

1. **Sing:** Children’s Songbook #96 “Faith.”

2. **Read:** “She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.” (John 11:27)

3. **Watch:** chapter 12 from the animated Complete Learning System, Lazarus Lives DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

4. **What is Faith?** (Discuss ideas.)

“The gift of faith at times takes the form of miraculous healings of body and mind. However, faith is usually expressed in the simple trust and calm assurance that God will provide.” *Thomas S. Monson, Friend, Nov 1987 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

5. **Did Mary and Martha have faith in Jesus before he performed the great miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead?** (Discuss ideas.)

“When Martha learned that the Lord was coming, she went out to meet Him, saying, ‘Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died’ (John 11:21). So strong was her faith in Jesus that she knew that He could have performed a mighty miracle and saved her brother’s life. ‘But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee’ (John 11:22). ... Jesus asked Martha to send Mary to him. And when Mary came, weeping, she fell down at His feet and said, ‘Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died’ (John 11:32), showing her faith in the Savior too.” *Jane McBride Choate, Friend, Apr 1988 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

6. **Did Mary and Martha’s faith in Christ help them through this difficult time?** (Discuss ideas. Read John 11:23–27)

“Martha knew that Lazarus would be resurrected at the last day because of her great faith and this gave her hope.” *Walter F. González, Liahona, Apr 2003 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

7. **How can our faith help lead us back to our Heavenly Father?** (Discuss ideas.)

“In order for faith to lead to salvation, it must be centered in the Lord Jesus Christ (see Acts 4:10–12; Mosiah 3:17; Moroni 7:24–26; Articles of Faith 1:4). ... Having faith in Jesus Christ means relying completely on Him—trusting in His infinite power, intelligence, and love. ... Our faith can lead us to do good works, obey the commandments, and repent of our sins (see James 2:18; 1 Nephi 3:7; Alma 34:17). Our faith can help us overcome temptation.” *Gospel Topics © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

8. **How does our faith grow and strengthen once we trust and believe in Christ?** (Discuss ideas.)

“Our willingness to take upon us the name of Christ and keep His commandments requires a degree of faith and as we honor our covenants that faith expands.” *D. Todd Christofferson, Ensign, May 2009 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

Quote:

“My call to you is a call to faith, that faith which “is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Heb. 11:1), as Paul described it.” *Gordon B. Hinckley, Friend, Aug 2003 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*