

# FOCUS

## TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Parent Cue • Preteen • Week of June 7th

Use this guide to help your family learn how we can have faith in God.

First, watch this video:

<https://bit.ly/PreteenFocusJuneWeek1>

Then follow up with the activity below!

## MEMORY VERSE

"Faith is being sure of  
what we hope for.

It is being sure of  
what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1, NIV

## LIFE APP

FAITH:

Trusting in what you can't see  
because of what you can see

## BIBLE STORY

Faith Is...

(Hebrews 11:1-12:3)

## KEY QUESTION

What are things you  
believe that you can't see?

## ACTIVITY: Unseen Art

### WHAT YOU NEED:

art supplies, such as paper, markers, glue, glitter, magazine pages, etc.

### WHAT YOU DO:

Either individually or as a family, make a collage or illustration of things (or people) that you've never SEEN, but you believe they exist. (For example: other planets/stars, famous landscapes like the Grand Canyon, celebrities, music, etc.) Use any supplies you have on hand. The project can be as fancy or as simple as you choose. The goal is to start a conversation about how it's possible to believe in something even though you've never seen it.

As you work on the art project, use the following questions to guide your conversation. Share about a couple of things that help you know Jesus and have faith in God, especially during these uncertain times.

### Talk about the Bible story:

o What's one thing you've never seen but you don't doubt that it exists (or did exist in the past)? (air, heart/lungs, Mars, Abraham Lincoln)

o How do you know that thing or person is real?

o Who are some people from the Bible who have had faith in God, even when they didn't know how things would turn out? (Abraham, Moses, David)

o What questions do you have about what it looks like to have faith in Jesus?

(Parents, don't feel like you have to have all the answers to your kid's questions! No one has ALL the answers. The important thing is that you validate the importance of asking questions and engage your kid in a conversation about faith. Check out [theparentcue.org/topics/faith/](http://theparentcue.org/topics/faith/) for more on helping your kids develop their faith.)

## PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible Story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for these stories of the faithful people who came before us. Help us to learn from them and discover how we can have faith and grow closer to You. Thank You for sending Your one and only Son to show us who You are, and to make a way for us to have a relationship with You. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."



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## DAY 5

Learning how to talk about your faith with others can be tough—especially if you're new to faith, or you still aren't sure exactly what you believe. But anything is possible with a little practice.

Make a practice script on a sheet of paper. Talk about how you first heard about God. Share a couple of things God has done for you and for your family. Then, choose one person you want to share your faith with. Write down a date you want to have this conversation by and make it happen! Who knows, this conversation could be the start of someone else's faith!



WEEK 1

## DAY 1

Go to [Studio252.tv](http://Studio252.tv) and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

### SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

- 1) YOU LIKED: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) YOU LEARNED: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DAY 2

### READ HEBREWS 11:1–12:3

In our reading, Paul gives us a definition for faith in the very first verse. Paul has two names, actually, Saul and Paul. We'll use both all month long, so don't be confused! Back to what Paul says about faith—to put it simply, faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

Paul also gives a very long list of people whose faith changed their lives and the lives of those around them.

Who is someone you know who has a big, growing faith?

## DAY 3

You can talk to God just like you talk to your mom or dad. You can tell Him anything—even talk about your day! Talking to God is one of the best ways to grow your faith. Fill in the blanks below, then read the prayer to God.

*Hey God!*

*You already know this, but it's me, (Your Name). I want to get better at talking to You, because I want to grow my faith.*

*One reason I want to grow my faith is (one reason you want to grow your faith).*

*Help me to learn to look for all the things I can see to show me what I can't see. For example, I can't see the wind, but I can see the leaves swaying. Another example of relying on faith is (an example of something you can't see but know exists because of what you can see).*

*Thank You for helping me grow my faith. Please help me remember I can talk to you about anything, any time. Amen.*

## DAY 4

Paul gave us so many examples of people who had a big, growing faith. Look back to Day 2 at the person's name you wrote down. This person has a big, growing faith, too.

Take a couple of minutes to talk to them. You can text, email, or even video chat them. Ask them how they came to have their faith, what do they believe in that they cannot see, and how they continue to help it grow?