

Prepare

Prepare your preach by reading the passages listed, praying, and then thinking of a creative way to hit the Key Point. Take a look at the [Program Overview](#) for context. You can use the illustration idea or come up with your own. Make sure you hit the key point and give a 'next step' practical application of that point. Only read 2-3 scriptures verbatim. Finally, have a 'ministry moment' where you give kids the opportunity to receive Jesus and/or pray for them around the topic.

Preach Length: 7-10 mins. For further support, see our [Preach Guide](#).

Week 4 Preach: Who gives us hope?

Scriptures

Share from the first part of David's story - found in 1 Samuel 16-17:37. Note David's story will be shared in parts in future weeks - so don't share it all! Supporting scriptures: 1 Samuel 13:14, Psalm 33:20-22 and Romans 8:24.

Desired 'Next Step':

That kids will continue to place their hope and trust in God, especially in tough times!

KEY POINT: WE HOPE IN THE LIVING GOD

David was anointed by Samuel as the future King because he was a man after God's own heart (1 Sam 13:14). His confidence in God was so great he had full hope and expectation that they would win the battle! When we 'hope' for things it is not just wishful thinking! We might say 'I hope I become famous' but I don't expect it too - I'm just making a wish! Hope is not wishful thinking, it is having confidence that things will work out. We find this hope when we put it in a trustworthy person to help us - God! God's love for us never fails and when we trust in Him, we can confidently place our hope in Him, just like David did (Psalm 33:20-22, 1 Sam. 17:25-32).

SUPPORTING POINTS

Supporting Point 1: Our hope in God begins with our love for God.

Hope in God starts with loving God. The reason why David was chosen to be king is because He loved God. God was looking for a 'man after God's own heart' (1 Sam. 13:14) - a man who loved God above all else! Saul had stopped caring about what God thought as much as he cared about what other people did, but God saw that David was special because of His love and faith in Him. He didn't pick the oldest son or the strongest or the tallest. God chose David because of his heart, from that day the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David and never left him (1 Sam. 16:13).

Supporting Point 2: Hope requires trust.

Hope is the steady expectation of good things to come, that have not happened yet! Hope that is seen is not hope at all - who hopes in what they already have? (Rom. 8:24). So if we are hoping for what we do not have, that requires faith and trust in God! David trusted in God, and we can trust in Him too!

ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

Have two balloons tied up in a bag, one filled with helium and one without. Pull them out, holding onto them so kids can't see the difference. Explain that hope is on the inside, you can't see it but you can show it. The Israelite army and David faced the same challenge, but the Israelites did not have hope in God (let the air-filled balloon drop to the ground) so no-one would face the giant! But David did have hope and confidence in God so he rose to the challenge boldly (let the helium balloon go).