



Luke 7:1–10

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

MEMORY VERSE

Faith may seem like a big, spiritual word that's hard for teenagers to comprehend. But, in reality, teens show faith every day. They experience faith in people, things, and even those things they cannot see.

Read Luke 7:1–10. The centurion in this passage had an important position as a member of Herod Antipas' forces. Responsible for 100 men, the centurion had compassion on one of his servants who was on the verge of death. Hearing of Jesus and the reports of how He had healed many, the centurion sent others to find Jesus and plead for the healing of his servant. Despite Jesus' willingness to come to the servant, the centurion exhibited faith as sight unseen when he exclaimed that

Jesus could just "say the word" and the servant would be healed (v.7). Even Jesus noted his amazing faith.

Does your son or daughter rely on God's Word as a way to exhibit faith? While teens are used to a "seeing is believing" worldview, you can remind them of ways God has proven faithful to His Word in your own life. Think of an example of how God came through on a promise from His Word. Your children need to see real examples of how God has been faithful and how they, in return, can be faithful to Him. Even when results may not come quickly, or in the way you wanted, you can encourage your children that faith is trusting and placing hope in a perfect God who sees the beginning and the end.

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

Collect the following items: a light bulb, a map of somewhere your children have never been, and a Bible. A family member asks: **What do all three of these items have in common?** Another family member explains that all three require faith that is sight unseen. A light bulb requires faith in electricity that cannot be seen; a map requires faith that the destination is actually there and that the map provides the right directions; a Bible requires faith to believe all of the words within it.

The family discusses: **Can you think of other ways you exhibit faith in things you cannot see?**

Explore . . .

A family member reads Luke 7:1–10. Next, the family discusses: **Why do you think the centurion sent someone else to find Jesus? The Scripture says Jesus was amazed at the faith of the centurion. Do you think Jesus would ever be amazed at your faith today? What would that look like?**

Transform . . .

A family member displays the map and the Bible again. Another family member reads: **God's Word is like a map. We may know that our destination is to be like Christ and live with Him in eternity, but God's Word gives the step-by-step directions for everyday living.** Read Hebrews 11:1. Define faith in your own words.

Pray that your family would grow in their faith.