

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: TO LOVE LIKE JESUS, WE SERVE OTHERS

RESOURCES

- Game: A 2 minute countdown and 30 cups.
- Illustration: A pair of flip-flops.
- Connect Groups: This weeks Activity Sheet, bible and a fun, relaxed activity (i.e. uno, a ball, skipping)

1. QUICK WELCOME & GAME: UP OR DOWN

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

- [View this game here](#). The aim of the game is to be have the most amount of cups placed up or down, depending on which team you are on!
- Setup this game by throwing a bunch of cups across your game space and then splitting your group of kids into two teams. Assign one team the goal of standing as many cups as they can, up (drinking position) and assign the other team the goal of placing as many cups as they can, down (rim to ground).
- The kids have 2 minutes to get on their hands and knees and turn their cups either up or down. Once the 2 minutes is up, the team who has the most cups placed their way, wins!

2. INTRODUCE TOPIC & OUR BIG THREE RULES

- **Introduce the program and this weeks topic:** We are in Week 8 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 to love like Jesus, we serve others](#).
- **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 that to love like Jesus, we serve others. Showing love doesn't mean placing yourself as more important than someone or treating them unkindly. Loving others means we honour and serve them, before ourselves. Jesus is the greatest example of this! Jesus demonstrates through the washing of His disciples feet and their arguments, that as He loved and served them, they (and we) are to do the same to others! [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 love is patient and kind](#). What are some ways we were kind and patient this week?
2. The disciples had an argument about who was the greatest! They were boasting - what does it mean to boast?
3. The Bible tells us that Love does not dishonour? In what ways would we dishonour others with our words?
4. What about with our actions when our parents ask us to do something?
5. Read Romans 12:9-10. What does it mean to honour someone? Look up the word if it helps you to answer!

Pray together that God would help the kids to always show love and serve one another.