

**JESUS IS LORD OVER DISEASES**

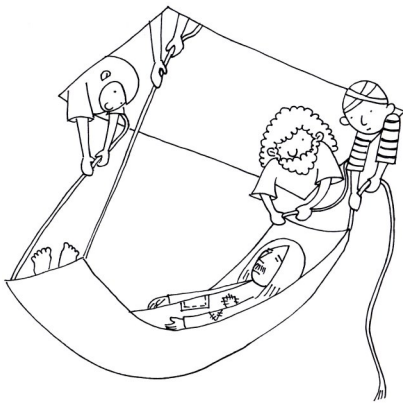
**Instructions:** Answer the following questions, and then fill in the charts as you follow along with the lesson.

1. Turn to your neighbor and discuss what faith means to you, and then write down your own definition.

2. How does the dictionary define "faith"?



3. What does the Bible say about faith? Please turn to Hebrews 11:1 and write down the verse.



**The Paralytic and His Four Friends**

What kind of sickness did this person have?	How did Jesus heal this person?	What kind of faith was shown?

### The Centurion's Servant

What kind of sickness did this person have?	How did Jesus heal this person?	What kind of faith was shown?

### The Bleeding Woman

What kind of sickness did this person have?	How did Jesus heal this person?	What kind of faith was shown?

### The Blind Man in Bethsaida

What kind of sickness did this person have?	How did Jesus heal this person?	What kind of faith was shown?



## BUILD OUR FAITH IN GOD

**Instructions:** Read the following two scenarios, and then wait for the teacher's instructions for the interview exercise.

### Scenario 1

Many of the students in Judy's math class had not been keeping up with homework for the past three days. Not surprisingly, this made the teacher angry—so angry that Mrs. Jackson threatened to call their parents if they didn't all turn in their assignments the next day! So, Judy made sure that she did her homework that night. There was nothing she dreaded more than her parents finding out that she was not doing her homework. What would happen if her father found out that it was math she was neglecting? Well, could it get any worse? Having these things in mind, Judy painstakingly finished her homework, making sure that everything was perfect—every fraction was simplified, every unit was clearly written, and every single step was neatly shown. There was nothing missing.

The next morning Judy got up, dressed, brushed her teeth, ate her breakfast, and set off for school. A quarter of the way there, a thought entered her mind, "What if I forgot to put my homework in my backpack?" However, Judy was sure she could not have possibly forgotten her homework on such an important day, so she dismissed the thought and kept walking. After walking another block, Judy decided to check her backpack just to be certain that her homework was in there, but it was NOT! Judy looked again; she looked through her red folder, her blue one, her green one, and the polka-dotted purple one, but her homework was nowhere in her backpack!

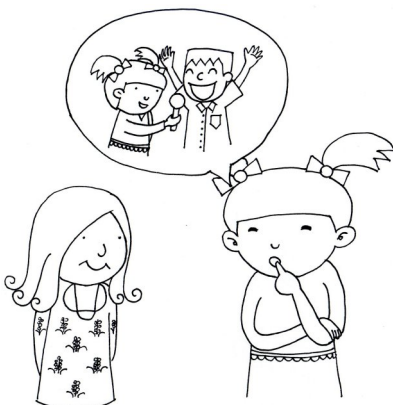
Judy turned around and ran all the way back home. When Judy got home, she searched upstairs, downstairs, and even the stairway! But her homework was nowhere to be found! Judy began to feel very anxious. Two pieces of paper, just two pieces of paper were all she wanted. Was that too much to ask for? Judy tried calling her parents (maybe one of them had put her homework away), but they were both in meetings.

What could she do? Judy went to the living room, sat down on the floor, and began to cry. She had worked so hard on the assignment! As Judy cried, she prayed to God—there was no one she could turn to. Then, through her tears, she saw the vague outline of two pieces of paper underneath the couch. Judy crawled towards it and discovered that it was her homework! Stuffing it into her backpack, she looked at her watch; she still had five minutes to get to school. As Judy dashed out of the house, she smiled and thought, "Wow! God really answers prayers!"



### Scenario 2

After Judy had experienced God personally, following her prayer and exhaustive search for homework, she knew that God truly listens to earnest prayers! She was determined to cultivate more faith in God so that she would no longer panic in desperate situations. She wondered to herself, "But how can I cultivate my faith in God? What should I do every day to help me build a better relationship with God?" She remembered that one of her teachers at church once mentioned that faith is not a noun, it is a verb! Faith has to be backed up with actions to become true faith. Judy thought to herself, "I must do something, but what can I do?"



The following Saturday when she went to church, she shared her grand plan with her best friend, Maggie. "Maggie, I have made up my mind to really cultivate my faith in the Lord; it is really important to me. But I don't know what to do and how to do it. So I was praying about it, and all of the sudden, I got this idea in my head that I could actually interview some people in church to find out how they built up their own faith in God. Then I can learn from them! What do you think about this idea? Should I do it?"

Maggie hesitated before answering Judy. She eventually replied slowly, "Are you sure you're going to go around and ask people about their faith? Don't you think it's a bit strange and kind of embarrassing to ask those kinds of questions? I don't know. I would be too shy to talk about faith with other people that I don't really know."

Judy thought about it and said, "Well, you're right! It might be a bit awkward to go around asking people questions, but I think it would be really fun to learn more about how others build their own faith. The term 'cultivating faith' sounds so vague to me at this moment. How awesome would it be if I could learn from others' experiences? Besides, it won't take long for people to respond to my question. I just need simple answers."

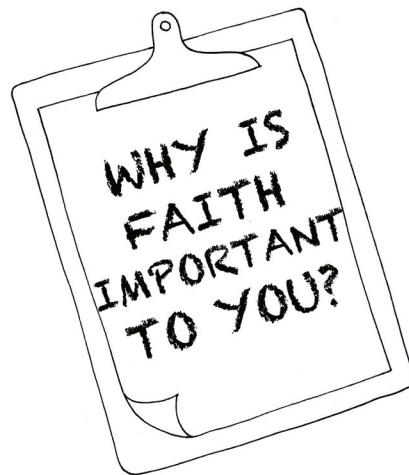
Maggie's hesitance didn't discourage Judy. During lunchtime, she took her notebook and a pencil and swung into action! She approached several older college students, some RE teachers, and a few uncles and aunties she knew. Her interview only had two simple questions:

- Why is faith important to you?
- What do you do every day to build up your faith?

**Follow in Judy's footsteps to interview at least three people you know...**

#### Questions to Ask

1. Why is faith important to you?
2. What do you do every day to build up your faith?



**Interviewee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to you:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## A MESSAGE OF HOPE

During my younger adult years, God blessed me with some very special miracles of healing. These miracles happened in both my life and in the lives of my wife and children.

For example, as a young Air Force airman, I was diagnosed with stomach cancer, the same cancer that took the life of my mother when I was 4 years old. However, through my wife's faithful and heartfelt prayers with fasting to God, I was healed within a few weeks.

Then several years later, my oldest son, who was 7 years old at the time, was diagnosed with scoliosis. But after 6 weeks of my wife fasting and praying two meals a day, he was healed of his condition.

One thing I've learned through my walk of faith is this: God may choose to heal or He may not, but regardless of how He answers prayers, it is always for our better good.

In 2005, I was diagnosed with an autoimmune system disorder called ankylosing spondylitis, or AS for short. What basically happens is my immune system is overactive, and it begins to attack and destroy the good cells in my body. In my case, it is focusing on my spine, my hips, and my lungs. Eventually my spine will become solid bone. There is no known cure to man for this illness, and medications only treat the symptoms, but often the side effects make life worse.

When I first received this bad news, I was naturally devastated and concerned. But one thing is for sure, because God has blessed my family and me with so much in the past, I could never doubt or question Him now. I knew I had to entrust this condition to Him. So I decided to cease taking all narcotic pain meds and self-injected biologics because they only made me suffer more.

You know, the doctors told me 8 years ago that in 5 years I would be confined to a wheelchair. And I praise and thank God that today I am still free from that wheelchair. Even though every day I live with a constant pain level of 5 to 6, some days shooting up to 10 and beyond, I have chosen to rely on God. Not necessarily to heal me, although I would be very blessed and happy if He did, but simply just to give me what I need for each day to work for Him. Lord, just help me put aside the pain—help me live my life for You.

Some of you may need to hear this message today. You may have a physical infirmity and have been told that there is nothing the doctors can do. But let me tell you, Jesus can change your circumstance with the Word. I don't know why everyone is not healed immediately, just like I don't know why He has healed me in the past but not this time. But I do know that He is able to do so. You see, I don't think it has so much to do with our sincerity as it does His will. God sometimes has a plan that we just don't understand. So if you are in such a state, I encourage you to turn to Him for help, believe that God can heal you. As James said in James 5:14-15:

*"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him...  
And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."*

And then, rest in God's grace and wisdom.

You may face a life situation that seems hopeless, but if you turn to Jesus, the Lord can change your circumstances—at least, He will change your attitude within those circumstances. He may even open a door to a better opportunity. He can take even the worst situation and use it for His glory.

Trust Him, and let Him use you. Watch and see what He can do through you. Give Him the shattered pieces of your life, and then watch Him carefully arrange those broken pieces like an artist working on a piece of stained glass, arranging it into a work of art.

The point is this: Nothing is hopeless when the Lord of life walks with you. Don't give up on Him, because He will not give up on you.

So I encourage you to do something today - tell the Lord that you trust Him, even in the midst of the seemingly hopeless circumstances of your life. Go back to the Bible, the Scriptures, and read His promises. Do what He commands. And then, rest in Him. Wait on Him, patiently, in prayer. Dare yourself to trust Him truly, and then watch and see what God will do for you.

## E2 Year 2 Book 1 Lesson 7—Jesus Is Lord over Diseases

# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Bible Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

**Prayer:** Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Hebrews 11:1**)

## Testify for the Lord: Recounting Your Own Faith

Do you recall a time when God responded to your faith—a time when you turned to God, and He answered your prayer? Take a few minutes to recount God's precious guidance and write your own testimony of how God guided you because you trusted in Him.

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