



FAITH-FILLED LIFE

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

Subscribe to this family devotional at: abundantlifealton.com
Or read the devotional on your Abundant Life App.

AUGUST 27, 2017

1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: *As Christians we believe very strongly in God: His goodness, His power, His offer of salvation to the world - but our belief doesn't become faith until we act on it. If you want to live a faith-filled life, you've got to allow what you believe to shape how you behave.*

2. BIBLE VERSE

Hebrews 11:17-30 (ESV)

"It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him... It was by faith that Isaac promised blessings for the future to his sons, Jacob and Esau. It was by faith that Jacob, when he was old and dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons and bowed in worship as he leaned on his staff... It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born... It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger... It was by faith that the people of Israel went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned. It was by faith that the people of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down."

3. DISCUSSION

God uses 2 main ways to instruct us on what sorts of actions we should take - the Bible, and the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives. By spending time getting to know God through His Word and developing a sensitivity to His personal direction in our lives, we can put our faith in Him into practice and continually experience what a God-changed life looks and feels like.

Q: Take a look at the passage in Hebrews again. Circle or highlight the verbs describing how people acted out their faith.

Q: Of the actions you circled, which ones probably seemed logical at the time? Which ones seemed crazy at the time? Does the same faith in God that drives the big things drive the little things? What does that mean for the "little" things in your life?

Q: What are some modern-day examples of actions that a belief in God should produce in someone's life? Of your own list, which things are you doing the best? Which could you stand to change or improve?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family and thank God for speaking to you through the Bible and directly through the work of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to show you any areas in your life where your beliefs and actions don't match up so you can keep growing in faith.



GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE

Family Devotional/Overflow Kids Discussion Guide

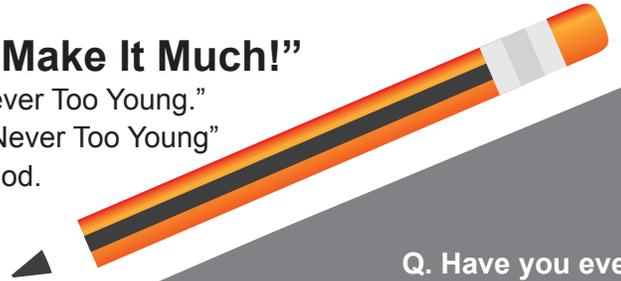
Subscribe to this family devotional at: abundantlifealton.com
Or read the devotional on your Abundant Life App.

AUGUST 27, 2017

1. POWER VERSE: Deuteronomy 16:17 *"All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God."*

"If I Give God A Little, He Will Make It Much!"

This week, we continued our series "Never Too Young."
The children are learning that they are "Never Too Young"
to do amazing things for God.



2. DISCUSSION:

Read Aloud: John 6:1-22

Q. Do you think it was hard for that little boy to give up his lunch?

Q. Do you think he thought Jesus was going to perform such a miracle with just 5 loaves and 2 fish?

Q. What do you think would have happened if he hadn't shared his lunch with Jesus?

The amazing thing about the story is that God didn't need a lot, he just needed a little. God can take a little bit and turn it into something big and great!



Q. Have you ever given something- money, toys, etc. to someone who needed them? Or have you ever given money to a missionary and maybe it didn't seem like much?

Q. Do you think God was able to use that? How?

Q. Have you ever felt like God was asking you to give something and you chose not to? How did that make you feel?

Parents: share a time with your kids when you or your family gave something that was able to help someone else. (It may be in a missions offering, clothes, your tithe, etc.)

3. ACTIVITY: As a family, discuss some ideas to help others or something God may be asking you to sacrifice to give to missions, etc. Write them down and share them with each other, or let your small children draw a picture to illustrate what they could do.



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God will help you to sacrifice and "Give What you Have" to help others!