

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 REQUIRES PATIENCE

RESOURCES

- Game: Cones or paper plates
- Illustration: The first two minutes [of this clip](#)
- Connect Groups: This weeks Activity Sheet, bible and a fun, relaxed activity (i.e. uno, a ball, skipping)

1. QUICK WELCOME & GAME: HEADS, SHOULDERS, KNEES & CONE!

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

- The aim of this game is to be grab the cone the fastest to score the most points - or risk a consequence!
- Setup this game by putting the kids in pairs and having them place a cone (or plate) between them equally.
- The kids must follow the actions the leader calls by putting their hands on their heads, shoulders or knees as the leader calls out those actions. But when the leader calls 'cones/plates' - they must grab it the fastest!
- The losing partner must do 5 burpees while the winner scores a point. Or you can play elimination!

2. INTRODUCE TOPIC & OUR BIG THREE RULES

- **Introduce the program and this weeks topic:** We are in Week 3 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 about keeping faith - which requires patience!](#)
- **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 keeping faith requires patience, through the third and final part of Joseph's story. Joseph was 17 when God first promised him great leadership through his dreams and 30 when it finally came to pass and he was a ruler of Egypt! Joseph faced many challenges; slavery, imprisonment and being forgotten - and yet he kept the faith. Like Joseph, in order to keep our faith in God we must have patience when challenges come. [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. [Last week we learnt that faith comes by hearing the word of God.](#) Did anyone take a step and take time to read the bible, pray + listen to what God has to say this week? Did your faith grow?
 2. Joseph was 17 when God first promised him leadership. How old was he when he became ruler (Gen. 41:46)?
 3. Do you think it would have been hard to be patient and wait that long for God to fulfil His promise?
 4. Read James 1:12 (CEV) Why should we keep our faith and be patient that God will help us?
 5. What is one thing you can remember about God, that will help you when you wait for His answers to prayer?
- Pray together that God would help the kids to have patience and to trust in Him to help them in His timing.