

## 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: FOLLOW JESUS' EXAMPLE OF LOVE.**

## RESOURCES

- Game: N/A.
- 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: RED RED ROVER

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 the last man standing!
- Setup this game by choosing one person to be it standing in the middle of the room, whilst everyone is facing them with their backs against the wall.
- The person 'it' will say 'Red Red Rover, I call over...' they could say anyone's name, or a colour people are wearing, a type of shoe etc. and those people must run to the other side of the wall without being tagged. If someone is tagged, they are also 'it' and now become a tagger to tag others. Keep playing until there is one person remaining, they will be your winner!

### 2. INTRODUCE TOPIC & OUR BIG THREE RULES

- **Introduce the program and this weeks topic:** We are in Week 7 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 follow Jesus' example of love.**
- **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 how to follow Jesus' example of love through the acts of patience and kindness! We see throughout scripture, how Jesus was patient with Peter and in this same way, we can be patient with others. Jesus also showed us how to be kind, through the many examples in which he was kind to others! Allow scripture to teach your kids the simple truths about love this week!  
**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 learned that hope in God is never put to shame!** Did anyone remain patient as they trusted God for something this week?
  2. Why did Jesus have to be patient with His disciples?
  3. Read Matthew 16:13-18. What did Peter say when he realised who Jesus was?
  4. Do we have to be kind to everyone?
  5. Do you find it hard to be patient with your sibling, when they keep doing the same thing that annoys you?
- Pray together and ask God to help the kids to be patient and kind, like Jesus!