

Answer Key:

What is Faith...

- Complete
- diamond
- choose
- believe
- feeling
- influence

What it means to have Faith

- Believing
- Obeying
- Giving
- Persisting
- Thanking
- Trusting

Shield of Faith...

- guard
- protect
- identifying

Five characteristics of the Shield of Faith:

- defense
- guard
- deflects
- incapacitate
- strength

Putting on Jesus

“Raise Your Shield”

Part 7

Ephesians 6:16 NLT

“In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.”

Introductory Statement

Our faith can guard us during trials in the same way a shield would during battle. For example, when doubt creeps in and our beliefs are questioned, our faith in Christ will protect us.

What is Faith...

- _____ trust or confidence in someone or something.”

Hebrews 11:1 NIV

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

- Faith is like a _____. It is multifaceted.
- Your “faith” is only as good as the person or thing that you _____ to put your faith in.

Galatians 2:16 NIV

“...know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So, we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ.”

"Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want.

It is the belief that God will do what is right."

Max Lucado

- To have faith is to _____ God created the world and sent His only Son to die for our sins so we might have eternal life.

John 17:3 NIV

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

Acts 10:36 NIV

"You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all."

- Faith is more than just a _____.

Psalm 42:5 The Voice

Why am I so overwrought? Why am I so disturbed? Why can't I just hope in God? Despite all my emotions, I will believe and praise the One who saves me and is my life.

- If we have faith in Christ, this will _____ the way we live.

3 John 1:11 NLT

"Dear friend, don't let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God."

What it means to have Faith...

Hebrews 11:6 NIV

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."

1. _____ when I don't see it.

Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

2. _____ when I don't understand it.

Hebrews 11:8 GNT

"It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him and go out to a country God had promised to him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going."

3. _____ when I don't have it.

Hebrews 11:4 NIV

"...by faith (Abel) was commended as a righteous man when God spoke well of his offering..."

What it means to have Faith...

4. _____ when I don't feel it.

Hebrews 11:27 JB

"It was by faith that Moses left Egypt and was not afraid of the King's anger. He held to his purpose like a man who could see the invisible."

5. _____ God before I receive it.

Hebrews 11:30 NIV

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days."

Mark 11:24 GNT

"When you pray and ask for something, believe that you have received it and you will be given what you ask for."

6. _____ it I don't get it.

Hebrews 11:39-40 NIV

"They were all commended for their faith yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better..."

Shield of Faith...

- Our faith can _____ us during trials in the same way a shield would during battle.

Proverbs 4:23 NLT

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

- Taking up the shield of faith will _____ us and allow us to fight back against these attacks.

Acts 26:24 NLT

"But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation."

The shield provides a blanket of protection. It is meant to be taken up in all circumstances. It is the first barrier against the enemy's attack.

Shield of Faith...

- Often, shields were painted with _____ marks; a Christian who takes up the shield of faith identifies himself as a foot soldier who serves the Commander of the Lord's army.

2 Corinthians 8:24 NIV

"Therefore, show these men the proof of your love..."

If you were arrested today would there, be enough evidence to proof you are a Christian?

Five characteristics of the Shield of Faith:

- The Shield is the first line of _____.

Romans 5:3-5 GNT

"Because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance brings God's approval, and his approval creates hope. This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us."

- A Shield _____.

Hebrews 4:14 NIV

"Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess."

- A Shield _____.

Proverb s 16:6 Message

"Guilt is banished through love and truth; Fear-of-GOD deflects evil."

Five characteristics of the Shield of Faith:

- A Shield can _____ the enemy.

Matthew 4:10-11 NCV

"Jesus said to the devil, "Go away from me, Satan! It is written in the Scriptures, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

- There is _____ in numbers of Shields.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 GWT

"Though one person may be overpowered by another, two people can resist one opponent. A triple-braided rope is not easily broken."