

Break-thru

	Part 1 / Day 1	Part 2 / Day 2	Part 3 / Day 3	Part 4 / Day 4	Part 5 / Day 5
Theme	Faith in times of trouble	Faith comes by hearing	Fearless faith	Faith that keeps going	A faithful Friend
Challenge	Believe that God can help you , no matter what	Learn to depend on God's Word	Believe that God is in control of your life and your circumstances	Keep on trusting God - His plans are always perfect	Believe that Jesus will never leave you
Lesson (truth)	Sometimes, circumstances or people make our lives so miserable that it feels like we are in a pit. We should pray to God and believe that He can lift us out of our trouble.	God mainly speaks to us through His Word (the Bible) Our Faith grows by reading / studying God's Word. Sometimes we expect God to 'shout', yet God often speaks by his Spirit in the stillness of our quiet time with Him.	There comes a point when it's easier to back off and return to the familiar than to press on in faith. (David was constantly on the run. He could have stepped back into his comfort zone - his life as a shepherd). Like David, we should be bold for God.	David had been anointed as king, yet the fight was not over. Some enemies still occupied a strategic stronghold in his kingdom. Although Jesus has won the battle for us we still have internal conflicts to subdue.	Even when the situation seems hopeless, Jesus will be there to comfort us and care for us. Or He may save a friend and give him/her eternal life.
Scripture passage/s (Underground themes)	Joseph in a pit	Elijah in the cave	David in the cave with Saul	David conquers Jerusalem through tunnel	Lazarus is raised (from a tomb)
	Genesis 37:12-28	1 Kings 19:1-13	1 Samuel 24	1 Samuel 16:11-3, 2 Samuel 5:1-10	John 11:1-43
Memory Verse	Hebrews 11:1	Romans 10:17	1 Chronicles 22:13b	James 1:2	Deuteronomy 31:8
	[Now] faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.	Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.	Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.	Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials because the testing of your faith develops perseverance.	The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.
Application	Find out what troubles your children - what makes them afraid and what makes them worry. Encourage children to trust God even though they cannot see Him and even though they cannot understand how God makes everything fit His purpose for their lives.	The Holy Spirit within us makes God's written Word His living Word (relevant to our situation). Encourage children to read the Bible every day. Encourage them to use a Childrens' Devotional or to have a reading plan.	At times we are faced with tough decisions. We can courageously do what is right or take the easy way. Our example is Jesus, who never took the easy way if it was not God's way. Encourage children not to be afraid to do what is right.	We often become most discouraged when we are past the halfway mark. Our steadfast faith is based on our belief that what we are living for is worth the 'pain.' Encourage children never to compromise and never to give up.	When things go wrong we often ask, 'Where was God' and 'Why did God allow this to happen?' Although we cannot understand God's ways, we can be assured of His infinite love. Encourage children to talk to God about their disappointment and sadness.