

“Hold Firm!”  
Swartz Creek / Lads to Leaders  
Family Bible Study - Week 38  
Hebrews 11:16-20

Read the text in the NKJV. Suggested memory verses: 11:16-17. In lieu of *memorizing* the verses, read the assigned text every single day for a week.

FOR ADULTS:

The main idea is: “They desire a better, heavenly country.”

Do we *desire* a better, heavenly country? If not, why not? If so, do our daily decisions reflect that desire?

Why is God not ashamed to be called their God?

Before Abraham expressed his faith in offering Isaac, what did he experience (vs 17)?

What is the importance of Isaac being the son through whom the “seed” shall be called?

Why did Isaac bless Jacob and Esau?

FOR TEENS:

Do you like living in a city? Would you prefer to live in the country? Why do the biblical writers picture heaven frequently as a city?

Why does God test our faith? Why did He put the tree of knowledge in the garden?

Who else is identified in the Bible as “only begotten”? Why is that significant?

The Hebrew writer, in verse 19, gives us some insight into Abraham’s mind when he offered Isaac. What is that?

In the context of Hebrews 11, what is the most important idea in verse 20?

FOR KIDS:

Why is it important for Christians to understand that they are members of a heavenly people?

If we live our lives, focused on this heavenly country, how does it make God feel?

If your dad were Abraham, would you let him do what Isaac let Abraham do?

Why was Abraham able to offer Isaac (vs 19)?

Do your parents make promises to you about the future? Do you trust them? Why?

FOR PRE-SCHOOL:

Why would the Bible writers compare heaven to a city?

Do you like it when your parents give you a choice? Why do they give you a choice? What choice did God give Abraham?

Why was Abraham’s choice a good choice? How did that choice reflect his faith?

Draw a picture of Abraham offering Isaac on the altar.

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