

# Teen Scene



## 1st Quarter Online Activities



### Lesson 1 – Faith and Righteousness

How confident is your faith in God? How can you make it stronger? (Taken from page 6)

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During today's lesson we discuss faith. What is faith exactly? It is believing in things we cannot see according to Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Some people will only believe in things if they can see it. However, we know air is real even though we can't see. We breathe it in everyday, yet we can't see it, but we know it is real. We don't need to see it. There are many Bible characters listed in the Scriptures that showed their untiring faith. Abraham for example left his whole life behind to follow God's instructions. Noah was warned about events that hadn't taken place yet, but again he followed God's instructions. That's faith!

**Think about this:** What does your faith walk look like? Would you be like these people in the Bible? Would you drop everything and follow Him or would you show some skepticism? Nowadays people would probably question and ask for a little more information and rightfully so, as the world we live in there are several untrustworthy people. But giving your life to God is the right thing to do. If you're struggling in your faith walk the best thing you can do is turn to the Bible, ask a Youth teacher, or worship leader, or your pastor or maybe even a trusted believer.

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### Lesson 2 – Faith and Trust!

Have you ever experienced a situation that called for more wisdom than you had? (Taken from page 11)

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Today's Scripture comes from the book of Proverbs which is believed to be written by King Solomon. King Solomon is known to be the wisest man in history. What does wisdom mean and how do we gain it? Wisdom is something we attain over time. It is something passed down on to us from our elders. Wisdom was given to King Solomon from God. And just like with any situation not only do we have to use our intellect we have to be wise as well.

**Think about this:** Has there ever been a time where you had to make a wise choice? Don't let the question frighten you. Don't over think it. Maybe it was something at school. Maybe it was a situation with a friend that required you to make a wise decision. Did you have to ask someone else for their wisdom and guidance?

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### Lesson 3 – Faith and Encouragement

Does your family's faith help you with your personal faith? (Taken from page 15)

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Is there one family member you know who always turns to God for everything? No matter what they go through that person always leans on God? It could be your grandmother, aunt, mother, or cousin. Whoever that person is, does it make you stronger in your faith and make you want to have a better faith walk? Sometimes seeing others doing good or making good choices can encourage us to do the same. This applies on our walk with the Lord too.

**Think about this:** We don't have to walk this Christian journey alone. The people in today's lesson didn't. They were a strong family unit. While this family was made up of husband, wives and siblings, your Christian family can be made up of other Christ followers like yourself. Just surround yourself with people who will walk this journey with you.

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### Lesson 4 – Faith and Transformation

Do you appreciate others' gifts, or do you find yourself becoming insecure or jealous? (Taken from page 18)

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In today's lesson we talk about our gifts. We are all blessed with gifts. We just have to figure out what they are and how to praise God with them. While we all have different gifts, it's important not to become jealous or spiteful because someone else got picked instead of us. We should instead be grateful and recognize our own gifts and talents. We should strive to use them to benefit others and glorify God. Ultimately, we should remember that God gives everyone different gifts for a reason.

**Think about this:** We should use our gifts for God's glory, not our own. We should also remember that God's plan is perfect, and He will ultimately use all our gifts to bring about His divine will.

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### Lesson 5 – Faith in the Power of God

How can you put your faith into practice? (Taken from page 22)

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There are many ways we can put our faith into practice. We can do that by spreading the Gospel and claiming proudly that Jesus is the Messiah. We can show our faith in our actions, including loving our neighbors and treating them with kindness and respect. We can also pray and meditate on God's teachings. Finally, we can serve others and help others in need.

**Think about this:** You can express your faith this week by volunteering your time and donating to charities. Do this out of the goodness of your own heart, without posting on social media. Being a good example to others by following God's will is another way to show faith. You can do this by putting your faith into action by living your life with integrity and humility.

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### Lesson 6 – Faith amidst the Fiery Furnace

Are you confident enough to stand up for the truth and your faith? (Taken from page 27)

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We all know the story of the three Hebrew boys, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the fiery furnace. They went into the fire but came out unharmed. Would you be willing to stand up for your faith even if it were to potentially cost you your life? The three Hebrew boys were. You've got to be willing to stand on God's Word and believe in it and be willing to sacrifice everything for it. Not just for the Bible, for Jesus. Jesus sacrificed His life for you. Don't deny Him, and He won't deny you in Heaven.

**Think about this:** Peer pressure is hard. We all know that it's easier to go along with the crowd, but at the end of it all when we're at the heavenly gates ask yourself was it worth it? The actions you take now, ask yourself, is it worth my seat in heaven?

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### Lesson 7 – Faith in Times of Trouble

What brings you comfort during difficult and stressful times in your life?  
(Taken from page 31)

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Most of us are familiar with the story of Daniel and the lions' den. Daniel did not give into the law, prayed to God three times a day and was forced to pay the price. He was tossed into the lions' den. However, he was not harmed as an angel was present with him and shut the mouths of the lions. This shows God is a comfort and is with us during times of stress in our lives. Even in dangerous situations He will never leave us.

**Think about this:** Who is someone you really trust? Whose voice brings you comfort, and they make you feel at ease? We all have a person. While it is great to have an earthly person of comfort, we also need to get into the habit of bringing our stressful situations to the Lord as well. Our earthly people will not be around forever. Earthly people leave, whether through broken relationships, misunderstanding, or worst of all death. But no matter what God will never leave you. He should always be the one who comforts you during difficult times.

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### Lesson 8 – Faith in God’s Purpose

Have you ever had to wait to receive something you deeply desired? (Taken from page 35)

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Did you ever wait for a birthday or Christmas gift, and you didn’t get it? How did it make you feel? You probably were disappointed, upset or even angry. Today’s lesson from Habakkuk talks about how everyone was getting away with everything and there was no justice in the world. Sound familiar? While it may seem as though nothing is happening as we wait, God is carefully and consciously orchestrating changes and improvements we could never see coming.

**Think about this:** We must remember God hears our prayers, and He is always working behind the scenes to bring about His perfect will. We should trust Him, knowing that He will bring justice in the end. In the meantime, we should focus on Him and what He is doing in our lives.



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### Lesson 9 – Sustaining Our Faith

What can you do to help identify false teachers and teachings? (Taken from page 39)

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This lesson talks about false teachers. How can we identify false teachers? Wouldn't you know the difference between a false math teacher and real math teacher? Hopefully so! The best way to know the difference between a false teacher in the biblical sense is to know the Bible for yourself so you can speak up and say, "Hey! That's not right!" or "Hey! That's not in the Bible!"

**Think about this:** Don't get caught up in the world's version or interpretation of the Bible. The Bible is the divine Word of God, and it should be interpreted and understood as such. We should never rely on our own limited understanding or interpretation, but instead seek God's wisdom and knowledge through prayer and guidance.

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### Lesson 10 – Testing Our Faith

How does your life connect to and reflect the values of Christ? (Taken from page 43)

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As Christians we should try to emulate Christ in our faith walk. We should also strive to treat others with love and respect and serve others like Jesus did. We should live a life that is pleasing to God and to be an example of His love to everyone.

**Think about this:** This week challenge yourself to show love to everyone. That also includes people who may get on your nerves, people who may bully you or even your siblings who drive you crazy. Another challenge is to serve others. By serving, take out the trash for your parents before they ask you, wash the dishes before being told to do so, and clean your room before being asked. These are ways you can not only serve your parents, but these are also values of Christ.

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### Lesson 11 – Defending Our Faith

Which social norms do you feel pressured to conform to? (Taken from page 46)

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In today's lesson we talk about turning away from evil and doing good. However, we know how hard that can be in today's society. If someone does something to us, we automatically want to retaliate. However, that is not the way. Easier said, than done right. We must remember, Christ Himself, was tempted by the devil, but He withstood and said, no. If He can, so can you.

**Think about this:** We must remember that Jesus taught us to forgive others and to love our enemies. We must be like Him and resist the urge to retaliate and instead turn the other cheek. We must also remember that our actions have consequences and that we must do what is right.

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### Lesson 12 – Living in Faith

Do you feel pressure to conform to your peers' lifestyles and values? (Taken from page 51)

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Today's lesson talks about Stephen. Stephen stood out from the crowd. He believed that Jesus was the Messiah, and he preached everywhere he went. In the previous activity we discussed social norms and how it's hard to turn the other cheek. Sometimes it does feel easier to conform, but as stated last time our actions have consequences. Stephen didn't conform, he stood out and he paid the ultimate price for it. So, is peer pressure worth it? Stephen's actions ultimately led to his martyrdom. His decision to stand up for his beliefs was costly, but it was a courageous move that will be remembered in history. Stephen's story serves as a reminder for us to have the courage to stand up for what we believe in, even if it means going against the grain.

**Think about this:** We should remember that being different is often a sign of strength and that being true to ourselves is always worth it. Stephen's story lives on as a reminder to us all to have the courage to be true to our beliefs.

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### Lesson 13 – The Resurrection: Key to Faith

Have you ever experienced something that confirmed the truth of Christ's resurrection in your life? (Taken from page 55)

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Today's story is about Jesus' resurrection. We all know the story. He rose on the third day. What is something personal that has confirmed the truth of His resurrection in your life?

**Think about this:** We know Jesus bled, suffered, and died for us. But what does that mean to you? We know He rose on the third day. But what does that mean to you? His resurrection means something different to all of us. It means that salvation is available and is free to everyone who accepts it. It is the ultimate act of love, showing how much God loves us. It is the ultimate proof of His power and grace. It is the ultimate gift of eternal life.