

## EXTRA! Ideas for Adults – Holy Vocabulary – Session 4

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### Faith

**The Point: We can confidently trust in what God says and does.**

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### Get Into the Study

*Use the following to introduce today's topic.*

This past week was the [season finale of Kids Baking Challenge](#) on the Food Network and a champion was crowned. This is a show where kids compete against each other to create incredible baked creations. From tiered cakes to French macarons and everything in between, these kids mix, bake, and decorate to win a title and a bunch of cash. While there is a fascination about kids making such creations there is also something very intriguing about the process of baking itself. By mixing the right ingredients, in the correct amounts, in a particular order, and then leaving the batter in an oven at a set temperature, for an exact amount of time someone can create gooey brownies or delicious cake. Not only is it remarkable that kids are baking but the art of baking itself is pretty amazing.

Ask, “When have you had or seen a baking fail?” The art of baking includes a level of faith. Yes, there typically is a recipe to follow but even that doesn’t guarantee success. Ask, “What are some other areas that require faith to reach a particular outcome?”

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### Live It Out

*Use the following to introduce the Live It Out section.*

**Optional:** Bring in a jar of Jif peanut butter and display an image of the Gif peanut butter jar from the article below.

The makers of Jif peanut butter have [reignited the debate](#) over the proper pronunciation of “GIF.” Whether you use GIFs, you have likely seen them on social media. The “Graphics Interchange Format” is a file format that typically uses a short repeating video or animation for comic effect. But there is little consensus on the proper pronunciation. Is it a hard “g” like “gift” or a soft “g” like “giraffe”? Jif peanut butter is arguing for the hard “g” pronunciation by

releasing a special edition jar of peanut butter labeled “Gif,” highlighting the different pronunciations of “Jif” and “GIF.” However, the creator of the GIF already weighed in on the debate back in 2013 and declared the correct pronunciation as the soft “g.” Nonetheless, people continue to debate, often citing the hard “g” pronunciation of “graphics,” the first word in the acronym, as proof against the creator’s own words.

While people may be unwilling to accept the creator of the GIF’s word on pronunciation, we can confidently accept our Creator’s word as the final authority. God, the Creator of the world is perfect. He does not make mistakes. He does not change. We can confidently trust in what God says and does.

Direct group members to the Live It Out statements. Say, “How will you live out your faith this week? Choose one of the following applications.”

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## **Additional Questions**

### **Icebreaker**

- When have you been asked to believe something based on very little evidence?
- What was something you believed in as a child that you found out later wasn’t true?
- When have you been happily surprised by someone’s or something’s reliability?

### **Hebrews 11:1-3**

- What are some things you hope for?
- How has God proven Himself faithful in your life?
- How do those outside the faith define faith?

### **Hebrews 11:4**

- Whose faith and worship really inspires you?
- When has faith fueled your worship or sacrificial giving?
- When has God’s movement in your life prompted spontaneous worship on your part?

### **Hebrews 11:5-6**

- What’s the relationship between faith and pleasing God?
- What are some ways our group can help one another grow in faith?
- What steps can we personally take to see our faith in God increased?