

LETTERS FROM A KIDS CHURCH LEADER

Hi Kids Church!

Happy summer holidays! I am sure you are all delighted to be finished with home school and your mums and dads too. I know I am but I was very sad not being able to say goodbye to my classes properly.

You will have been spending a lot of time with your family recently and playing with your brothers and sisters if you have them. In our family we have been playing tennis, golf and even kayaking. We have played scrabble and Risk. Most of the time we have got on well. Today you will hear about two brothers who didn't get on so well!

I hope you all have a great summer and lots of fun with your family and friends.

Lois, Ruth, John, Ben, Katie, Nikki, Mark, Judith and Abigail!

Challenge:

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”
Hebrews 11:1 (NIV – we know you love to add this in!)

When you are trying to remember this verse, why don't you try repeating it over and over, challenge your parents or siblings to say it or write it out.

Sing-A-Long:

Here is a little song to sing and dance along to, we hope you enjoy it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3vXskh1ig>

Bible Story:

“Heroes of Faith” based on Hebrews 11 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlGXVihi_S8) is the series that Kids Church are going to focus on over the summer! We will learn about a different person from Hebrews 11 who demonstrated faith and this week we are focussing on Abel. Watch the video below and read Genesis 4:2-5.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaUHAH-vEnc>

In this passage in Genesis, two brothers give different offerings to God. Hebrews 11:4 says “By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain.” God accepted Abel's offering but not Cain's because of different motivations. The heart of Abel's gift was faith which was not the case for Cain. If he had the right intentions, it might have been accepted.

How does this story help us today?



Cain and Abel both gave God something different, but God accepted the offering based on intentions. What we have to offer might look different from others, but God wants us to do our best. We can give God our time, our service, our love and more. As long as we give these things with faith, God is going to cherish each offering! Our challenge to you this week is to think of what you have to offer to God (if you don't think you have anything, you need to think harder). Think about how your offering is given to God, is it out of faith and love? Or do you have a different motivation behind it?

In this series it's important to remember that each person is a hero of faith but they still have flaws. Jesus is the ultimate hero of faith and is the only one who is perfect. But the great thing is that God uses imperfect people to teach us and Abel taught us to give with a faithful and grateful heart.

Craft:

Every superhero has a logo or a sign that is recognisable (see pictures below). We want you to get your creative hats on and create a new one.

What you will need: Paper, felt tips or colouring pencils and scissors.



1. Design a hero logo for Abel based on the story that you have learned. Think about what makes him a hero and include it in the logo.
2. You could cut it out and put it in your bible to use as a reminder of Abel's faith.
3. We would love to see your creations, please take a photo and send to steven@railwaystreet.org



Cain and Abel Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

L	I	S	I	T	N	W	A	N	D	E	R	E	R	D
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N	R	L	L	A	M	C	O	N	S	E	Q	U	I	S
N	O	N	S	E	Q	U	I	S	A	I	L	L	A	N
D	T	K	I	L	L	E	D	E	R	D	R	I	U	R
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S	E	M	I	A	B	E	L	R	E	T	A	M	V	E
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T	I	E	D	O	C	A	I	N	D	E	L	I	Q	U
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S	U	M	I	T	A	C	C	E	P	T	E	D	V	E

ABEL
ACCEPTED
ADAM

BROTHERS
CAIN
EVE

GROUND
KILLED
OFFERING

RIGHT
SHEPHERD
WANDERER

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for taking what I have to give even when it feels small to me. I pray that you give me the ability to trust you with more every day. Thank you for being patient with me as I figure out what to offer you.

For your glory and our good, Amen.

The End:

Jesus is our ultimate hero of faith because he is perfect, but we can still learn from imperfect people. We are so excited for you to work through the “Heroes of Faith” series. We hope this guide points you to God and reminds you of His love. Until next week,

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Other Resources:

The Bible Project are sending out weekly family encouragements: <https://bibleproject.com>

Illustrated Ministry have lots of Free resources that can be used as well:
<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>

Railway Street Presbyterian Church: <http://www.facebook.com/RailwayStreetPC>

Hope for Youth Ministries are doing assemblies on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays:
<https://www.facebook.com/hopeforyouthministries/>

She Reads Truth have a Kids Read Truth section with a free digital download, ‘Kids Read Matthew.’ This is a daily scripture and activity book, follow the link below to download:
<https://shereadstruth.com/downloads/>

Made for More have an Encounters with Jesus booklet which can be requested from
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