

## 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: WE HOPE IN THE LIVING GOD**

## RESOURCES

- Game: 4 squeaky chickens, blindfold, tape and half a pool noodle.
- Illustration: 2 balloons, a garbage bag & helium.
- Connect Groups: This weeks Activity Sheet, bible and a fun, relaxed activity (i.e. uno, a ball, skipping)

## 1. QUICK WELCOME & GAME: SQUEAKY CHICKEN

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

- See [this game played here](#). The aim of the game is to be the last man standing.
- Set-up this game by using a rope or tape to mark out an 'arena' and pick 2 kids to come up. Give them their chicken drumstick to tape to the bottom of their shoes. Pick a child to be the 'chicken hunter,' blindfold them and give them a pool noodle.
- On 'go' (when the chicken-run music starts) players must constantly be moving and try not to get tagged by the blindfolded leader. The last chicken standing wins! Play a few rounds.

## 2. INTRODUCE TOPIC & OUR BIG THREE RULES

- **Introduce the program and this weeks topic:** We are in Week 4 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 we can hope in the living God](#).
- **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 are learning about David as we introduce the concept of hope. David was a man who had great hope, and he was confident that with God, he could defeat a giant! To hope in God means we must first, know and love God. And when we love God, we can trust Him and His ways. Follow the story of David as we remember what it means to place our hope in the living God! [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 we learned that faith produces patience](#). How did you have patience this week?
2. Why do you think God chose David to be King? (Hint: read 1 Samuel 16:1).
3. Read Psalm 33:20-22. What does it tell you about what David thought about God?
4. Why do you think David was so confident in God? (Read 1 Samuel 17:37 for a clue).
5. Is it better to try and achieve things all on our own, or should we trust in God to do what we cannot do?

Pray together and ask God for help to be bold and confidently hope in God, in all situations!