

Connect the Dots

The topic Faith

The object A connect-the-dots puzzle

The lesson Doing a connect-the-dots puzzle is a little like practicing faith. (As you're explaining the lesson, be working the puzzle.) You begin by believing that an image really will be revealed—even though you have no idea what it is. In other words, you can't see the picture, but you

believe it's there. You trust that an artist designed a picture that will be revealed if you continue to trace the sequence, dot to dot. If you don't connect the dots in sequence, or if you decide to stop drawing, you'll never see the full picture the artist has designed.

So it is with your faith in God. You don't always see exactly where God is leading you... sometimes you have only part of the picture. But faith is when, in the words of



one experienced Christian, we continue to trust God's heart even when we cannot trace his hand.

The Word Hebrews 11:1-6

Discussion starters

1. Why can you trust that God has adequately planned the picture he is leading you to draw (for example, Hebrews 11:3)?
2. What happens to the picture when you begin disregarding the proper sequence of numbers?

Life changers

1. What kinds of problems have caused you to doubt God's design for the picture of your life? Seemingly missing numbers? Vague dots? Big gaps?
2. Can you see the dots well enough, but lately lost interest in joining them because you can't make sense of the image you're outlining?
3. Has there been a time recently when you've had to trust

God's heart even though you could not trace his hand? Take a moment now and thank God for his sovereignty and the grand design of your life.