Preschool–Grade 6

Enoch Walked with God

Sunday School Lesson for Preteens (Ages 11–12), 45–60 minutes

Main point: Walking with God is an everyday life of faith, and that is what pleases God.
Bible passage: Genesis 5:18–27 and Hebrews 11:5–6. Students read them out loud themselves.
Memory verse: "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." *Genesis 5:24 (KJV)* and "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." *Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)*
You need: a Bible for each student, paper or a notebook and a pen for each student, a whiteboard and a marker, and one take-home sheet for each student.
Before class: read Genesis 5 and Hebrews 11:1–7. Write both memory verses on the board.

1. Opening game: What Would People Say? (5–10 minutes)

Hand out paper. Each student writes three words they hope their friends would use to describe them, and three words they think their friends really would use. No one has to share. Then ask: *If people summed up your whole life in one sentence, what would you want it to be?* Say: "The Bible sums up one man's life in four words: 'Enoch walked with God.' Let's find out about him."

2. Bible story: Students Read It (15 minutes)

Read out loud: Genesis 5:18–27. Students take turns, a verse or two each. Ask them to listen for the phrase that ends almost every man's part ("and he died," 5:20, 5:27) and for the one man whose part ends differently (Enoch, 5:24). Old words in this passage:

- **begat** (5:18): became the father of
- **sixty and five** (5:21): 65; **three hundred sixty and five** (5:23): 365
- **walked with God** (5:22, 5:24): lived close to God and went His way, every day
- **he was not** (5:24): he was no longer there

Read out loud: Hebrews 11:5–6. Old words in this passage:

- **translated** (11:5): carried from one place to another; God took Enoch from the earth, and he did not die
- **testimony** (11:5): what was known and said about him
- **cometh to God** (11:6): comes to God to know Him and worship Him
- **rewarder** (11:6): one who gives a reward; **diligently** (11:6): carefully and with all your heart

Background: Enoch was "the seventh from Adam" (Jude 14). Count it in Genesis 5:3–18. His great-grandson was Noah (5:25–29), and Noah "walked with God" too (6:9). Jude 14 also says Enoch **prophesied**, spoke God's message: "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints." Cain had a son named Enoch too (Genesis 4:17); he is a different man.

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3. Questions to ask (15 minutes)

1. Genesis 5 lists long lives that end "and he died," again and again. Why do you think God made Enoch's part different (5:24)?
2. Enoch walked with God 300 years while raising sons and daughters (5:22). What does walking with God look like on an ordinary school day?
3. Amos 3:3 asks, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Where do you need to agree with God to keep walking with Him?
4. Hebrews 11:5 says Enoch's testimony was that "he pleased God." What would it take for that to be said about you?
5. Hebrews 11:6 says we must believe that God "is" and that He rewards those who "diligently seek him." What does seeking God diligently look like for you this week?
6. Enoch walked with God in the generations before the flood, and his great-grandson Noah walked with God too (6:9). How can your walk with God help the people who come after you?

4. Memory verse (5 minutes)

Old words in Hebrews 11:6: **impossible to please him** means no one can please God without faith. **Believe that he is** means believe that God is real. **A rewarder** means He gives good things. **Diligently seek him** means look for Him carefully, with all your heart.
Read both verses together. Then students cover one phrase at a time and quiz a partner. Say Genesis 5:24 this week; keep working on Hebrews 11:6 next week too.

5. What this means for us (5–10 minutes)

Say: "Hebrews 11:6 says that 'without faith it is impossible to please him.' Faith is more than knowing about God. It is coming to Him. God loves you, and 'all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23, KJV). Jesus is God manifest in the flesh, God who came as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). 'Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures' (1 Corinthians 15:3–4, KJV). We obey the gospel the way Peter preached it: 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.' (Acts 2:38, KJV) We **repent**, turning from sin, and our old self dies (Romans 6:6). We are buried with Jesus by baptism in His name, all the way under the water. **Remission** means our sins are washed away, and we rise to walk in newness of life, a brand-new life (Romans 6:4; Acts 22:16). And God fills us with the Holy Ghost, and we speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, which means as He gives the words (Acts 2:4). Jesus called this being born of water and of the Spirit (John 3:5). That is where a walk with God begins."
Pray with the students, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

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6. Activity: Journal (10 minutes)

Each student writes privately. No one has to share. Write these three prompts on the board:

1. If God wrote one sentence about my life this week, what would I want it to say?
2. What is one way I can walk with God every day (a time to pray, a verse to read, a way to obey)?
3. Write a short prayer asking God to help you walk with Him by faith and please Him.
   If there is time, invite a few volunteers to share one sentence.

This week: pick a time each day to talk with God and read one verse. Walk with Him, not just on Sundays.

7. Prayer

"Dear God, thank You that we can come to You. Help us believe You, seek You with all our hearts, and walk with You every day, so that our lives please You. Thank You for loving us and making a way to save us through Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen."

If a student asks where God took Enoch, or how: the Bible says only "God took him" (Genesis 5:24), that he "should not see death," and that he "was not found" (Hebrews 11:5). It does not say how or describe where, so we don't add to it.

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