












## Hide and Seek Story Grid

Action	Picture	Script	Bible reference	Barnabas Bible story
<p><i>Open up a Bible and then lay it down at your side.</i></p>		<p>God has given us the stories in this book to show us what God is like and how much God loves us.</p>		
<p><i>Lay down the circle of felt and the 20 felt pieces.</i></p>		<p>Do you still play hide and seek? It must be one of the very first games most of us learn to play. Now you see me... now you don't. Peek-a-boo!</p>		
		<p>It's a game with a purpose. Through it we learn to trust. Although something may no longer be in front of our eyes, it <i>is</i> still there, just out of sight.</p>		
<p><i>As you talk, place the felt pieces onto the large circle.</i></p>		<p>It can be like this with God. Perhaps the game is a God-given lesson about faith that can help us through life. God is in all places and in all times. God holds everything together.</p>		




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<p><i>Finally all the 'hide and seek' felt pieces are laid down on the large circle.</i></p>		<p>There's no place, no experience where God is not present. Sometimes we are deeply aware of that and a moment of glory helps us know it. And this inspires us and draws us on to seek God and live by faith from then on.</p>		
<p><i>Search for the star picture piece, turning at least one other piece in vain first.</i></p>		<p>It was with faith like this that Abraham obeyed God when he was told to go to the promised land. He had a vision from God that changed his life. It led him on to seek God's eternal city.</p>	<p>Genesis 15</p>	<p>Story 13 God's promise</p>
<p><i>Search for the praying hands picture piece, turning at least one other piece in vain first.</i></p>		<p>It was with faith like this that Jacob dared to return and meet Esau. A strange thing happened by a brook that changed his life. It led him on to seek God and find it in the face of his own brother.</p>	<p>Genesis 32-33</p>	<p>Story 27 Jacob wrestles with God</p>
<p><i>Search for the David dancing picture, turning at least one other piece in vain first.</i></p>		<p>It was with faith like this that David danced before the Ark as it was brought into Jerusalem. It changed his life and led him on to seek God's face in his prayers and psalms.</p>	<p>2 Samuel 6:1-23</p>	<p>Story 133 David dances</p>

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<p><i>Search for the dream picture piece, turning at least one other piece in vain first.</i></p>		<p>It was with faith like this that Solomon heard God speaking to him in a dream. It changed his life and led him on to seek God through his wisdom and writings.</p>	<p>1 Kings 3:1-15</p>	<p>Story 147 God's gift to Solomon</p>
<p><i>Search for the wheels picture piece, turning at least one other piece in vain first.</i></p>		<p>It was with faith like this that Ezekiel saw visions from God. They changed his life and led him on to seek the God who gives a new heart and new life.</p>	<p>Ezekiel 1-3</p>	<p>Story 222 A vision of God</p>
<p><i>Search for the dove and water picture piece, turning at least one other piece in vain first.</i></p>		<p>It was with faith like this that Jesus was aware of God's unique presence when he was baptized in the Jordan. It led him on to seek God's kingdom at all times and in all places.</p>	<p>Matthew 3:13-17</p>	<p>Story 255 Jesus is baptized</p>
<p><i>Six pieces have been 'found' so far.</i></p>				

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<p><i>Search for the storm at sea picture piece, turning at least one other piece in vain first.</i></p>		<p>It was with faith like this that the friends of Jesus made new discoveries. Once they were caught in a storm on the lake and then everything was changed. It led them on to seek God in the life of Jesus.</p>	<p>Mark 4:35-41</p>	<p>Story 270 The storm on the lake</p>
<p><i>Search for the vision of Jesus picture piece, turning at least one other piece in vain first.</i></p>		<p>It was with faith like this that John at the end of his life caught a glimpse of Jesus. It changed him and helped to prepare him and us to seek our true home in heaven.</p>	<p>Revelation 1: 9-20</p>	<p>Story 363 John's vision</p>
<p><i>All the story pieces have now been 'found'.</i></p>				
		<p>These moments of glory led to a seeking after God, which made possible days and years of faith.</p>		

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		God is still teaching us through his heavenly 'hide and seek' to trust him in the dark - to walk by faith not by sight.		
		God still comes close to us through the beauties of the world, the stories of his people, the life of Jesus, and the words and love of friends and strangers.		
		God is closer than our very breathing but also always just around the corner, drawing each of us ever onward to where we belong.		
		Have you sometimes felt God to be very close? Have you sometimes felt that God was far away? Which 'hide and seek' story do you like best? Which 'hide and seek' story is the most important for you? Where are you in this story?		



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