

WHAT ARE YOU SINGING ABOUT?



Theme: Having faith

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1

Props: A bird book (optional)

Do you know what a whip-o-will is? It's a kind of bird that lives in the forest. (*Show picture, if you have one.*) But the whip-o-will is a little different from other birds. You see, most birds sing in the daytime when the sun is out, but the whip-o-will sings at night.

But that wasn't always the case. Many years ago he used to sing in the daytime like the other birds. But one night – after midnight – he decided to sing. He sang softly at first, then a little louder. Finally he was singing at full volume.

As you can imagine, this woke up all the other birds. They opened their sleepy eyes and yawned, and when they looked up at the sky, were they confused! It was still dark!

So they said to the whip-o-will, "The sun's not out. What are you singing about?"

The whip-o-will said, "The sun may not be out, but I know it's going to be. I have faith!"

It's almost like that whip-o-will had been reading the Bible! Let me read you what Paul said about faith. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith...is being sure of what we do not see."

Even though he couldn't see it, that whip-o-will had faith that the sun would come up in the morning.

And even though we can't see Jesus, we have faith that He's there and that He'll return some day. And just like that bird, we don't have to wait until He returns to rejoice. We can rejoice and be thankful now – because we have faith.

So if you ever wake up before the sun comes up and you hear a bird outside your window singing away, remember: he's just showing his faith – and so should we.

Let's pray about that: Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us faith in Your Son, Jesus. We pray that our faith will grow every day. We thank You in His holy name. Amen.

Song: "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"