

“Hold Firm!”  
Swartz Creek / Lads to Leaders  
Family Bible Study - Week 35  
Hebrews 11:1-5

Read the text in the NKJV. Suggested memory verses: 11:1, 3. In lieu of *memorizing* the verses, read the assigned text every single day for a week.

FOR ADULTS:

The main idea is: “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

What does it mean that faith is the “substance of things hoped for?”

What does it mean that faith is the “evidence of things not seen?”

How can “the elders” obtain a good testimony by faith? Which elders has the writer in mind?

Verse 3 gives biblical evidence for the so-called “Intelligent Design” movement. Look up information on that movement and compare its goals with verse 3.

How does the definition of verse 1 relate to the story of Abel in verse 4? What might have been the “substance” for which Abel hoped? What might have been the “evidence” which he did not see?

Where is the story of Enoch found? How does the definition of faith in verse 1 relate to Enoch?

FOR TEENS:

What is the definition of “substance?” Now, how does “faith” relate to that definition?

Give a definition of “evidence” and explain how “evidence” relates to “hope.”

What is the cosmological argument for the existence of God? How does verse 3 support that argument?

Why was Abel’s offering “more excellent” than Cain’s? What did his offering reflect about his character?

What does Abel teach *you* about worship?

What do we know about Enoch? How do we know his life pleased God? What does his experience tell us about an “after-life?”

FOR KIDS:

How is the biblical teaching on creation an encouragement to our faith?

Can you *see* heaven in your mind? Can you *see* God and Christ *in your mind*? That is faith. How does that help us live our lives today?

What do you know about Abel? Read about him in Genesis 4. What did he do *by faith*?

What do you know about Enoch (Gen. 5:22-24)? What did he do *by faith*?

FOR PRE-SCHOOL:

Again, watch the food-fight scene from the movie *Hook* and talk with your parents about the definition of *faith*. Go to YouTube and look up “Use Your Imagination - Hook.”

How does faith relate to our worship, as it did Abel (Gen. 4)?

How does faith relate to our walk with God, as it did Enoch (Gen. 5:22-24)?

Paint a picture of your favorite scene from nature.

Keep a notebook with your “Hebrews” study notes in them.