

“Steps of Faith”
Bible Club Lesson 1

Overview of the Lessons:

These lessons are inspired by the Holy Spirit to help children take steps of faith as they grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. After salvation, believers begin the journey of a lifetime to come to know their Lord and Savior in a deeper way. We experience trials and hard situations that the Good Shepherd is more than able to help us through. Sometimes we don't understand why we have to go on certain paths, but our Lord always knows and His eternal purpose is to see us leaping in the High Places with Him, in Him and by His Life formed in us. His eternal purpose is that we understand our relationship to Him and that we are placed into Him through His death, burial and resurrection. By His Life, we are able to leap on the High Places. This series is the adventurous journey of Much-Afraid, Pilgrim Boy, and Trembling Heart as they venture through life, learning to take steps of faith in their ever-growing relationship with Jesus. They meet several friends along the way and also a few characters that are not so friendly who try to persuade them not to follow the Good Shepherd. Throughout their journey, the Good Shepherd is faithful to lead and guide these children as they grow and enter in to knowing Him as the overcoming Life within them.

LESSON ONE: THE CALL TO “COME AWAY!”

Recommended Materials:

- Book: Hinds Feet in High Places by Hannah Hurnard, Children's Edition
- Book: Pilgrim's Progress, Children's Edition
- Some kind of background that depicts the low and dark places with the high places in the distance; the characters can come from behind it or peak out from over it (or at least a curtain or sheet to hide the Shepherd and Mocker until they are supposed to be seen by the kids).
- Character Costumes
 - Much-Afraid
 - Pilgrim Boy
 - Trembling Heart
 - The Shepherd
 - Mocker
- “Come Away” Craft: hearts with wings which are pre-cut, but left so the kids can attach the wings to the hearts (and perhaps left looking plain so the kids can decorate them)
- “Come Away” coloring page
- “Hey! Ho!” Song
- “Come Away” Song
- Journey Pouches
- Journey Tokens (these are slips of construction paper that name the Step of Faith the children take after each lesson. For instance, at the end of this lesson, all the children gather together and one at a time the leaders pray with each one if they want to take their Step of Faith and “Come Away” with the Shepherd, and then give them the piece of construction paper that says “Come Away” on it and have them put it in their Journey Pouch).
- Quiet Seat Prizes
- **Memory Verse:** Song of Solomon 2:13, “Rise up, my child, and come away.”

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- **Other Scriptures:**

- Isaiah 55:1, “Ho, everyone that thirsts, come to the waters.”
- 1Sam 16:7 “For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart”
- Isaiah 55:1 “Come everyone who is thirsty to the waters”
- Psalm 17:15 “I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness”

“Come Away”: Lesson 1 Skit Script

Pilgrim Boy, Much-Afraid, and Trembling Heart are crouching together, Pilgrim Boy straining under the weight of his burden, Much-Afraid preoccupied and saddened by her weakness and crippled feet, and Trembling Heart worried and stricken by her fearful heart.

Pilgrim Boy: I wish I didn’t have this burden on my back. It’s so heavy, I can barely stand up.

Trembling Heart: Why don’t you take it off, then?

Pilgrim Boy: I don’t know how. I don’t think I can do it by myself.

Much-Afraid: I wish I could help, but I’m crippled and weak.

Pilgrim Boy: I wish we could go with the Shepherd to the high places! If we could only get there, I bet then he would change us.

Trembling Heart: I love the Shepherd, and I know He loves me, but I don’t know if He would ever be able to help us. What’s in your pack, anyway?

Pilgrim Boy: All the things I’m afraid of, and all my worries, and all the bad things I’ve ever done.

Much-Afraid: Wow! That must be really heavy.

Pilgrim Boy: It is.

The Shepherd appears, though Pilgrim Boy, Much-Afraid, and Trembling Heart do not see Him.

Shepherd: Pilgrim Boy! Trembling Heart! Much-Afraid! Come away with me! I want to take you to the high places!

Much-Afraid: Did you hear that?

Pilgrim Boy: Was that the Shepherd?

Shepherd: Pilgrim Boy! Trembling Heart! Much-Afraid! Come away with me! I want to take you to the high places!

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Trembling Heart: It is the Shepherd! What should we do?

Pilgrim Boy: I don’t know. How can we go with him to the high places? We can’t climb those mountains! We can’t walk all that way!

Much-Afraid: But don’t you want to go with the Shepherd?

Pilgrim Boy: Well, yes, I do...

Shepherd: Do not worry about your weaknesses! Don’t look at yourselves! Trust me! I can bring you to the high places and you will be with me!

Trembling Heart: Something in my heart says we should go with Him, that everything will be ok because we’re with the Shepherd.

Pilgrim Boy: My heart says that too!

Mocker appears, blocking the three from where the Shepherd stands.

Mocker: There is no voice calling you to go anywhere. You’re crazy! Stop acting ridiculous.

Pilgrim Boy: But there is a voice! I don’t just hear it with my ears; I hear it in my heart. The Shepherd said to come away with Him!

Mocker: Look at the burden on your back, Pilgrim Boy! Look at your crippled feet, Much-Afraid! Feel the fear in your heart, Trembling Heart! How could the Shepherd call such weak people? You could never make it to the high places!

Trembling Heart: But the Shepherd will take away our weakness with His love if we go with Him!

Mocker: You have too much weakness! The Shepherd cannot change you. You are stuck here with me, in the low and dark places. Accept it! You must stay here, there is nowhere better for you.

Shepherd: Pilgrim Boy! Trembling Heart! Much-Afraid! Come away with me! I am able to take you to the high places! Don’t look at yourselves! Trust me!

Pilgrim Boy: I want to go with the Shepherd, but everything he says just makes me feel weaker.

Trembling Heart: Maybe we should call the Shepherd...

Mocker: No...don’t...

Pilgrim Boy/Trembling Heart/Much-Afraid: SHEPHERD! HELP US!

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The moment they call him, the Shepherd bursts in and he runs away in fright.

Shepherd: I’m glad you called me. You don’t need to listen to Mocker. Trembling Heart, Much-Afraid: long ago, I planted the Seed of my love in your heart, and you have been mine ever since. Pilgrim Boy, you have never asked me to come into your heart and be the Lord of your life. Would you like the Seed of Jesus planted in your heart?

Pilgrim Boy: Yes please. *(The Shepherd then addresses the children watching, and asks them if they want to pray to have Jesus come into their hearts along with Pilgrim Boy. Then the Shepherd leads Pilgrim Boy and the children in a salvation prayer.)*

Shepherd: Now, it is time for you to come with me and see where I live, far from here in the Kingdom of Love, which is in the high places.

Pilgrim Boy: But I have my burden...

Much-Afraid: And I have my crippled feet...

Trembling Heart: And I have my worried heart...

Pilgrim Boy: Couldn’t you just stay down here in the low and dark places with us?

Trembling Heart: Yes, the low and dark places are not quite as scary when you’re here.

Shepherd: But I do not live in the low and dark places. I only come here to take you away to a much better place, a beautiful place full of light and love and joy. And I can take you there. Do not worry about your weaknesses. They will fall away on the journey, but you must come with me. Will you come? Will your heart say “Yes!” to me and to trusting me to take you to the high places?

Pilgrim Boy/Trembling Heart/Much-Afraid: Yes!

Shepherd: I am so glad! The heart saying “Yes!” is a very important first step.

Step of Faith

Lead each of the children individually in their Step of Faith where they choose to say “Yes” to the voice of Jesus in their hearts and “Come Away!” to know Him more.