

HEROES

OF THE

FAITH

Ordinary Men and Women . . .
Super Ordinary Power



ENOCH DISAPPEARS!

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Memory Verse:

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Lesson Goals:

#1 - Understand how ordinary Enoch was

#2 - Discover what faith led Enoch to do

#3 - Desire to let God do extraordinary things in the life of the ordinary student

Audience:

Young, un-churched learners

Adaptable for all ages, including adults (See **For more training** on Activities page)

Scripture to Study:

Genesis 5:1-20 (as background)

Genesis 5:21-24

Hebrews 11:5-6

Jude 1:1-25



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Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5-6; Jude 1:1-25

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Our hero: Enoch

His Heroic Feat: Pleased God

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Do you remember that last week we talked about Adam and Eve's son Abel? Adam and Eve had another son named Seth. All that we read about Seth and his children and his children's children is that they had sons, lived so many years and then died. We get no details or extra information until we read about Seth's great, great, great grandson, Enoch.

Enoch lived for 65 years and then had a son. The Bible doesn't tell us what Enoch's life was like during those first 65 years, but we do know that people were becoming more and more wicked. (Genesis 6:5) Something happened with the birth of this son, though, because "Enoch walked with God 300 years after Methuselah was born." (Genesis 5:22 NIV) Enoch had other sons and daughters and "lived a total of 365 years." (Genesis 5:23 NIV)

What does the Bible say that Enoch did for 300 years? He walked with God. What does it mean to "walk with God?" Walking with God means constant, familiar conversation with Him. The closest comparison would be the relationship of best-friends. That is how Enoch related to God.

The Bible also tells us that, sometime during Enoch's life, he "gave a prophecy about" the kind of people who lived during his lifetime. (Jude 1:14 NIV) These kinds of people have lived since and live today. They use the grace of God as an excuse to live the wrong way. They say "no" to Jesus. "They don't accept authority." (Jude 1:8 NIV) They live like wild animals, doing whatever comes naturally. They complain, find fault with others, follow their own evil longings, brag about themselves and praise others to help themselves. (Jude 1:16) They are people who don't please God.

Enoch gave a prophecy about them. "He said, 'Look! The Lord is coming with thousands and thousands of His holy ones. He is coming to judge everyone.'" (Jude 1:14, 15b NIV) God will judge the ungodly for all the bad things they have done.

And then the Bible tells us an amazing thing. "Enoch walked with God. Then he couldn't be found, because God took him from this life." (Genesis 5:24 NIV) Enoch did not die. Enoch walked so closely with God that God simply took him to heaven one day. (Hebrews 11:5a) "Before God took him, Enoch was praised as one who pleased God." (Hebrews 11:5b NIV)

How about you? Do you please God? Do you walk in conversation with God during the day? In Hebrews 11, the faith chapter, we find our memory verse from last week right after the verse about Enoch. It says, "Without faith it isn't possible to please God. Those who come to God must believe that He exists. And they must believe that He rewards those who look to Him." (Hebrews 11:6 NIV) Our memory verse explains faith a little more. "Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see." (Hebrews 11:1 NLT) We cannot see God. We can be sure that He exists, though, through faith. Have you chosen to give your life to God by faith, believing that He is who He says He is? Will you today?

YOU CAN BE A HERO, TOO!

When you live a life of faith in Jesus Christ, you don't have to leap tall buildings to be a hero. Enoch simply walked with God. Do you walk with God? If not, that "dynamite" power of the Holy Spirit isn't available to you, yet.

Just as Enoch said, Jesus is coming back one day. Before He does, though, "people will make fun of the truth and follow their own ungodly longings." (Jude 1:19 NIV) They will do this because they are not led by the Holy Spirit. As you are led by the Holy Spirit, you can be a hero. How? 1) build ourselves up in your most holy faith, 2) let the Holy Spirit guide and help you when you pray, 3) remain in God's love, 4) show mercy to those who doubt, 5) pull others out of the fire . . . save them and 6) hate even the clothes stained by sin. (Jude 1:20-23)



NEXT WEEK
Noah Builds Boat on
Dry Land!

PRE-SCHOOL!

LESSON

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Did you know that you can walk with God, too? Let's talk to Him right now. (Pray with your students.)

ACTIVITIES!

- Memory Verse Activity - Make super hero shields, like those that would be on the front of super hero costumes. Be sure to include the memory verse.
- Make large sticks of dynamite with paper towel rolls or round potato chip canisters. Roll red construction paper around the tube. Be sure to include the fuse. Print the following on each tube: Enoch walked with God. I can walk with God, too.
- Start a "Heroes Banner." On a long strip of brown craft paper, write the heading "Heroes of the Faith." Add last week's hero, Abel, being sure to make note of his heroic feat. Add Enoch, and his heroic feat as well. (Be sure that you allow enough space for all 52 heroes!)
- Sing "Faith," "Everyday with Jesus," or other songs related to the lesson.
- Read Psalm 98 and sing "Joy to the World." This hymn was not originally written as a Christmas hymn, instead it was written for Jesus' second coming.
- **For more training:** Discuss how to be a hero. Read Jude 1:18-25. Go through the application again and count off the six things that come with the power of the Holy Spirit. Discuss each and its application to our lives. Stress that God is able to keep us from falling. Giving praise to Him will put us on the path of pleasing God the way Enoch did.

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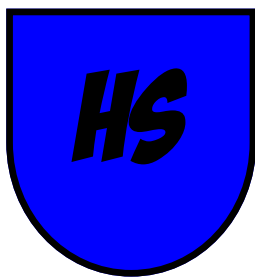
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Our Hero: _____

What did our hero do that was so heroic? _____

What can you do to be a **Hero of the Faith**? _____



What power do Heroes of the Faith possess?

Do you have the power? _____

Read Jude 1:18-25. What are the six things that we should let the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (Look especially at verses 20-23.)

- 1) _____ 4) _____
- 2) _____ 5) _____
- 3) _____ 6) _____

HIDDEN MESSAGE!

Can you crack the code to find the Hidden Message?
Find the correct letter for each number given.

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SEARCH!

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