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SUMMER VACATION

Personal Devotion Sheet:

Hebrews chapter 11

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Summer can be a long time for youth to go without regular youth group and bible study. This personal devotion sheet is designed for you to photocopy and give to your youth group to take home and use over the summer vacation (or any long period of time).

Some suggestions for your youth program over the summer break:

- Encourage the youth to attend church each week and sit together.
- Hold a weekly bible study for anyone not away on vacation. This is a group that may not follow the normal expectations: it can be mixed age and gender and can have low commitment (i.e. people can drop by in when they are in town).
- Have some social events at your church. These could include: a family movie night, a picnic, a bbq, and a games night.
- Hold a summer camp or enrol in a summer camp program as a group.

– SUMMER PERSONAL DEVOTION SHEET

How to get the most out of a personal devotion:

You need a Bible, a pen and paper.

Get comfortable - but not so comfortable that your eyes can't stay open!

Find a place on your own where you won't be distracted by anyone or anything.

The Plan: 1. PRAY and ask God to help you understand what you are reading.
 2. READ the passage.
 3. WRITE down any questions you may have.
 4. PRAY.

These devotions are designed to take you through a long period of time (like summer vacation).

Faith is a group activity! The book of Hebrews urges us to encourage each to continue in our faith (10:19-25). So think about how you can encourage your Christian friends over vacation time. Do your best to keep in touch with each other. Send messages to those who are travelling and try to meet up with those who are around. Encourage each other in your faith especially by attending church and other Christian activities together. If others are using these Bible readings over the vacation break ask each other how they are doing with it.

Hebrews Chapter 11

Hebrews 11 is often referred to as the 'Faith Chapter'. It records people in the Bible who were commended for their faith in God. There are several people that we will look at over the next few weeks. Read the passages about each one and answer the questions: *How did they have faith? And, How are they an example to you?* Place a check in the box as you read about them (you can read them out of order if you want). Some of them have long sections to read. If you are finding the readings too long just read the Hebrews verse/s and choose a few of the others.

HEBREWS 11 - FAITH

- ❑ **FAITH:** Read Hebrews 11:1-3
What is faith?
- ❑ **ABEL:** Read Hebrews 11:4
See also: Genesis 4:2-12,
Matthew 23:35 and Hebrews 12:24.
- ❑ **ENOCH:** Read Hebrews 11:5-6
See also Genesis 5:18-24.
- ❑ **NOAH:** Read Hebrews 11:7
See also Genesis 5:29-9:29,
Matthew 24:37-39, 1 Peter 3:18-22.
- ❑ **ABRAHAM:** Read Hebrews 11:8-19
See also Genesis 11:26-23:20, 25:1-10,
John 8:39-47, Romans 4 and
Galatians 3, James 2:14-24.
- ❑ **ISAAC:** Read Hebrews 11:20
See also Genesis 27.
- ❑ **JACOB:** Read Hebrews 11:21
See also Genesis 49:29-50:14.
- ❑ **JOSEPH:** Read Hebrews 11:22
See also Genesis 50:22-26. To read
the short version of the story of
Joseph read Acts 7:9-15. To read the
whole story see Genesis 37-50:26.
- ❑ **MOSES:** Read Hebrews 11:23-29
See also Psalm 106, John 1:17,
Acts 7:20-44.
If you are really keen read Exodus
chapters 1-20!
- ❑ **THE ISRAELITES LED BY JOSHUA**
Read: Hebrews 11:30
See also Numbers 11:28-14:45 and
Joshua 1:1-13:1.
- ❑ **RAHAB:** Read Hebrews 11:31
See also Matthew 1:1-5 and
James 2:25-26.
*[Story of Rahab: Joshua 2:1-6:25
covered in previous reading about
Joshua.]*
- ❑ **BARAK:** Read Hebrews 11:32
See also Judges 4-5.
- ❑ **GIDEON:** Read Hebrews 11:32
See also Judges 6-8.
- ❑ **JEPHTHAH:** Read Hebrews 11:32
See also Judges 11-12.
- ❑ **SAMSON:** Read Hebrews 11:32
See also Judges 13-16.
- ❑ **SAMUEL:** Read Hebrews 11:32
See also 1 Samuel 1-3, 8.
- ❑ **DAVID:** Read Hebrews 11:32
See selections about David's life and
reign over Israel: 1 Samuel 16-18, 2
Samuel 1-7, 11-12, 1 Kings 1-2.
Read Psalm 51 [many Psalms were
written by David. Have a look at the
small print at the start of each Psalm
and see if you can find a few more].
See also: Matthew 1:1, 12:23,
Mark 11:10, John 7:42.
- ❑ **THE PROPHETS:** Read Hebrews 11:33-40.
How do these serve as an example for
us?