapter very closely. In this chapter, we will study the lives of famous Bible people and how faith helped them live.

1. What does Hebrews 11:1 say about faith?

2. How does 2 Corinthians 4:18 add to this information about faith?

3. Recently, a news story said scientists have data showing that the flood during Noah's time really did happen. [KLAC radio station, January 23, 1999.] The Bible has had this information for centuries. Christians and Jews have heard the story of the Flood and have believed it to be true because they had faith in the Word of God. From where does this faith come? See Romans 10:17 for your answer.

4. How are Christians supposed to live according to 2 Corinthians 5:7?

5. What do these verses say about the Bible?

Psalm 33:4

2 Timothy 3:16,17

2 Peter 1:20,21

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 3.

1. According to Hebrews 11:3, how do we understand the formation of the universe?
2. Read Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26. How did God create the universe?
3. What else do these verses say about how the universe was made?

John 1:1,3

Hebrews 1:2

4. God, the creator of the universe, cares about you. What do these verses tell you God knows about you?

Psalm 139:1-4

Psalm 139:13-16

Luke 12:7

5. **PERSONAL:** Now that you have learned that God knows everything about you, does that help you to want to know more about Him? Do you talk with Him everyday? Or many times a day, about everything? He knows it all anyway. Sometimes, telling God what's happening helps us to hear Him talk back to us in our hearts. Why not talk to God about everything from now until your next class date?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 4 with Genesis chapter 4, verses 1 - 7.

1. Who was Abel? See Genesis 4 for your answer.

2. What were Cain's and Abel's jobs?

3. **HARD:** From Hebrews 11:4, why was Abel's offering to God accepted?

4. How did Cain act when God did not accept his offering? See Genesis 4:5.

5. What did God say to Cain in Genesis 4:6,7?

6. **RISKY:** God was waiting for Cain to do something. What do you think God was waiting for Cain to do? If you need help, read Micah 7:18.

7. **PERSONAL:** Have you done something you know God is not happy about? Write down these verses to find out what you should do.

Acts 2:38

1 John 1:9

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verses 5,6 with Genesis chapter 5, verses 21-24.

1. What two things do you learn about Enoch from Hebrews 11:5?

a.

b.

2. What do you learn about Enoch from Genesis 5:21-24?

a.

b.

c.

d.

3. Finish this story with what you know about Enoch.

Enoch was a very happy man when Methuselah was born. He would walk around his campsite and out into the hills talking with God. One day, when Methuselah was about 300 years old, Enoch went out to walk and talk with God. But a strange thing happened. While he was walking and talking, he found he was no longer

4. What does everyone need in order to please God?

HALL OF FAITH LESSON 1 ANSWERS

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1. What does Hebrews 11:1 say about faith? “What is faith? It is the confident knowledge that something we want is going to happen. It is the confidence that what we hope for is waiting for us. We know it is there even though we cannot see it up ahead.”
2. How does 2 Corinthians 4:18 add to this information about faith? “So we don’t look at the troubles we can see right now. We look forward to the joys in Heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.”
3. Recently, a news story said scientists have data showing that the flood during Noah’s time really did happen. [KLAC radio station, January 23, 1999.] The Bible has had this information for centuries. Christians and Jews have heard the story of the Flood and have believed it to be true because they had faith in the Word of God. From where does this faith come? See Romans 10:17 for your answer. “Yet faith comes from listening to the Good News about Christ.”
4. How are Christians supposed to live according to 2 Corinthians 5:7? “We know this is true because we believe. It doesn’t matter what we see around us.”
5. What do these verses say about the Bible?

Psalm 33:4 “For all God’s words are right. And all he does is worthy of our trust.”

2 Timothy 3:16,17 “The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God. It is useful to teach us what is true. It helps us to know what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It makes us well prepared and fully equipped to do good to everyone.”

2 Peter 1:20,21 “No prophecy in the Bible was thought up by the prophet himself. The Holy Spirit within these godly men gave them true messages from God.”

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 3.

1. According to Hebrews 11:3, how do we understand the formation of the uni-

verse? “By faith we know that all things were made at God’s command. It shows us that they were all made from things that can’t be seen.”

2. Read Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26. How did God create the universe? By speaking them into existence. Each of these verses begin with ‘Then God said.’
3. What else do these verses say about how the universe was made?

John 1:1,3 “Before anything else existed there was God’s Son. He was the Word, and he was with God. He created everything there is. Nothing exists that he didn’t make.”

Hebrews 1:2 “But not in these days he has spoken to us through his Son. He has given his Son everything. Through his Son he made the world and everything there is.”

4. God, the creator of the universe, cares about you. What do these verses tell you God knows about you?

Psalms 139:1-4 “O Lord, you have tested my heart. You know everything about me. You know when I sit or stand. When far away, you know my every thought. You clear the path ahead of me. You tell me where to stop and rest. You know what I am going to say. You know this even before I say it!”

Psalms 139:13-16 “You made all the parts of my body. You put them together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully! It is amazing to think about! Your workmanship is wonderful! How well I know it! You were there while I was being made! You saw me before I was born. You planned each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!”

Luke 12:7 “And he knows the number of hairs on your head! So don’t be afraid. You are far more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows.”

5. **PERSONAL:** Now that you have learned that God knows everything about you, does that help you to want to know more about Him? Do you talk with Him everyday? Or, many times a day about everything? He knows it all anyway. Sometimes, telling God what’s happening helps us to hear Him talk back to us in our hearts. Why not talk to God about everything from now until your next class date?

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 4 with Genesis chapter 4, verses 1 - 7

1. Who was Abel? See Genesis 4 for your answer. Verse 2: “Her next child was his brother, Abel.”
2. What were Cain’s and Abel’s jobs? Verse 2: “Abel became a shepherd. Cain was

a farmer.”

3. **HARD:** From Hebrews 11:4, why was Abel’s offering to God accepted? “It was by faith that Abel obeyed God. He brought an offering that pleased God more than Cain’s offering did. God accepted Abel and proved it by accepting his gift. Abel died a long time ago. But we can still learn lessons from him about trusting God.” [J. Vernon McGee explains this very well:

Now what was the difference between the two offerings? Didn’t both of them come in obedience to God? No, they did not. You see, God had revealed to them that they were to bring a sacrifice, a lamb, and that little lamb pointed to Christ. Some one will argue that Genesis does not say that. No, it doesn’t say that, but Hebrews 11 does say it: “By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent *sacrifice* (italics added) than Cain.” How could he? He (Abel) came by faith.

Abel had a revelation from God. So did Cain. They were both in the same family. But Cain ignored it, and he brought what he wanted to bring, the fruit of the ground—which *he* had produced.

Abel brought a lamb and slew it. If you had been there, you might have asked, “Brother Abel, why are you bringing a lamb?”

He would have said, “God commanded it.”

“Do you think the little lamb takes away your sin?”

“Of course not,” he would have said. “I just told you that God commanded us to bring it. He said to my mother that there is One coming in her line who is going to be a Savior, and that Person is the One to whom this little lamb points. I am coming by faith, looking to the time when a deliverer and a Savior will come.”]

4. How did Cain act when God did not accept his offering? See Genesis 4:5. “But not Cain’s. This made Cain dejected and very angry. His face grew with fury.”
5. What did God say to Cain in Genesis 4:6,7? ““Why are you angry?” the Lord asked him. “Why is your face so dark with rage? It can be bright with joy if you will do what you should! But if you refuse to obey, watch out. Sin is waiting to attack you. It is longing to destroy you. But you can conquer it!”
6. **RISKY:** God was waiting for Cain to do something. What do you think God was waiting for Cain to do? If you need help, read Micah 7:18. “Where is another God like you? You are a God who forgives the sins of his people. For you love to be kind.”

7. **PERSONAL:** Have you done something you know God is not happy about? Write down these verses to find out what you should do.

Acts 2:38 “And Peter replied, ‘Each one of you must turn from sin and come back to God. Then you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. For through him, you will find forgiveness for your sins. Then you also shall be given this gift, the Holy Spirit.’”

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins.”

Read Hebrews chapter 11, verse 5, with Genesis chapter 5, verses 21 -24.

1. What two things do you learn about Enoch from Hebrews 11:5?

- a. He walked by faith in God and that pleased God.
- b. He didn’t die, he walked right up into heaven.

2. What do you learn about Enoch from Genesis 5:21-24?

- a. at 65 his son Methuselah was born
- b. he walked with God 300 years after Methuselah’s birth
- c. he had other sons and daughters
- d. he lived to be 365 years old

3. Finish this story with what you know about Enoch.

Enoch was a very happy man when Methuselah was born. He would walk around his campsite and out into the hills talking with God. One day, when Methuselah was about 300 years old, Enoch went out to walk and talk with God. But a strange thing happened. While he was walking and talking, he found he was no longer [walking on the ground but on thin air, and right into heaven.]

4. What does everyone need in order to please God? Faith.