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Key Thought: Faith is the key that unlocks miracles in our lives. It may seem like a small thing, but it is great in the eyes of God.



Key Verse: Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”



Key Teaching Point: There are a lot of object lessons in this one! There is a reason for that...we cannot see faith, but it is as tangible as any object on earth. Also, without it miracles cannot happen. It is your job as the teacher to take this abstract concept and make it concrete. You can do it... add or take away from this lesson as you feel necessary to get your point across.



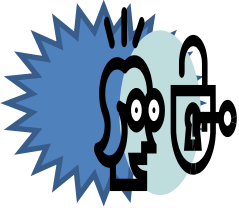
Key Materials: A nicely wrapped present with a chain and lock around it, a lamp to cast a shadow, a woman dressed up in a Bible costume, and a man in a soldier costume, a mustard seed, a picture of a full size mustard tree, index cards



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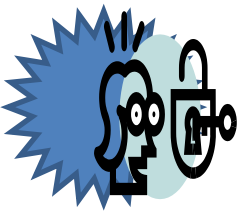
Faith the Key that Unlocks Miracles



Unlock their minds by seeing!

The Locked Box

Before class, get a box and wrap it nice in fancy paper, then wrap a chain around the box and padlock it shut. Place the box on the table so that the students will see it as they come in. Greet all the students as they come in and wait for someone to inquire about the box. Then tell the students, “This box represents the things we need the most in life, like good health, protection, divine intervention and so on...but as you may notice this box is locked up and we are hoping you will understand the key before the day is over.” Leave the box locked till the end and use this as a wrap up activity.



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Your Shadow

I have a riddle for you today, let's see who can guess it... I'm *your* follower in the light, yet I'm invisible in the night. At various sizes I appear. I won't harm you, have no fear. What am I? Take some guesses from the students then tell them the answer...Your Shadow! That got you all thinking, however, have you ever thought about your shadow? It is always following you in light. Use a floor lamp in front of you to show your shadow behind you. This works in the physical but it also works in the spiritual. When you walk in His marvelous light a shadow follows you. In Mark 16:17 Jesus states, “**And These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;**” Mark 16:18 “**They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**”

Those signs that follow believers are miracles! And they should be following you, just like your shadow. They should always be there; you can count on them because Jesus said so.



Making the connection to the Word

Today is a double header!

Have two people come out, one dressed in a soldier costume and a woman in a Bible costume. Have them stand at different ends of the room. Have the soldier stand at attention and the woman stoop down and look weak. Then ask the students, “What do these two have in common?” Really, in the way they look... not much, but they both have something very important in common.

Then have the soldier tell his story paraphrasing from Matthew 8:5-10

Matthew 8:5 “And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,”

Matthew 8:6 “And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.”

Matthew 8:7 “And Jesus saith unto him, **I will come and heal him.**”

Matthew 8:8 “The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.”

Matthew 8:9 “For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.”

Matthew 8:10 “When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, **Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**”

Then have the woman tell her story paraphrasing from Luke 8:43 -48

Luke 8:43 “And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,”

Luke 8:44 “Came behind *him*, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.”

Luke 8:45 “And Jesus said, **Who touched me?** When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press *thee*, and sayest thou, Who touched me?”

Luke 8:46 “And Jesus said, **Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.**”

Luke 8:47 “And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.”

Luke 8:48 “And he said unto her, **Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.**”

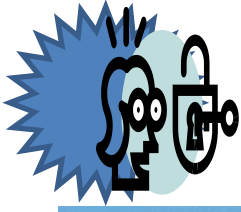
Then the teacher asks the class again, what did these two have in common? The answer is faith!



Unlock their minds by doing!

Unscramble the verse

Put each word of the following verse on an index card in two or three sets, depending on the size of your group. Then give the groups only 30 seconds to unscramble the verse, the first group to unscramble it is the winner! Then remind the students of the importance of this verse. We cannot please God without faith, so it is a must we have it. Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”



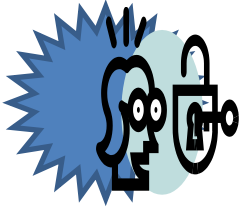
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Take a look at this huge tree...

Can you believe this tree starts from one of the smallest seeds? A mustard seed! (Bring a mustard seed in to show, if possible, and pass it around) Jesus said in Matthew 17:20, “And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**”

Faith may seem like a small thing, but it grows and grows into a giant thing, if you use it!



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The Locked Box Wrap Up

The teacher brings out the chained up box and asks the children if they know what unlocks the chains that are around this box? Its faith! It may be a small thing but it is the key that unlocks miracles!