

BEDTIME STORIES



WELCOME

Hebrews 11

Is Faith's Hall of Fame.

But read it slowly,

And look at each name.

These were not superheroes,
Who could soar through the sky.

They were ordinary people,
Just like you and I.

The difference with them,
Was their trust in the Lord,
How they held to the truths,
That we find in His Word.

Bedtime Stories

Bedtime stories that teach godly character and that show how the truths of the Bible play out in daily life are an incredible tool for instilling spiritual values in your child. The following section contains 6 bedtime stories, one for each week of this series.

Bible Bedtime Stories

Bible Bedtime Stories are simple and easy quick-read stories that you can share with your child straight out of God's Word. It's another great part of a bedtime ritual. Children need consistency but also variety. The consistency is that you read a bedtime story each night or on certain nights...the variety is that you use different kinds of stories on different nights and what better stories are there than the stories that God has given us in His Word. What a great way for children to know and understand the heroes of the Bible better.

Bedtime Bible Readings

Week 1 –Hebrews 12:1 – 2

Week 2 –Hebrews 11:1 – 7

Week 3 –Hebrews 11:8 – 16

Week 4 –Hebrews 11:17 – 22

Week 5 –Hebrews 11:23 – 31

Week 6 –Hebrews 11:32 – 40

Use Your Own Experiences as Bedtime Stories

Children love to hear about your "adventures" and experiences when you were a child. Share your life's experiences with your children, even the things you are learning now as an adult, and help them to grow from your journey of faith.

THE RACE OF LIFE

Week 1

There once were two fellows,
In the race of life, you see,
One lived for those around him,
The other lived for "ME."

They were the same age,
They came from the same place,
But listen to the difference,
Of how they ran life's great race.

Runner number one,
Was a boy named Lee.
He lived for himself,
And sang, "Me, Me, Me, Me."

"It's all about me,"
Lee would say with a sigh.
"So, what do I care,
About those I pass by?"

A friend of his tripped,
And into a ditch he did fall!
"What do I care?
I won't help him at all."
Another runner got sick,
And turned blue in the face.
"Who really cares," Lee said,
"If *he* can't finish the race?"

"I'm the fastest!
I'm Runner #1.
I don't stop for others.
I just run, run, run!"

But now let's meet,
Runner number two.
He's very different.
His name is Lou.

He lived for others,
Good ol' Lou,
He never sang, "Me, Me, Me, Me."
He sang, "For you, for you, for you."

At the start of the race,
He didn't push to the lead,
He let others go first,
Then he picked up his speed.

But a runner fell down,
And skinned up his knee,
Lou couldn't just pass,
But stopped to help, you see.
He helped the man run,
Holding him under his shoulder,
When he saw another runner,
Collide with a boulder.

He picked this man up,
And put him on his back,
Then he took off running,
Back to Life's track.

He pulled others from a ditch,
Pulled three from a pit,
Bandaged twelve knees,
He just wouldn't quit.

Others ran by,
Some even laughed,
Few stopped to help,
They didn't want to be last.

“You’re a fool!” one yelled,
“You’re running a race!
So quit helping those people,
And pick up the pace!”

But Lou didn’t listen,
He did what was good,
He helped all those people,
He helped all that he could.
At last he crossed the finish,
And came to the end of the track,
Carrying thirty-nine others,
--All hurt runners,
On top of his big, broad back.

Lee, who lived for “Me,”
The world called the winner.
The world gave him trophies,
And a big festive dinner.

Lou won nothing,
He came in last place,
But in God’s eyes,
He was the winner of the Race.



God’s Measure of Success

God and the world have two different ways of evaluating success. In the story, Lee, who lived only for himself finished first. He received trophies and a great dinner. Lou, however, who stopped to help others, came in last, but who do you think lived in a way that was pleasing to God? Listen to what Jesus said in Mark 10:31, “But many who are first, will be last; and the last, first.”

Read Hebrews 12:1-2 from your Bible.

AN INVISIBLE FRIEND

Week 2

A new kid came,
Last week to school.
I thought he was strange.
I thought he was a fool.

He kept talking to himself.
Real quiet, you see.
As if someone was sitting,
Between him and me.

“What are you doing,”
I said with a shout.
“Why are you whispering?
You’re creeping me out!”

Every eye turned our way.
The teacher gave a glare.
“But he’s talking to someone,
Who isn’t even there!”

“Yes, he is,”
He mumbled to say.
He goes with me everywhere,
Each and every day.
“You’re a nut! You’re a loon!
You’ve lost it, my friend.
You’re a fruit, a baboon!
I’ll say it again!”

He spoke in reply,
“You don’t get it, you see.
You don’t understand,
What’s happening with me.”

“Coming to a new school,
Is scary, I’ll say.
And when I’m scared,
I always pray.”

He was talking to Jesus.
He was saying a prayer.
He was talking to Jesus,
Who really was there!

“I’m sorry,” I said.
“I’d make it up if I could,”
I felt real bad,
But I finally understood.

He stopped whispering after that,
But when he’d stare at the wall,
I knew he was still talking to Jesus,
Who was there after all.



Trusting

The kid in the story was praying because he was scared. What scares you? How do you think praying can help you when you’re frightened? Psalm 56:3 says, “When I am afraid, I will trust in You.”

You can always trust God. As a Christian, He will always be with you and you can talk to Him anytime, anywhere about anything. Just because you can’t see something, doesn’t mean it’s not there.

Read Hebrews 11:1 from your Bible.

SOUR SUE

Week 3

I'll tell you the tale,
Of Sour Sue,
Who always was worried,
And always felt blue.

Her problem wasn't,
A too tight shoe.
And her problem wasn't,
That her cow wouldn't moo.

No, it wasn't,
A cousin named Boo,
Who had no teeth,
And could barely even chew,

And under his nose,
He'd tack green glue,
And then scream real loud,
"I sneezed!" Ah-choo!

Her problem wasn't,
That her mom's car wouldn't go,
Or that she had gone all winter,
Without any snow.
It wasn't that,
She felt school was too long,
Or that she had bought a canary,
That wouldn't sing a song.

It wasn't that her feet,
Started to stink,
Or that her favorite red sweater,
Had suddenly turned pink.

Her problem wasn't that,
She had bought a guitar,
That got run over,
By a big-wheeled car.

And it surely wasn't,
That her teeth turned yellow,
And the dentist who fixed them,
Was a funny-looking fellow.

It wasn't even that,
Three whiskers grew on her chin.
But that was all right,
There were five on her friend.

Her problem was,
A faith problem, I feel,
Because she couldn't look beyond,
To see what was real.
The "big picture,"
Wasn't in her mind.
She just looked to this world.
To all else she was blind.

But there's more out there,
Than what you can see, touch and feel.
Just because you can't see it,
Doesn't mean it's not real.

You can't see God,
But by faith you know,
He at your side,
Wherever you go.

His unseen promises,
Are as real as your bed,
And the blanket and pillow,
On which you lay your head.

By faith, you see more,
As you trust in the Lord,
Faith knows that,
God will always keep His Word.

But poor sour Sue,
Lived in worry and dread,
She missed a life of faith,
That's a million times better instead.



Seeing Beyond

A boat on the Mississippi River sailed into a thick fog but to the surprise of many on it, the captain didn't slow down. He continued to go as fast as he had when the way was clear. One concerned passenger took the stairs to the top of the boat to speak with him about his carelessness, but when he arrived, he saw what the captain saw. The fog was low and from above the captain had a clear view of everything. He could see the "big picture" that the others couldn't.

Likewise, God sees and knows more about every situation than we could ever imagine. He sees the "big picture." There will be times in your life that things will happen that you don't understand. And when we don't have all the answers, we know that we can continue to trust God because He sees what we don't. And by faith, we too can see beyond the situation.

Read Colossians 3:1-2 from your Bible.

A REALLY ROTTEN DAY

Week 4

“It’s a happy, shiny, bright new day.”
The mom said to Jonathan Gray.
“Get up. Get up.” She patted his head.
It’s time for you to get out of bed.

He closed his eyes,
Then jumped up in a dash,
Grabbed hold of his clothes,
And was dressed in a flash.

But after that,
The good was gone.
Everything that happened,
From there went wrong.

He tripped when he walked.
He fell down the stairs.
His toast was burnt,
And he grew nose hairs.

His fingernails turned blue.
“Oh what will kids think.”
Then he smelled a bad odor.
He was starting to stink.

His socks didn’t like him,
So they jumped off his feet.
His shoes just laughed,
And ran up the street.

Then it started raining spaghetti,
Which he thought was quite weird.
Then he had an odd feeling.
He’d grown a pink beard.

Suddenly a hurricane came,
And blew his house away,
And there he stood alone.
Poor Jonathan Gray.

Spagetti covered him,
From his head to his toes.
Then a monkey came from nowhere,
And pinched him on his nose.

Without warning the moon fell down,
And hit him in the knee,
“Ouch!” he screamed,
“Why me? Why me?”

“It’s a happy, shiny, bright, new day,”
Jonathan heard his mother say.
“Get up. Get up.” She patted his head.
It had all been a dream,
And he was glad to get out of bed.



Trusting
From time to time, you’ll have rough days. Some things in life are hard to understand, but you don’t have to understand everything to trust God. Faith trusts what it cannot see, touch or feel. Faith also trusts even when you don’t have all the answers for why certain things happen. By faith you know that God will never let you down. By faith you know that God is on His throne and has all power. By faith you know the He will always keep His word, and by faith you know that the Lord loves you.

Read Hebrews 11:6 from your Bible.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

Week 5

What do you do,
When a bully picks on you?
By faith you give it to God,
And tell your teacher too.

What do you do,
When worry fills your mind?
By faith you talk to the Lord,
And leave your cares behind.

What do you do,
When you think a monster is in the room?
By faith you pray to Jesus,
And let Him lift your gloom.

What do you do,
When you do not get your way?
You act with kindness and courtesy,
And watch what you say.

What do you do,
When someone is mean to you?
You do good to them,
And pray God will bless them too.
What do you do,
When you've done something wrong, my friend?
You take the discipline coming your way,
And decide not to do it again.

Do what Jesus would do,
And hold to what's good.
Always obey God and your parents,
As you know you always should.

But what do you do,
When a friend wants you to go,
To a place you shouldn't,
And it's hard to say no?

And what do you do,
If something's on TV,
That you really want to watch,
But you know you shouldn't see?

Or what do you do,
When kids at school,
Tell you to do something wrong,
And then you'll be cool?

What do you do,
When everyone will laugh,
Unless you do what's wrong,
And leave God's path?
This is what you do:
Don't turn to the left or the right,
Stay on God's path,
And hold to Jesus tight.

Do what you God says,
Obey every line,
And you'll never go wrong,
And you'll be just fine.

There's not doubt about it:
God's way is best,
And if you follow His ways,
Your life will be blessed.



Don't Walk Away

In life you'll face trials and temptations. Some people will tempt you to do what you know is wrong. Others will try to get you to leave God's path. Some might even tell you that the Bible isn't true or that God isn't real. The world can be a tough place, but you know what is right and true and good and what God has required of you. So, follow Him and be just like Jesus.

Read Micah 6:8 from your Bible.

THE FLYNOCEROS

Week 6

Imagine a rhino,
Who wanted to fly.
Who'd spend all day,
And just stare at the sky.

"I'll build some wings,"
He said out loud.
"And flap until,
My head's in a cloud."

"Or I'll become a kite,
Tied down with a string,
And soar so high,
I can see everything."

"Or I'll strap a rocket,
On my back real tight,
And blast straight up,
Into the night."

But the wings and kite,
Both did fail,
And that big 'ol rocket,
Just burn up his tail.

None of the plans,
Worked out for him,
So he felt real sad,
And his hopes looked dim.

Until one day,
He saw a sign,
To buy tickets,
From a certain airline.

It took four tickets,
To seat him in there,
But finally at last,
He was up in the air.

"I'm above the clouds,"
He shouted with joy.
"I can't believe it!
Oh boy! Oh boy!"

He was the first to fly—
The first rhinoceros.
And from the day on,
He was called the flynoceros.



Big Dreams

There may be a lot of things you'd like to do in your life. Maybe you'd like to fly a jet or blast-off in a rocket. Perhaps you want to make a million dollars or be the President of the United States. But of all the things that will happen to you, the greatest thing is you can do is to give your life to Jesus and accept Him as your Savior and Lord.

This is where the race begins, where the fight of faith begins, where God's path begins...where everything that we've talked about in the past several weeks begins. This is where life begins and if you ever have any questions about Jesus or how you can know for sure that you'd go to heaven, please let me know.

The Bible says in Romans 10:13,
"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."