

GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

**HAVE FAITH IN
GOD'S PLAN**

MEMORY VERSE

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: FAITH

READ - Hebrews 11:1

Having faith in God's plan means being confident that God is good and will do what He says He will do. It means trusting Him, even when we don't see what comes next. Here is a challenge for you – memorize this verse over the next few weeks so that you can always be reminded about what faith looks like. We can have faith in God and His plan because He always does what He says He will do. God's promises always come true. **Remember: Have Faith in God's Plan**

DAY 2: FAITH TO FOLLOW

READ - Genesis 12:1, Hebrews 11:8-9, Jeremiah 29:11

God told Abram, later known as Abraham, to go and leave his country, his friends, and even some of his family. Can you imagine moving to a totally new place? Maybe you have had to do that before! And it can definitely seem sad or scary. God told Abram that He would show him where to go. God promises to be with us when we follow Him. **Remember: Have Faith in God's Plan**

DAY 3: GOD IS FAITHFUL

READ - Genesis 12:2, Genesis 22:17, Romans 4:17-21

God gave Abraham many promises. One promise God gave Abraham was to make his name great and to turn his family into a great nation whose number would be as many as the stars in the sky! And did God keep His promises? Yes! Abraham's family became the nation of Israel! When you know someone will keep their word does it help you trust them? God always keeps His word. **Remember: Have Faith in God's Plan**

DAY 4: THE BIG PLAN

READ - Genesis 12:3, John 1:10-13

that promise? Well, guess who can be traced back to Abraham's family tree? JESUS! Jesus came and took the punishment of death for OUR sins even though He lived a perfect life. Because He is God He was able to come back to life beating both sin and death! This made a way for anyone to have a personal relationship with God if they choose to believe in and follow Jesus. And that's how all nations were blessed through Abraham.

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DAY 5: ABRAHAM OBEYS

READ - Genesis 12:4-5, Jeremiah 7:23, Galatians 6:9

Abraham obeyed God because he trusted that God would do what He said He would do. It was a long journey, but Abraham didn't give up. And God did lead Abraham and his family to the land that was for him and his children...and their children...and their children...and so on! They were all part of the great nation that God promised would come from Abraham. How can you obey God's and trust God today? **Remember: Have Faith in God's Plan**



POST-IT IN YOUR HEART

Materials: pen, post-its

Memorizing Scripture can help you remember to act more like Christ in hard situations, when you are tempted to make a bad choice, when playing with friends...or any time! Use this fun activity to help you memorize Hebrews 11:1. **“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)**

1. Copy the verse on post-its by writing each word of the verse on a separate post-it.
2. Arrange the words on a flat surface (like a wall or table) so that they are in the correct order.
3. Repeat the verse outloud, including the Scripture reference, a few times so that you are familiar with it.
4. Remove one post-it so that a word is missing. Say the verse again trying to recall the missing word.
5. Continue to say the verse over and over. As you continue, remove more and more words.
6. You will be amazed. Soon you will be able to say the whole verse without looking at any of the words!



MAP IT OUT

Materials: paper, stickers, markers

Have you ever thought of our lives being like a map? We like to have everything we do planned out for the future. Where will we go to school? Where will we live? What will I be when I grow up? God doesn't always give us the answers to those questions right away. Does that mean we have to worry? No! God is still taking care of you and he will reveal the road to your next stop in his own time. *Jeremiah 29:11, “for I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.”*

God has plans for you. It may be that God's plans are different from yours. You may not want to do it at first, but if you obey you will find out that God's plan is always the best plan.

So next time you look at a map, remember that God is looking at one too – the map for your life. Enjoy the ride. Even if you don't know where you're going yet, if you're listening, God will tell you what the next step is.

Create a treasure map to remind you that you can have faith in God's plan. You may not know where you are going, but God will lead you.



CRYSTAL STAR

Materials: string, pipe cleaner, borax powder, popsicle stick, glass jar, boiling water

In Genesis 12 God promises to give Abraham a large family. Then in Genesis 22:17 God compares Abraham's future family to be as numerous as the stars in the sky! Let's make a crystal star:

1. The first step of making a crystal star is to make the star shape. Bend a pipe cleaner into a star shape. You can use a template or cookiecutter to help you make the shape. The star shape should fit inside the jar you have chosen.
2. Tie one end of the string to the star and the other end to a popsicle stick.
3. Fill your jar with boiling water.
4. Add borax one tablespoon at a time to the boiling water, stirring to dissolve after each addition. Use 3 tablespoons borax per cup of water. It is okay if some undissolved borax settles to the bottom of the jar.
5. Lower the pipe cleaner star into the jar so that the stick rests on top of the jar and the star is completely covered with liquid and hangs freely (not touching the bottom of the jar).
6. Allow the jar to sit in an undisturbed location overnight.
7. You can hang your snowflake as a decoration or in a window to catch the sunlight.