

## **Faith Acts**

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Big Idea: Faith is believing that God exists and that He will always do what He says.

Text: Genesis 12:1-9

And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. - Hebrews 11:6 {NASV}

Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" – Mark 9:24

"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." - Matthew 17:20b

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" - Luke 17:5

## I. HE BELIEVED GOD'S PROMISE EVEN THOUGH THAT \_\_\_\_\_

"I will make you into a great nation." - Genesis 12:2a

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." - Romans 4:18

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son. - Hebrews 1:1-2a {NASV}

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. - Romans 10:17

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. - Deuteronomy 7:9

II. HE OBEYED GOD EVEN WHEN THE	

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." - Genesis 12:1

So Abram left, as the LORD had told him. - Genesis 12:4a

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. - Hebrews 11:8 {NASV}

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first. – Matthew 19:29-30

III. HE WORSHIPPED GOD EVEN THOUGH HIS	

Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. - Genesis 12:6

The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. – Genesis 12:7-8

## **MEMORY VERSE**

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Romans 4:18a