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FAITH HEROES

by John Nichols

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

NEIGHBORS ADMIRING YOUNG GEORGE'S GARDEN AND ASKED FOR HIS ADVICE.



AS A PROFESSOR, GEORGE NAMED HIS LAB "GOD'S LITTLE WORKSHOP."

GEORGE HELPED FARMERS IMPROVE THEIR CROPS.



advice and nicknamed him "The Plant Doctor."

George spent hours wandering in the woods talking with God. He believed God had important work for him to do and wanted to use his knowledge to help others.

Many of the farmers around George's home were very poor. From his time working with plants and talking with God, George was sure he could help them. George taught his friends about composting to enrich the soil. He also experimented to find plants that could provide a steady source of food and income for the farmers.

By loving his neighbors and using his knowledge of botany to serve them, George had found the important work God had for him to do. ■

A FAITH HERO

is someone who lives the way Jesus taught us to live, with love and compassion.

Sometimes called "saints," faith heroes can be people who lived a long time ago or who are alive now. Learning about their lives can help us live the way God wants us to live.

GEORGE

WASHINGTON CARVER

was born into a farming family in 1864. He was sick a lot as a child, so working in the fields was hard for him. George helped by planting corn, gathering eggs, and tending to the horses.

George was a good student and determined to learn the name of every flower, insect, and bird. He started his own garden and experimented with soils to grow stronger plants. Neighbors asked for his