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Vocabulary:

- Theological
- Propensity
- Optimism
- Animosity
- Monism

Questions:

What are 3 virtues that are regarded as traditionally Christian?

1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________

Can Faith bind people together? Can it divide people? Explain.__________________________________________

What provides an anchor for drifters?__________________________

Do you think a young child should be taught about God or should they wait until they are older?___________

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Faith Unit 10
Introduction
Faith Unit 10
Job

Vocabulary: rebuked

Questions:

Why did Satan choose Job to test? ______________________

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When Job lost everything, did he turn from God? ______

__________________________________________________________________________

When Job lost his health, did he turn from God? ______

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When even his friends rebuked him and accused him or a Great Sin, did Job turn from God? ______________

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Who did God rebuke? Why? ______________________________

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Who did God reward? Why? ______________________________

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Faith Unit 10
Job
Questions:

What conversation did Nicholas overhear?________________________

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What was Nicholas doing when he was reminded of his gold bars?________________________

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Why did Nicholas return to the window that night?________________________

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How did the nobleman show his faith?________________________

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In this story, faith was rewarded with not only an answer, but also monetary gain. Is faith always answered this way? Why or why not?________________________

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# Faith Unit 10

**We Understand So Little**

## Vocabulary:

- Furrows
- Chaff
- Scythe

## Questions:

Did the brothers understand what the man in the field was doing?

Was the man in the field a madman as one of the brothers suggested?

OF the two brothers, which showed faith and patience?

Which showed impatience and lack of faith?

Which brother are you most like?
Faith Unit 10
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Faith Unit 10
The kids can’t take it if we don’t give it

Vocabulary:
➢ Incorrigible
➢ Irrepressible
➢ Rancor

Questions:
What was the most important thing that Babe learned at St. Mary’s?
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How did this knowledge help Babe through the years?
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Did Babe always live by the rules?
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What does Babe mean by “The kids can’t take it if we don’t give it to them”? 
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Faith Unit 10
The kids can’t take it if we don’t give it
In your own words, explain the 10 reasons Theodore Roosevelt gives for going to church.

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Faith Unit 10
Going to Church
Vocabulary:
- Friar
- Atrocious

Questions:

Explain how Faith gave Father Kolbe the strength and courage to volunteer as he did? ________________
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There is a Psalm that this story refers to—what is it? _____
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How did Father Kolbe’s faith lead the other prisoners to the Great Shepherd? ________________
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How can your faith help you stand up for others? _____
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Faith Unit 10
Volunteer at Auschwitz
Faith Unit 10
Death, Be Not Proud

Vocabulary:

Poppy

Questions:

Is the writer afraid of death? __________________________
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What does the writer mean by “soonest our best men with thee do go”? __________________________
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What is death a slave to? __________________________
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What does “one short sleep past” refer to? __________
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Does the writer show any faith? __________________________
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Faith Unit 10
Death be not Proud

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Faith Unit 10
Crossing the Bar

Questions:

What is this poem really about?____________________

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What does “and after that the dark” mean?________

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Who is the Pilot that Lord Tennyson speaks of?_______

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What does “crossing the bar” really mean?___________

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Faith Unit 10
Last Lines

Questions:

What arms your from fear? __________________________
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Where should one be anchored? ______________________
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What does the writer say would happen if all ceased to be? ______________________
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Does the poem show the magnitude of the writer’s faith? ______________________
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How does your faith compare? ______________________
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ANSWER KEY (Starting letter: x,y)
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“Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.”

Mary McLeod Bethune
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Do you need to try again?

Check your work, is it neat? ____________________
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Oswald Chambers
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Sarah Ban Breathnach
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Sarah Ban Breathnach

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Check your work, is it neat? _______________
Faith is not belief. Belief is passive

Faith is active

Edith Hamilton
Faith is not belief. Belief is passive. Faith is active.

Edith Hamilton
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Edith Hamilton
I do not pray for success. I ask for faithfulness.

Mother Theresa
I do not pray for success. I ask for faithfulness.

Mother Teresa
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Mother Teresa

Do you need to try again?

Check your work, is it neat? ________________
Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light

Helen Keller
Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light

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Check your work, is it neat? _________________
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Eleanor Roosevelt
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To me faith means not worrying.

John Dewey
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Is it fair of us to prejudice the “soil” before the age of discretion and choice? Or should we plant the seeds of “good” plants to encourage the soil?

Faith 1:1

the trials of

JOB

Faith 1:2
What faith did the nobleman show when he had nothing else to do?
What is it that we don’t understand?

Faith 1:4
10 Reasons to go to church!

Faith 2:1
Can our Faith LIGHT dark places?

Faith 2:2

Write the poem by Alfred Tennyson, or write your own poem. Use the section below if it is needed. *one stanza per section*
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Faith is only as strong as you will it to be. You decide what you believe in, you decide how strong you believe it. Remember, Faith is not KNOWING the truth, it’s believing it even when you don’t know for sure. Use the next few pages to add your testimony about what you believe, where your faith lies, and what you KNOW for certain. Use this week’s project to guide you through this week’s wrap up.