



BELIEVE



Skill

Believe is hearing the good news, repenting of our sins, surrendering our control, calling on Jesus as Lord, and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Design

Believe (person jumping) > The picture illustrates the risk every person takes when they die to self and decide to follow Jesus. Living by faith can sometimes feel like we have jumped off a cliff and are helpless. The **sketch** is a fragrant oil illustrating how faith-filled, Spirit-led disciples are a fragrant aroma of Christ among those who are perishing (2 Corinthians 2:14-15).

Story

Babylon King Gold Statue (Daniel 3:1-30)

This story demonstrates Believe as a kingdom skill because we clearly see three young men boldly face a martyr's death when a world leader tries to force them to stop believing in Yahweh. These men were confident because they had experienced the one, true God, and He rewarded them by sending an angelic guardian to walk with them inside the blazing fire furnace. Great faith is powerful, and King Nebuchadnezzar began to believe as well (3:28-29).

Scriptures

John 3:16 > For God so loved the world, He sent His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

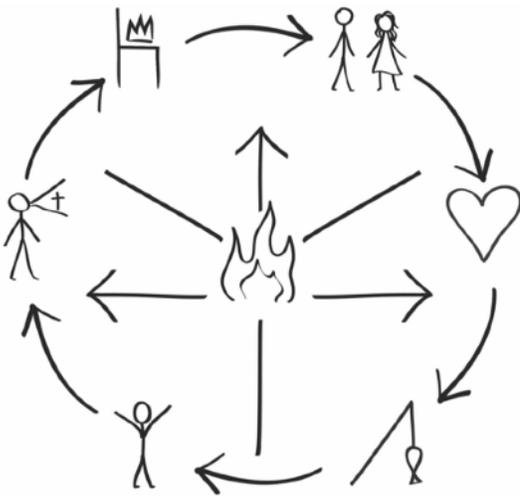
Ephesians 2:8-9 > For you are saved by grace through faith, and this salvation is not from yourselves; it is God's gift - not by works, so that no one can boast.

John 6:35 > Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in Me will ever be thirsty again."

Lesson Summary

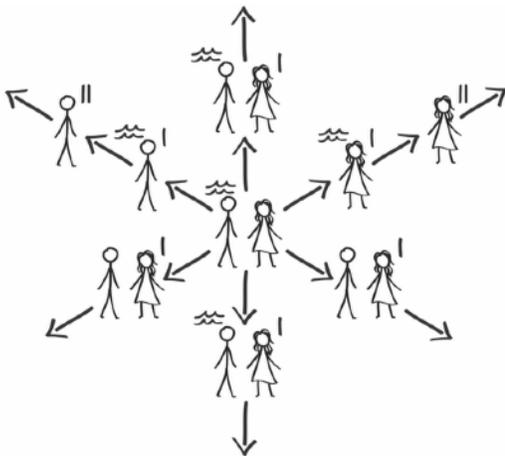
Believe requires total surrender. Jesus said clearly that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life, and our Lord will raise us up from the dead upon His Return (John 6:40). God's wrath is upon every person because of sin's curse, so if we do not believe in Jesus and follow Him as Lord, the curse of sin and death remains upon us (John 3:36). Judgement Day is terrible; the soul-crushing truth is that everyone whose name is not written in the Lamb's Book of Life is thrown into the Lake of Fire with the Devil forever (Revelation 20:10-15). For all who choose to believe, an eternity of joy awaits (Revelation 22:1-5).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?