

Take Home Sheet

Carry on the conversation at home and build faith with us!



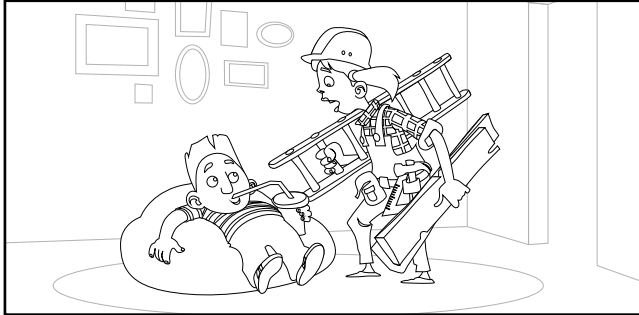
Truth that changes me:

True saving faith leads to costly good deeds.



Faith in Kids looks like:

Children who are different because their faith changes what they do each day.



Look at the picture from today's story – you could colour it in, then choose a path to follow:

- "Talk together" gently starts a conversation about today's big truth.
- "Open the Bible" encourages you to read and apply the truth together.

Talk Together

Read: "A brother or sister in Christ might need clothes or food. And you say to him, "God be with you! I hope you stay warm and get plenty to eat." You say this, but you do not give that person the things he needs. Unless you help him, your words are worth nothing. It is the same with faith. If faith does nothing, then that faith is dead, because it is alone." *James 2:15-17*

Use the picture and the verse to answer:

- Do we need faith, actions or both?
- What should we do when we meet Christians in need?
- If faith does nothing, what is it?

Doing good things doesn't save us. But just saying we have faith doesn't save us either. Real faith acts, even when that makes us stand out or is difficult. Can you tell me...

- 3 great things about having faith in God.
- 2 actions that show someone has faith.
- 1 way that faith could be costly.

Live it out: This week, look at some things in your house – the kettle, the TV, a light – how do you know they are working? How do you know they have power? When you turn them on, they do something. In the same way, followers of Jesus do things to show their faith.

A prayer to pray: Dear God, thank you that we are saved by faith. Please help us to show our faith by the things that we do. Amen.

Open the Bible

Read James 2:14-24 and use the picture to talk about some of the following questions:

7s and under

- Is it a problem if you say that you have faith but don't show it in your actions?
- What was Abraham willing to do because of his faith in God?
- Does God ever ask people to do difficult things today? Might he ask you?

8s and over

- "You have faith but I do things!" Is this true? Can we separate faith and actions?
- What was the result of Abraham's faithful actions?
- Can you think of anything costly that God might want you to do? *Now / in the future.*

Live it out: This week, try to talk to an older Christian about what this means in day-to-day life. Have they ever given something up or done something costly because of their faith? Why did they do that? How did they feel? Do they regret it?

Pray: Thank God that if we have saving faith we are made right with him and can be called his friends. Say sorry that sometimes we don't show our faith with actions. Ask God to help you, by his Spirit, to act in faith even when it is costly to you.