

HOPE

LIVING WITH CONFIDENT EXPECTATION

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

WEEK 4

GIVE:

Everything we have was created by someone using what they had – their knowledge, talents and resources to make things. How would your life change if everyone stopped using their God-given talents? Where would we get the things we need?

Discover the abundance of gifts within your home – and within you – that you can use to give to others. Here's what you'll need for this activity:

- A glass of water
- A fruit/vegetable
- Your children's favorite possessions
- Pen and paper (Elementary students)

PLAY:

- Place the items on the table in front of your children and give each child a pen and paper to write on.
- Ask Elementary age students to write down how people were involved in the making of each item. For Early Childhood children, you can just talk about it. What talents, tools or knowledge were required for them to be able to create each item? In what way do they depend on the talents and knowledge of other people? Where did they learn how to create these things?
- Once they've finished, ask them to share and discuss their answers.

DEBRIEF:

Every day, we depend on others using what they have to help us or create things we need. People are making and creating throughout the world, for the world — and it is good!

DISCUSS:

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1. God, the ultimate gift-giver, created each of us with a unique set of talents, passions and abilities. Do you love to draw or dance? Are you great at soccer or basketball? How could you use your strengths and what you have to help others and give others hope?
 2. How does your family give? To each other? To others? To the church? To neighbors? How does that help spread hope around your home and your neighborhood?
 3. Do you think that giving someone your time by listening to them or playing with them might give them hope? How?



FAMILY CHALLENGE:

Come up with one way that your family can use what you have to spread hope in your neighborhood. Think about what each person has to share with others (what they are good at, time and attention, help getting a task done, etc.) and how you could help your neighbors using those things. Afterwards, sit down and talk about what each person gave. How did it make you feel to give what you had to someone else? How do you think it helped give that person hope?

IDEAS:

- Do you like to make crafts? Make something (cards, bracelets, cookies, lemonade) and give it to your friends, neighbors or church community. This can help spread hope because people will feel loved and know you care for them!
- Do you like to play baseball (or another sport or do a hobby)? Make a how-to video of your best tips to share with your friends or younger siblings so they can feel hopeful that they can learn something new from your time and knowledge!