

# Lesson Plan

May 31st, 2026

**This Month's Truth:** I am here to share Jesus

**Bible Story:** Heroes of the Faith (Hebrews 11)

**Theme Verse:** For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13)

**Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive:** Rally is a pre-service time for you to be expectant and equipped before the kids start arriving. Go over the lesson and any ideas for the day. Pray over your space and for the kids that will be coming that they will be connected to the person of Jesus.

**Share:** This week is a special Game Changer week. On these unique days, we want kids to celebrate and elevate the gospel. We will teach what is often called the "Hall of Faith" from Hebrews 11. We get to share the stories of amazing men and women who lived their lives for God. They did this because their hearts and lives were focused on God. (Read Hebrews 11:1-3.) Kids will learn that, like the people in our Bible story, God leads us to have faith in Him. We can be confident in this faith because of Jesus.

**Pray:** Lead the group in prayer, inviting God to create opportunities to share transformative faith stories.

## Pre Service

**Arrival time, please use this time to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.**

## Service

**What To Do:**

- **Teacher Start 5-minute countdown 5 minutes prior to service start time.**

**Teacher Opener:** My name is \_\_\_\_, and I am so glad you are here today! We are going to have a game-changing kind of day! Oh! That reminds me! Today is a special day we like to call Game Changer! If you are ready to get started, let me hear you yell, "Game Changer" in 3-2-1! (Game Changer!)

### Tower Tumble

**Leader Prep:** Stack cups in three piles on the table, three cups in each pile. Set one uninflated balloon by each stack.

#### Game Rules:

1. Start the countdown video.
2. Split kids into 2 to 4 teams depending on size of class
3. Direct each player to make a pyramid tower of their three cups at the edge of the table closest to the audience and to pick up the balloons.
4. Instruct players to blow up their balloons and use the air from the balloon to knock all three cups off the table before the countdown ends. Invite the first player who knocks off the cups or the player with the most cups off the table at the end of the countdown to stay at the front.
5. Hold a championship round with the winners from the two rounds.

**What you say:** Who is ready for a game? This game is called “Tower Tumble!” What is it called? (Tower Tumble!) That is right! I will invite one player from each team to join me up front. These players are not only going to build their own cup tower; they are also going to cause it to tumble!

This game involves balloons, so if you have a latex allergy, you will not want to volunteer for your team. When the countdown video starts, players will make a pyramid tower out of three cups. Then you will blow up your balloons and attempt to be the first player to knock all your cups off the table. Ask, “How?” (How?) You will knock off the cups using only air from the balloon. You can blow up your balloon as many times as you need, but you cannot touch the cups. The first player to successfully cause the tower to fully tumble wins! We will play again with players from the other teams, then have a final round between the two winners to declare the ultimate champion!

First, let’s have one player from two of the teams. Everyone else, you will cheer on your teammates! (Invite up players, assigning them each to a stack of cups.)

Everyone, count down and say, “Go!” to start our countdown and our game. Ready? (3-2-1! Go!)

## Community Big Kids

Our first winner is (students name)! You can stay up here while the other players sit down. I will put out new balloons and invite players from the two other teams to the front. (Invite players and reset the cup piles.)

Everyone, count down and say, "Go!" to start our countdown and our next game. Ready? (3-2-1! Go!)

Our next winner is (students name)! You can stay up here while the other players sit down. It is time for our winners to go head-to-head, one player becoming our ultimate champion. (Invite players to get in place and reset the cup piles.)

Everyone, count down and say, "Go!" to start our countdown and our championship game. Ready? (3-2-1! Go!)

**Loud and clear:** Congrats, (students name)! You really made those towers tumble! Go ahead and sit down. Everyone else, let's cheer for all our players. (Allow time.) You know, in this game, the towers tumbling was a good thing, but sometimes in life, it might feel like our life is tumbling out of control, and that does not feel like a good thing, does it? At times, we might go through some really tough situations. Without faith in Jesus, it could be easy to feel like we are getting tossed around like those plastic cups in our game.

Today we are learning that God leads us to have faith, which means we can believe and trust Him. Say, "God leads me to have faith!" (God leads me to have faith!) We can have faith that God is in control and that He has a good plan, even when what is going on around us might not feel good. When we share with others the way God leads us to faith, it can help them have faith too! When other things we have built up tumble around us, a relationship with God through Jesus is our strong tower that never tumbles. Jesus changes the game! Say, "Jesus changes the game!" (Jesus changes the game!)

**Transition Script to go into the Intro Video:** When I say, "Game," you say, "Changer." Game! (Changer!) Game! (Changer!) Now you know what is coming up next! It is time for the one and only Game Changer Show! Count down and say, "Game Changer!" Ready? (3-2-1! Game Changer!)

## Play Intro Video

**What You Say:** Tom Tomason is a terrific tennis player and an even better blindfold bulls-eye maker! Everyone, say, “Way to play, Tom!” (Way to play, Tom!) Even with all those distractions, Tom hit the bullseye! That can help us remember that, even when we are surrounded by distractions, God leads us to have faith. Faith is when we believe and trust God. No matter what is going on around us, we can believe and trust that God will do everything He says He will do.

Let me hear you say, “God leads me to have faith!” (God leads me to have faith!) When we trust and follow Jesus, He makes the way for us to have a relationship with God—one filled with faith! Everyone, say, “Jesus changes the game!” (Jesus changes the game!) That is a game changer worth sharing with others!

## Worship

**What You Say:** I am so excited to worship with you all this morning! Let’s all come up front!

### What To Do:

- Turn lights off
- 2 songs of worship
- **Teachers and Small Group Leaders worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.**
- Dismiss the kids back to their seats when the songs are over

### What To Do:

- Have the kids **open up** a physical Bible and find the Bible story for that day.
- Use the Bibles provided in the classroom if a kid does not have their own Bible with them.

**Transition Script to go into the Bible Story Video:** (Open the Bible to Hebrews 11.) Now we get to hear from the Bible—God’s true message about Himself. We can read about a lot of people in the Bible who had faith in God and followed Him closely because they believed and trusted Him. Today’s Bible story comes from the book of Hebrews, which is in the second part of the Bible. Everyone, say, “Hebrews!” (Hebrews!) In the book of Hebrews, there is a chapter that tells us about a lot of these people that had faith even when they went through tough times. Get our Bible story started by saying, “Game Changer!” in 3-2-1! (Game Changer!)

## Play Bible Story Video

### Questions to consider asking after the video:

- What is something that you learned about God from the video?
- What is something that you learned about people?
- What can you take away from the video?
  - How can you apply the lesson from today into your life?

**Making The Connection Script:** We just heard about Abel (AY buhl), Enoch (EE nuhk), Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, and more in Hebrews 11. This chapter talks about people who trusted God even when they were not sure what would happen next. Like our Bible story said, having faith was not always easy for them. These people all died before Jesus came to earth, but they believed and trusted God and His plan, which pleased God! Some Bibles even call them “heroes of the faith” because they are people we can look up to and learn from their examples of great faith. We can have faith, too, by believing and trusting in God. Say, “God leads me to have faith!” (God leads me to have faith!)

God kept His promise to send a Savior as part of His biggest plan! God sent Jesus, His own Son, to rescue people from sin. While the people we read about in Hebrews 11 had a lot of faith, we can know that the true hero of the Bible is Jesus. Jesus is the ultimate example of how we can live, and He is the ultimate hero because He rescues us from the punishment of sin. We can believe and trust in Jesus because, in Him, all of God’s promises come true. We know that Jesus will come back one day because God always keeps His promises.

We are here to share Jesus—to share about His love for us and how He gave up His life so that we could have a friendship with God forever. Without Jesus, we would still be separated from God because of our sin. But Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life that none of us could live, died the death that we deserve because of our sin, and rose again! Jesus defeated death and sin so that we could know and love God forever. Now that is worth sharing about and that is truly the biggest Game Changer of them all! Say, “Jesus is a game changer!” (Jesus is a game changer!) Let’s watch this video to learn more about who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

## Play Three Circles Video:

**What You Say:** What a Game Changer! Say, “Jesus changes the game!” (Jesus changes the game!) God has a good plan for us, even when our sin causes brokenness and separates us from God. The people in our Bible story shared their faith through their words and actions, and we can share Jesus the same way too. If you have any questions about how to go from being

separated from God to being friends with God forever, ask me or one of your other leaders today. We are here to share Jesus with you!

## Offering

### What To Do:

- Play video explaining offering to kids
- Play offering time video while kids pass the bucket
- Ask a student(s) to come up and pray over the offering

## Theme Verse Review:

### Theme Verse Motions:

Search me, God, (Hold your right hand above your eyes while looking side to side.)

and know my heart ... (Place both hands over your heart.)

lead me in the everlasting way. (Present both arms out in front of you, making circles going out.)

Psalm 139:23-24 (Hold your hands out like a book.)

**What You Say:** One way we can share Jesus is by sharing what the Bible says. Let's learn our Theme verse together in 3-2-1!

## Play Theme Verse Video

**What You Say:** God, who created us, knows what we need most. He leads us to faith in Jesus because Jesus changes the game by making the way for us to have an everlasting forever relationship with God. We can trust and believe in God with great faith and share Jesus so others can have faith too! Repeat after me, "God leads me to have faith!" (God leads me to have faith!) "Jesus changes the game!" (Jesus changes the game!)

## Large Group Closing:

**What You Say:** Today was all about fun and all about realizing that we are here to share Jesus. God sent Jesus to make the way to have a relationship with Him forever. When Jesus changes the game in our lives, we can believe and trust in Him. Say, "God leads me to have faith!" (God leads me to have faith!) When we share Jesus, God works through us to lead other people to

faith too! Let's look for ways to share Jesus this week. Say, "Jesus changes the game!" (Jesus changes the game!) Let's pray and talk with God in 3-2-1.

**Closing Prayer:** God, we love You. We know You are the ultimate Game Changer who made the way for us to have a relationship with You now and forever. Thank You for leading us to faith so we can trust and believe in You. Help us share Jesus, working through us to lead others to faith too. Amen.

**Transition to Small Group Time:** Split the kids into small groups. This can be done either by age, grade, or gender.

## Small Group Time:

**Option #1:** Connection Questions

**What You Say:** Let's discover how our Game Changer Jesus helps lead us to faith!

1. Who do you look up to, and why? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)
2. Name some people that are written about in history books. (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.) We can learn from their examples and what they have done. How can this remind us of the people we read about in the Bible? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)
3. The Bible tells us that when God leads us to have faith, we can share about God with others! Let's open our Bibles to **Hebrews 11:1-3** and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) Faith is believing and trusting in God. God leads us to faith. We know He will keep His promise to love us forever when we have a relationship with Him because of Jesus. What are true things about God that help you have faith and trust Him? (God created the whole world. God sent Jesus to make the way for us to have a relationship with Him. God loves us. God is always with us. God is always good and kind.)
4. What do you think it means when we say Jesus is the hero of the Bible? Do you have any questions about how Jesus can be the hero of your life? (Jesus is the ultimate example of how we can live. Jesus is the only One who can rescue us from the punishment of sin.)
5. The Bible tells us we are here to share Jesus and follow Him in faith, like the "heroes of the faith" did in the Bible. When God leads us to have faith, it is such a game changer because we start to understand that He has a plan even when we do not see all of what

He sees! What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)

### Option #2: Heroes of Faith Trading Cards

1. Write your name on the card with a blank name.
2. Draw a picture of yourself on the blank card.
3. Color and decorate the other pictures.
4. Hole punch the cards.
5. Thread a piece of yarn through and tie the yarn to keep the cards together.

**What To Do:** Today's Bible story featured some amazing people from history who had great faith. Let's make some cool trading cards so we can remember these people and learn from their examples. These cards will say who the people are, where you can find their stories in the Bible, and the faith-filled action we learned about today. However, you will not just make cards about them. You will make a card about yourself too! When you have faith that Jesus changes the game by rescuing you from sin, you can be a hero of faith as well!

First, write your name on the one trading card that has a blank name. Then you will draw a picture of yourself on the blank card. We will have time to decorate the other cards, color them and add any decorations you'd like.

When you finish, you will hole punch your cards and thread yarn through it. Then tie the yarn to keep the cards together. These cards will be a great reminder that, when we trust and believe God with faith, we can share our faith through how we live.

**Keep It Going:** Provide Bibles and invite kids to look up the Bible references on their cards in small groups.

**Loud And Clear:** Your cards look awesome! Which person do you find interesting or inspirational? (Allow kids a chance to answer.) It is cool to read about all these people's lives in Hebrews 11. The main thing that makes these people so interesting is that they believed and trusted God. They lived their lives with faith, knowing God would keep His promise to send a Savior. God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin and make the way for us to have a relationship with God. Now we get to have faith that God will be with us every day, and one day, Jesus will return so we can live forever with God! God leads us to have faith, and that faith in God leads us to share Jesus with others!

### Option #3: Activity Page

**What To Do:** This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

**Leader Tip:** Get to know the kids better. Ask them what they remember about the Bible story.

**Loud And Clear:** God is always good and always keeps His promises. He sent Jesus to keep His promise to rescue us from sin. We can place our faith in Him, knowing He will always do what He says He will do. The people in Hebrews 11 trusted and followed God. We can follow their example—and the example of Jesus—by trusting God and following Him too. When we do, we share Jesus with others. Let's share Jesus because He changes the game!

## Close out in prayer:

### What To Do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests
- Pray with the group
- Lead the group in the prayer below.

**What You Say:** God, thank You for creating the world and creating us to know and follow You. Thank You for the people in the Bible who show us how to live and follow You. Most of all, thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us from sin. Help us have faith in You, believing and trusting that You always keep Your promises. And as You lead us to faith, help us to share Jesus with others so You can lead them to faith too. We love You. Amen.

## Dismissal:

**Leader Tip:** Work with your team to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.