

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

Our 'Faith, Hope and Love' program unpacks how we can build these 'Big Three' virtues into our daily lives. God gives us many gifts and talents that can bring us many benefits. But rather than focussing on getting the most benefits for ourselves that we can, we must focus on WHO we are as we achieve great things. As Christians, our pursuit in life first and foremost, is to be a people of faith and hope in God who follow His way of love. By looking at the lives of Joseph, David and Jesus, we gain from their stories an example of how we can practically build these 'big three' virtues into our daily lives.

Memory Verse: 'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.' - 1 Corinthians 13:13

Repeated Phrase: The three big things we ought to pursue is to have faith and hope in God, showing His love too!

THIS WEEKS KEY POINT: FAITH IS BELIEVING IN WHAT YOU DO NOT SEE

RESOURCES

- Game: Post-it-notes and pens
- Illustration: N/A
- Connect Groups: This weeks Activity Sheet, bible and a fun, relaxed activity (i.e. uno, a ball, skipping)

1. QUICK WELCOME & GAME: FRUIT BASKET

Welcome the kids and spot any newcomers, welcoming them especially. Then, Play a game with the kids!

- The aim of the game is to keep your spot and avoid being 'it' in the middle of the circle!
- Setup this game by splitting the kids into 3-4 teams. Teams choose a collective team 'fruit' and write it on a sticky note, one per member. Then have the kids form a circle (not in their teams) and pop their post it note as a floor marker in their chosen spot in the circle. Choose one person to be in the middle to be 'it.'
- 'It' will shout out a fruit and everyone from that team must find a new spot in the circle (marked by post-it) before the person in the middle steals one of the spots! Whoever is left out, is in for the next round. Big groups could play elimination - the last person wins for their team!

2. INTRODUCE TOPIC & OUR BIG THREE RULES

- **Introduce the program and this weeks topic:** We are in Week 1 of our program 'Faith, Hope & Love' where we are learning that the three big things we ought to pursue is to have faith and hope in God, showing His love too! **This week we are learning that faith is believing in what you can not see.**
- **Go through our three big rules:** We are kind, we listen, we obey. Explain any reward system (prizes/points).

3. WORSHIP, MEMORY VERSE & OFFERING

- **Have praise and worship time with the kids**, if they haven't already with the adults at the start of church.
- **Go through the memory verse.** Have them say it backward, with accents, eyes closed... be creative!
- **Give a 1-2 minute offering encouragement** and then pray. See our [Offering Ideas](#) for help.

4. ANIMATION AND PREACH

- **Play the animation before the preach** - this introduces the concept of the week in a fun and visual way.
- **Preach snapshot:** This week we learn that faith is believing in what you cannot see, through the first part of Josephs story. Joseph believed in God and kept his hope that God would fulfil His promises to him. He had faith in God, who we can't see - and we can too! **Please go to our preach outline to properly prepare.**

5. CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS & ACTIVITY SHEETS

Connect groups are for faith chats, friendship and fun! You can do the activity sheet or play after praying.

1. **In this program we are learning about faith, hope and love.** How we can show faith?
 2. Read Hebrews 11:1. It says faith is being sure about what we cannot see. Do you have an example of what can't we see, but we believe is really there?
 3. It also says faith is being confident in what we hope for. What was Joseph's confident hope?
 4. What are some things God promises to all of us, that we can have confident hope He will keep?
 5. Faith can be having hope about things to come - what is one thing you'd like to pray and ask God's help for?
- Pray together over the things the kids want to stand in faith for, confidently hoping in God He will help.