

# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FOUNDATIONS

## *Faith and Theology*

### OVERVIEW

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As a Christian, the words "faith" and "theology" are often used. But do we really know what they are, and what they mean? Well, from a Christian standpoint, faith is "the belief and trust in God." And, theology is "the study of the nature of God and religious belief." It is essential to learn about these two concepts because the goal of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Foundations is for you to grow in your faith and to develop a theological foundation. The various concepts, principles, and things we will learn from Scripture throughout the year will help you develop a good theology, and hopefully help you grow in your faith! Today we will dig deeper into what faith and theology are, and why they are crucial to us as Christians.

### ON YOUR OWN

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How do you personally define faith? What do you think the difference between faith and theology is?

### LARGE GROUP

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- Theology
  - Read 1 Timothy 4:6
  - What do you think Paul meant by "sound doctrine"?

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- The gospel of Jesus Christ is what our theology is based on!
  
- Faith
  - Read Hebrews 11:1
  - Definition of Faith
  
  - Read Ephesians 2:8-9
  - All the work has been already done by Jesus.
  - It's a gift! We only need to receive it,

**Discuss:** Why is it important to have good theology along with your faith? Is it possible to just have faith without theology?

## SMALL GROUPS

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Now that we have discussed what theology is, read these verses that describe God. What sticks out? What do they say about God?

- Acts 17:24-27
- Ezekiel 1:26-28

How can theology help us grow in our faith?

How can you develop a good theology?