

Object Lesson on Faith

SUPPLIES:

- a plastic zip top **bag** filled with **water**
- several **sharp pencils**
- someone who's willing to trust you!

WHAT TO DO FOR THIS OBJECT LESSON ON FAITH:

Hold the water-filled bag over a child's head, and ask if they have faith that they won't get wet. Then, stab the SHARP pencil all the way through the bag! You'll want to practice this before doing it with kids, because some people find it best to stab slowly, but I find it works best to poke it through quickly. Do whatever works best for you. Then, stab as many pencils through as you can!

TIP: Too many pencils will add mass to the bag and the pressure might be too much for the zip-top.
□ Beware of the exploding bag!

WHAT TO SAY:

- Do you have faith in me? Do you trust that I won't spill this entire bag of water on your head?
- What about if I poke a hole in this bag with a pencil? Do you still believe me?
- Well, I'm going to do it. I'm going to poke this pencil through the bag, and you are NOT going to get wet. Do you still believe me?
- Did you get wet? It seems impossible, doesn't it? Trusting me in this moment makes no sense. And yet, here we are with a bag full of water and two holes without any leakage.
- Would you trust that I won't get you wet even if I poked another pencil through this bag?

