

## The Building Blocks of Faith Toolkit

## **Building Blocks Newsletter Article**

## We Have a Part in Growing Faith

As Joshua helped God's people claim the promised land, God gave them many victories. But after Joshua died, a sad thing happened, as we read in Judges 2:10-12:

After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. They forsook the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt.

The people of Israel had forgotten to tell their faith story to their children. They forgot to tell about the God who had brought them out of slavery in Egypt, the God who had led them through the Red Sea, the God who had given them the land they were living in. A whole generation grew up not knowing God.

We have the opportunity and the obligation to tell the stories of our God and our stories to each other. We need to know who God is—but more than that, we need to know God well. We can learn more about God by knowing God's stories, which are written in the Bible, and by hearing how God is working in the lives of his people today.

So let's join together in learning God's story and in sharing how God is working here in this church and in our lives. Let us embrace the fact that we belong to God and this church, that we know our God, that we have an eternal hope, and that we are called and equipped to be God's people in this world today.

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