

Junior Church 26/01/25 Hebrews 11:17 - 40

The Big Idea

Part II of Hebrews 11's 'hall of faith'. This passage is a whistle-stop tour through the lives of Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Rahab. To follow on from last week's focus on the meaning of faith, this week's focus is on **why** these heroes had faith: **they were looking to a better, eternal reward.** (V 26, v40)

Game Ideas

Who am I? Chn to ask 'yes/no' questions to ascertain which faith hero you're thinking of. How quickly can they guess it? (Perhaps display names on the board to help)
Climbers - This could be simplified by giving clues instead)

Teaching Time

*Climbers - perhaps simplify and just focus on second questions for Moses and Rahab - 'How did God show Moses/Rahab he was with him?'

Recap - what does faith mean? (Being sure of what we do not see - gravity/wind/love) Recap our 'hall of faith' so far - Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham. How did they each show faith?

Intro part II of the 'hall of faith'. Create matching pairs of names and how they showed faith.

Isaac - gave blessings to Jacob and Esau.

Joseph - believed God would lead his people to the promised land.

Moses - left Egypt and led God's people

Rahab - welcomed the Israelite spies into her home

Why might Moses have been tempted not to have faith? *He was an Egyptian prince with lots of riches. He wouldn't have wanted to be badly treated like the Israelites. He might have been scared of angry Pharaoh.*

How did God show Moses he was with him?

He sent the ten plagues. He led the people through the Red Sea by parting the waters.

Rahab is particularly important for both girls and boys to see how God blesses and commends women/foreigners for their faith and does great things through them.

Why might Rahab have been tempted not to have faith? *She hadn't seen God's power herself. No one around her knew God or loved him. Staying in her house didn't seem like a safe thing to do. (Rahab's faith was extraordinary!)*

How did God show Rahab he was with her?

He led the spies to her home. The spies were kind and made her a promise. Her home stood firm as the walls of Jericho fell down.

What were Moses/Rahab/Isaac/Jacob/Joseph they all looking to? (V 26, V40)

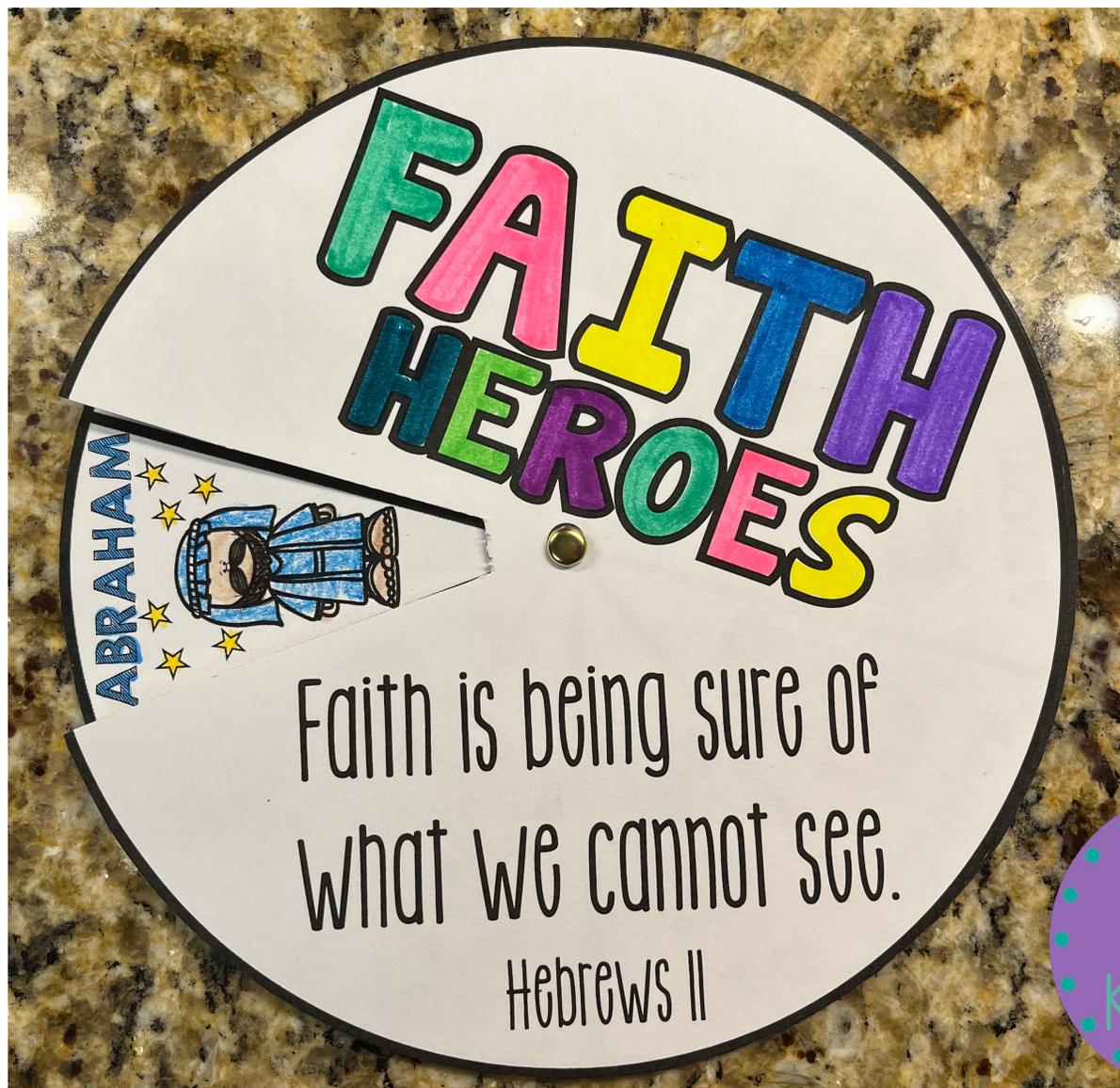
Knowing Jesus. A life of following God's ways and God's plans. Something better/eternal.

How do these heroes encourage us to have faith? *They help us to believe in God's power. They remind us of God's promises. They remind us of what's to come.*

Craft Ideas

Climbers - John Fenning has bought a great craft template that goes through all the heroes of faith in this chapter - see the pdf attached.

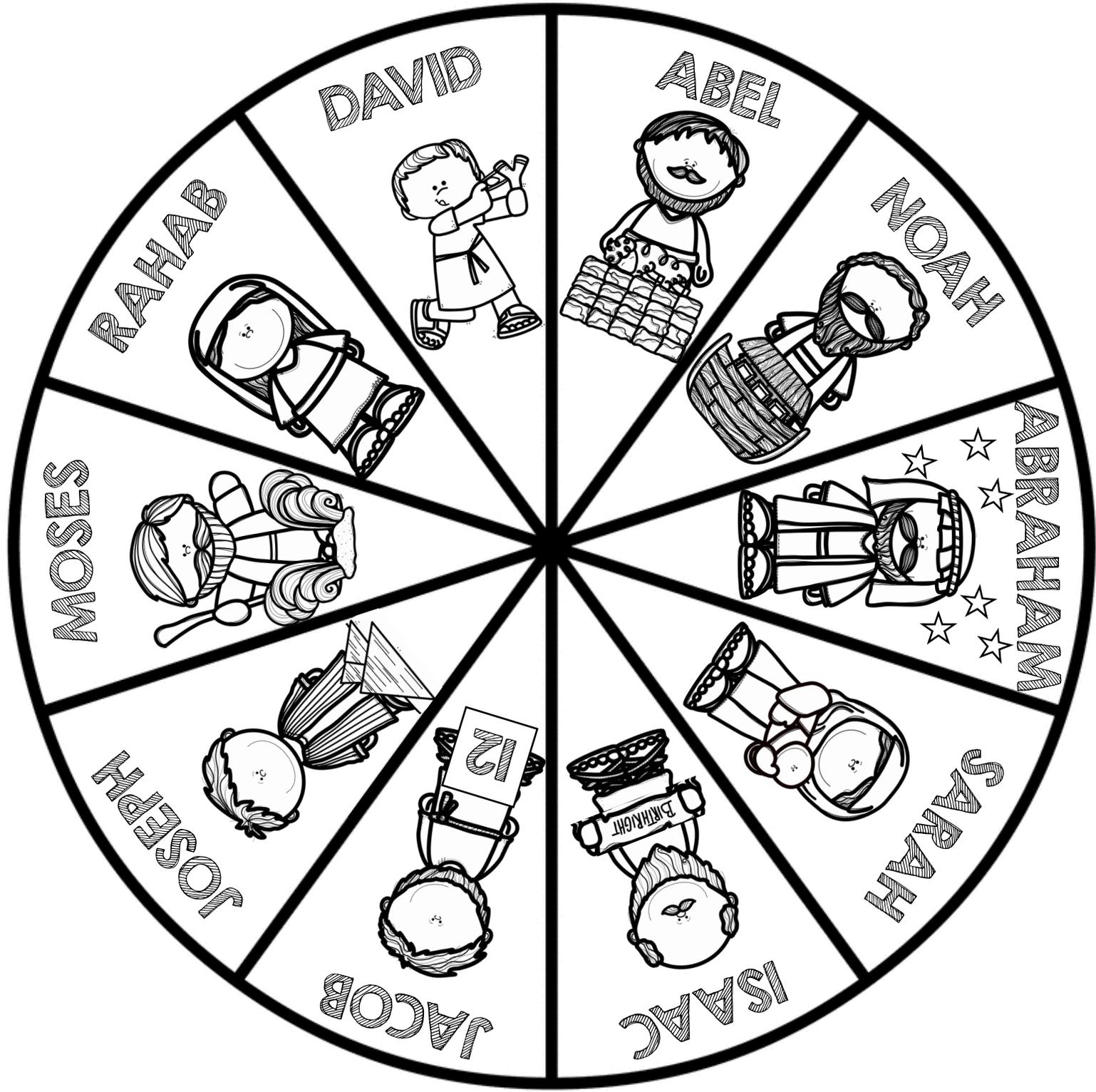
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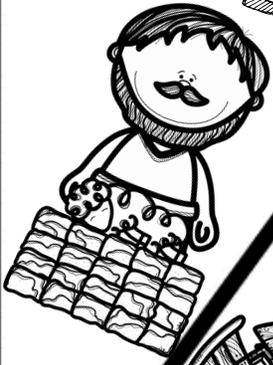
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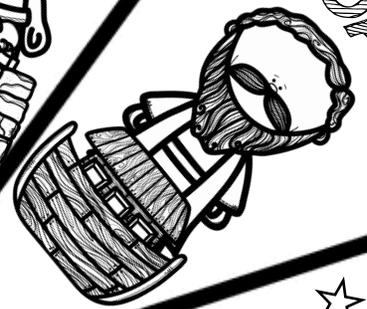
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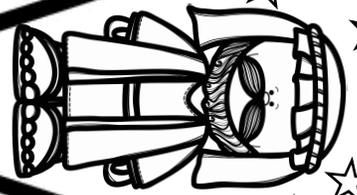
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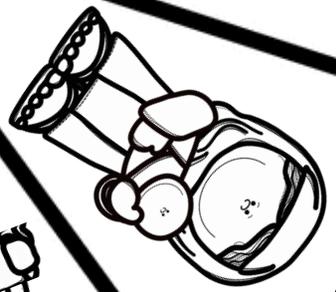
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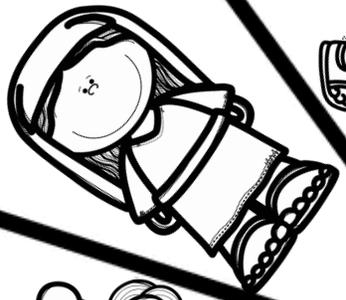
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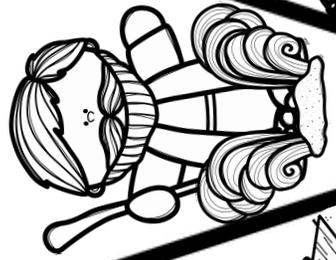
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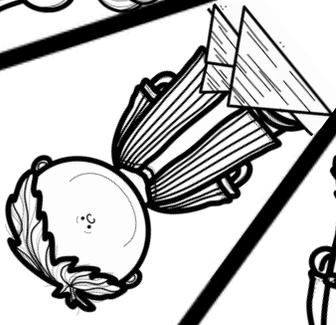
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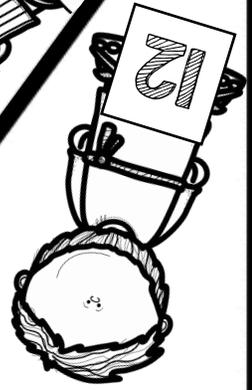
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