



Activity Book



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Introduction

Welcome to the activity book for the *Connect! Bringing Faith to Life* series for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. This resource includes two activities to supplement each chapter in the *Connect!* student book. These activities can be incorporated into the lessons for these chapters in a variety of ways:

- **In-class supplements to the chapter:** Some activities lend themselves to independent and individual thought on the part of young people; other activities lend themselves to cooperative learning in pairs or groups. These activities can be used to extend the lesson or to replace other regular learning activities in the chapter, depending on the particular needs of your setting.
- **Additional assessment options:** An activity can be used as a preassessment at the beginning of the lesson (What do students know about this topic?) or as a review at the end of the lesson. If you are using an activity as a beginning preassessment, you may direct the students to return to the activity at the end of the lesson to correct their errors, and thus show how much they have learned.
- **Take-home activities for homework or to be shared with the family.** These activities can also be used as an opportunity for further at-home reflection on the topic of focus for the chapter or to help spark important conversations about faith at home with others.

We hope that these activity pages will spark your own creativity as you use them to accompany the *Connect!* series in a way that most benefits the young people in your care. Blessings on your ministry!

Our Faith in God

Faith is a gift from God that enables us to believe in him and all that he has revealed. Why do you think faith is an important element in our relationship with God?

Our faith in God's goodness is often compared to the faith of a child who leaps from a ledge into a parent's arms without fear because of trust. Why is this a suitable comparison for the way we are to trust in God?

Create your own comparison between a human interaction that shows trust and our trusting relationship with God.

Reflect on a time when you were in an uncertain situation and placed your trust in God. How did your reliance on God help you to accept the outcome of the situation?



Faith in Action

Choose the statements that are true and connect them to the word *faith* on the left.



- Having faith in God means we place our trust in him.
- When we trust God, we acknowledge that we cannot be truly happy without him.
- As Christians, we have faith in one God.
- We can have salvation without faith.
- Faith is a gift from God.
- God does not give us a choice but to believe in him.
- Only saints can have a strong faith in God.
- Our actions make real our beliefs and trust in God.

A Faith Acrostic

For each letter in the word *faith*, write a phrase or sentence starting with that letter that tells how you can put your faith into action.

F _____

A _____

I _____

T _____

H _____

