



How Do I Get Faith?

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (KJV)

BOTTOM LINE:

Faith comes when you listen to the preaching of the Word of God.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

How we get faith:

1. We build our faith by listening to preachers preaching the Word of God, reading the Bible and speaking the Word.
2. Go to church.
3. Pay attention.

This lesson discusses how we get faith. The Bible tells us that we are all given a measure of faith, but it doesn't stop there. Your faith can grow or be weak and ineffective, depending on what you do with it.

Three ways to build up your faith.

1. By listening to preachers preach the Word of God. This is where most people start out. They don't have any faith until they hear somebody preach the Word of God and then faith comes.
2. Reading the Bible. Dig it out for yourself. The more time you spend in the Bible the stronger your faith will grow.
3. Speaking the Word of God. Your faith keeps pace with what you say. With the heart man believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Go to church. This is one reason why it is so important to go to church. The Bible instructs pastors to "feed the flock of God."

The people with the strongest faith are the ones who are

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consistent in attending church. They don't hop around from church to church.

Pay attention to the preacher. This is why we want kids to be quiet at church. Your faith grows when you pay attention and listen to the preaching of the Word of God. Proverbs 4:20 says, "My son, give attention to my words. Incline your ears to my sayings." Stop talking and listen to your teacher and your faith will grow strong.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #5
_____	6. Bottom Line:	Faith comes when you listen to the preaching of the Word of God.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (KJV)
_____	8. Drama:	Martha Stewie: On Deaf Ears
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Quick to Hear & Slow To Speak
_____	10. Short Film:	Operation Get Faith Part 1
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	The Milk Eating Contest
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	



MOTION COMIC: *The Adventures of the Masked Hero*

How Do I Get Faith?: Episode #5

TO THE TEACHER:

The purpose of the Motion Comic is to give the kids something fun to look forward to each week and to introduce the lesson.

TO THE KIDS:

- Johnny wants to go to China to be a missionary. Is this a good desire?
- Yes, except that Johnny is going about it all wrong.
- Did you notice his Bible?
- What is wrong with this picture? Johnny's not taking the time to read his Bible and listen to God. He just got this crazy idea to make his own plane ticket and that his faith would turn it into a real ticket. Is that how faith comes?
- No, faith begins with God, not some crazy idea that pops into your head.
- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.
- Take the time to go to church and read your Bible and your faith will grow strong.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

Martha Stewie: "On Deaf Ears"

BOTTOM LINE:

Faith is in the heart.

CHARACTERS:

Martha Stewie

PROPS:

Martha Stewie Costume
Earmuffs

DRAMA SCRIPT:

(Martha enters wearing earmuffs.)

Martha: (Yelling) Burrrr! It's cold out there! A person could catch their death of a cold out in that weather!

Teacher: Hi Martha.

Martha: In fact (coughs) I think I caught a cold. (Sniffles)

Teacher: Martha...

Martha: Oh no! I am going to die! (Coughs)

Teacher: Martha. You aren't going to die.

Martha: The poor world! What will they do without me?

Teacher: You could use your faith and receive your healing.

Martha: I know! I should use my faith. (Coughs)

Teacher: That's what I just said.

Martha: Okay... Faith... Work! (coughs) Oh! My faith isn't working!

Teacher: Martha...

Martha: Oh! I know. I should quote some scriptures...

Teacher: That's a good idea.

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Martha Stewie: "On Deaf Ears" Drama Script — Continued

Martha: Uhh... oh... Ummm... I don't know any...

Teacher: Try, "By His stripes we are healed."

Martha: Oh... Wasn't there a scripture about stripes... Umm...

Teacher: By His stripes we are healed.

Martha: If you wear vertical stripes you look taller, and if you wear horizontal stripes you are healed...

Teacher: No, Martha, that's not right...

Martha: No... That's not right. I'm going to die!

Teacher: You are not going to die!

Martha: (Lays on the floor) This looks like a good place to die.

Teacher: Quit being so dramatic.

Martha: (Sits up suddenly) Wait! I can't die with earmuff hair! (Pulls the earmuffs off and smooths her hair.)

Teacher: Martha, you are not going to die!

Martha: (Jumps up startled) How long have you been there?

Teacher: Since you got in here.

Martha: Oh, I guess I didn't hear you because of the earmuffs. (Coughs)

Teacher: That would explain a lot.

Martha: Please, you have to help me! I'm going to die if I don't get my faith working.

Teacher: Well, now that you can hear me, let's get some of the Word in you.

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Martha Stewie: "On Deaf Ears" Drama Script — Continued

Martha: I already tried that.

Teacher: You had it all wrong. Your faith comes by hearing God's Word, so let's give it a try.

Martha: (Feebly) Okay...

Teacher: Repeat after me. "By His stripes..."

Martha: "By His stripes..."

Teacher: "...we are healed."

Martha: "...we are healed."

Teacher: "Isaiah 53:4-5"

Martha: "Isaiah 53:4-5" Hey... That's right! Jesus bore our sins and sickness! I am already healed! My faith isn't broken!

Teacher: No it's not, and you aren't going to die either.

Martha: Thank goodness! The world would be a mess without me.

Teacher: (Rolls his eyes) It sure would.

Martha: I mean who would right all the horrible wrongs in the world... Like your hair. You really need to do something about that hairdo. It's definitely last season!

Teacher: (Flatly) Thanks.

Martha: It's the least I could do after you saved my life. Tootles!

(Martha exits)

THE END



OBJECT LESSON

Quick To Hear & Slow To Speak

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

James 1:19

TAKE HOME POINT:

Stop talking and pay attention when someone is preaching the Word of God.

WHAT YOU NEED:

Duct Tape
2 rubber ears (Find at a costume shop or magic store. The bigger the better. You can make ears out of construction paper if none are available.)

PREPARATION:

Pick an older child from the class to help you and have them sit in a chair at the front of the room. (Let them know ahead of time what you will be doing.)

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

The Bible says to be quick to hear and slow to speak. This is especially true in church when your pastor is preaching the Word of God.

Sometimes it is easy to get distracted by the people around us, but God wants us to stop talking (put the duct tape over the mouth of your volunteer) and put our listening ears on. (Put the oversized rubber ears on your helper.)

Why is it so important that we listen to preachers who are preaching the Word of God? God wants us to go to church, but it doesn't do you much good if you go, but don't listen. The more you listen the stronger your faith grows.

This is why we give out quiet seat prizes. It is not just to get you to be quiet. It is hard to hear the Word of God if you are talking. The less you talk, the more you hear. The more you hear the Word of God the stronger your faith is.



**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON**

The Milk Eating Contest

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

Desire the milk of the Word. (1 Peter 2:2)

WHAT YOU NEED:

4 clear short glasses (the wider the better)
Half gallon of milk
4 plastic spoons
4 blindfolds
4 contestants

PREPARATION:

Set the 4 clear short glasses on a table in front of class.
Fill the glasses half full of milk.
Have the 4 contestants stand behind the table.
Hide the spoons and the blindfolds.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Explain to the contestants they are having a Milk Eating Contest.
Blindfold them and they have to "eat" the milk.
The winner is the one who eats the most milk in 2 minutes.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

We are going to get started, but one thing, this is a "Milk Eating Contest" not a drinking contest. (Pull out the spoons.) And you need to do it blindfolded! (Put blindfolds on.)

After putting on the blindfold, have everyone start "eating" their milk. The winner is the one who "eats" the most milk in 2 minutes.

Did you notice it was kind of hard for the kids to drink their milk? They had some distractions didn't they? If they didn't have the blindfold or the spoon to deal with, they could have drank their milk much faster. The Bible says that the Word of God is like milk for my spirit man. The more I consume the Word of God the stronger my faith will be.

This is why it is so important to listen to the preaching at church. If I am talking or texting while Pastor is preaching, then it becomes a distraction. I may get some of the Word in me, but not

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***“The Milk Eating Contest” Inter-Active Object Lesson — Continued***

enough. That is kind of like drinking this milk with a spoon. If I want my faith to grow strong I need to stop talking and pay attention. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Sometimes kids will say, “I’ve heard that before,” but the Bible didn’t say, “Faith comes by having heard.” Faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing. What you heard last year does not help your faith today. Just like the milk you drank last year doesn’t help your body today. You need to drink milk every day because milk does a body good. You need to hear the Word of God every day because God’s Word is good for your faith.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. How do I get faith?
 - a. Listening to preachers preach the Word of God
 - b. Reading the Bible
 - c. Speaking the Word of God
 - d. All of the above**
2. Romans 10:17 says, “So then faith cometh by _____.”
 - a. praying and praying
 - b. hearing and hearing by the Word of God**
 - c. playing and playing video games
 - d. jumping and jumping at church
3. The Bible instructs pastors to _____.
 - a. pray 8 hours a day
 - b. shake hands with everyone
 - c. serve lots of chicken dinners
 - d. feed the flock of God**
4. Why should we pay attention to the preacher?
 - a. So I can win the quiet seat
 - b. So I will go to heaven
 - c. It causes my faith to grow**
 - d. It is good discipline
5. James 1:19 says, _____.
 - a. be quick to speak and slow to hear
 - b. be quick to hear and slow to speak**
 - c. be quick to anger and slow to hear
 - d. be quick and slow at the same time



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Martha Stewie: "On Deaf Ears" — Pages 5-7

Characters

_____ Martha Stewie

Props (Martha Stewie Costume)

_____ earmuffs

Object Lesson: Quick To Hear & Slow To Speak — Page 8

_____ 2 rubber ears

_____ 1 roll of duct tape

Inter-Active Lesson: The Milk Eating Contest — Pages 9-10

_____ 4 clear short glasses (the wider the better)

_____ Half gallon of milk

_____ 4 plastic spoons

_____ 4 blindfolds

_____ 4 contestants

Small Group: Expand Your Faith

_____ 1 latex balloon

_____ How many needed?

_____ 1 marker

_____ How many needed?

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed?