

TEACHER'S NOTES

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Chapter 16	We Believe in Jesus
Lesson 4	Jesus Desires Our Faith

AIMS

1. Children will learn that Jesus wants them also to believe in Him.
2. They will learn that their faith pleases Jesus just like the faith of the men in the Bible stories.
3. They will learn that the reward for such faith is Heaven.

BEGIN

1. Review some of the ways God has shown His love for man:
 - a. Creation
 - b. Noah and the ark
 - c. Abraham
 - d. Moses
 - e. God sends His own Son, Jesus
 - f. Jesus' teaching and miracles
2. Ask the children how God has shown His love for them in their own lives.

STEP 1

Take some time to ensure that the children recognise God's great love, His plan for them, and His great care in preparing their hearts for the gift of faith. Explain to the children that from the beginning of the world, God has prepared man for the coming of His Son. The teachings of His Son, Jesus, reveals God's love for all men.

STEP 2

Remind the children that God freely offers His love and that He wants everyone to believe in Jesus. Every person is called to have faith just like the blind man and the centurion. God offers the gift of faith to everyone, but not everyone accepts the gift. We can make our faith stronger by learning about Jesus.

STEP 3

Encourage the children to pray to Jesus and ask Him to strengthen their faith.

Say the following prayer together:

Lord I believe in You. Please help those who do not believe in you. *Amen.*

STEP 4

Review the stories of the healing of the blind man and the centurion's servant. Invite the children to retell these stories in their own words. Help them if necessary. Let them re-perform the skit in their packs if there is time.

Emphasise how much the faith of these men pleased Jesus, and how Jesus rewarded their faith with healing miracles. Explain that their faith also pleases Jesus and that He will reward their faith with Heaven, where they will be happy and united to Jesus for ever.

REINFORCE

1. Have the children complete the letter to Jesus in their activity packs.

A SAMPLE LETTER TO JESUS

Dear Jesus,

I believe in You because:

You are the Son of Mary and the Son of God.

You love me so much that You came to earth as a tiny baby so that one day I could be with you in Heaven.

You performed miracles, something only God can do.

You are the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

You gave me Your Mother as my own.

2. Have the children practice memorising CCC question 34 that is in their packs.
3. Have the children also learn the chart that is in their packs.

CONCLUDE

1. Have the children take turns to read out their "Dear Jesus" letters.
2. Make the simple act of faith with the children from their packs.
3. Sing with the children, "At the Name of Jesus," *Adoramus hymnal*, #602

PREVIEW

In our next lesson, we will review what we have learned and take a quiz.