

**CONNECT**

How would you describe “faith”? What does “faith” look like to you?

**REVIEW**

*Read Genesis 48:3-4; Hebrews 1:1-2.* Jacob roots his confidence in God in the fact that God has spoken to him. How does the Bible give us confidence in God?

*Read Genesis 48:4; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22.* Jacob also looks to God’s fulfilled promises as a source of his confidence and faith. What promises did God fulfill for Jacob? What promises has God fulfilled for us as Christians?

*Read Genesis 48:15; Lamentations 3:22-24.* How have you seen God’s faithfulness in your family? What does it mean for God to be your shepherd?

*Read Genesis 48:22.* Explain the temptation of choosing between Egypt and Israel facing Joseph. How does God’s faithfulness help us when we are facing temptation?

Why do we so rarely talk about death in our culture? Why is this unhealthy?

*Read Genesis 48:21.* How does Jacob look at death? How does his faith in God give him confidence not just in life but also in death? What can we learn from this?

**STUDY**

Discuss how faith is revealed in these accounts from Genesis:

- Creation (Hebrews 11:3)
- Abel (Hebrews 11:4)
- Enoch (Hebrews 11:5)
- Noah (Hebrews 11:7)
- Abraham (Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19)
- Sarah (Hebrews 11:11-12)
- Isaac (Hebrews 11:20)
- Jacob (Hebrews 11:21)
- Joseph (Hebrews 11:22)

How do Hebrews and Genesis inform what it means for us live in faith today?