

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: GOD'S LOVE FOR US NEVER FAILS!

RESOURCES

- Game: Christmas 2 minute countdown, 20 candy canes, two bowls and a table.
- Illustration: A book, paper, paper clips, sticky tape and markers for the illustration (prepare in advance).
- Connect Groups: This weeks Activity Sheet, bible and a fun, relaxed activity (i.e. uno, a ball, skipping)

1. QUICK WELCOME & GAME: CANDY CANE HOOK EM'

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

- The aim of the game is to take as many candy canes out of the bowl by hooking them onto your candy cane that you're holding in your mouth and moving them out of the bowl one by one.
- Setup this game by placing out a table, with two bowls filled with candy canes. Invite 2 kids to the stage and have them stand in front of a bowl of candy canes, and ask them to put the long end of one in their mouth.
- The most amount of candy canes hooked in the 2-minute timer, or the quickest of the players to hook them all, wins! [See overleaf for more fun Christmas games you can play in your service!](#)

2. INTRODUCE TOPIC & OUR BIG THREE RULES

- **Introduce the program and this weeks topic:** We are in Week 9 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 God's love for us never fails.](#)
- **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 God's love for us never fails. Not even King Herod's plan to kill Jesus would succeed because God had greater plans! Jesus came into the world to save us because of God loves us! He desires that we would accept His love and be saved, so that we can have eternal life with Him! [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 love does not dishonour or boast.](#) Did anyone show love to someone this week?
 2. What was God's gift to his people? Why did God send Jesus down to earth?
 3. God is the perfect example of love! How did sending Jesus show His love for us?
 4. How can we show the never failing love of God to the people we meet?
 5. Can you think of someone, who you can talk to about the love and hope we have because of Jesus' birth?
- Pray together and thank God for His great love for us and that He sent Jesus to save us. Thank Him for all the good things in our life, which are a gift from God!