

# HOPE

LIVING WITH CONFIDENT EXPECTATION

## WEEK 4:

# WE CAN OFFER HOPE

## MAIN POINT:

You can give others hope when you give what you have!



## BIBLE STORY:

Nehemiah led the people to rebuild the city and the walls. But he needed help! Soon other people began working. They gave of their time and their resources by spending days working, and they brought and shared their tools for building and protection. Nehemiah and the people gave of themselves – gave their time and the things they had and helped to spread hope throughout the city. Some people built gates, others built doors. Some made repairs in places right across from their homes, while others traveled a bit. Some people guarded the workers. As more and more people came together and helped each other, hope could be seen.



## MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace.



## ACTIVITY: EARLY CHILDHOOD

### SHARE YOUR HOPE

Find a jar or container with a lid that you can decorate, or decorate a piece of paper and wrap your container with the paper. Every day find something that your family did a great job on and celebrate by adding a quarter to your jar. See how much you can earn by loving others and following the guidelines. You can donate the quarters to your church or another favorite family charity.



## ACTIVITY: ELEMENTARY ACTIVITIES:

### 1. HOMEMADE PLAY DOUGH/MODELING CLAY

**SUPPLIES:** large bowl, flour, salt, cream of tartar, water, food coloring, sandwich baggies

**ACTIVITY:** Use the recipe below to make your own play dough! See what you can build with it.

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup flour (whatever kind you have on hand)
- ¼ cup salt
- 1 Tbsp cream of tartar
- ½ cup warm water
- 5 drops food coloring

### **Instructions**

1. Mix together the flour, salt and cream of tartar.
2. Mix together ½ cup warm water with a few drops of food coloring.
3. Slowly pour the water into the flour mixture, stirring as you pour. Stir until combined, then knead with your hands until the flour is completely absorbed. If the dough is too sticky, add more flour until it doesn't stick at all.
4. Repeat process for whichever colors you want to make.

Note: Mixing the food coloring with the water before combining with the dry ingredients allows you to blend them by stirring, without staining your hands.

**TALKING POINTS:** Did you know that the original Play-Doh was made with things we have in our kitchen? Did any of the ingredients surprise you? Do you think the play dough we made would be right if we didn't have all the ingredients? Every ingredient is needed to make it the right consistency. Not only did we need the ingredients, we needed someone to mix it, bowls to make it in and instructions. It reminds me of our Bible Story. In the Bible Story Nehemiah had everyone bring different things to help build the wall. Some people gave tools and equipment. Others gave their time or talents. Everyone helped in some way! By giving their time, talents and items to build the wall, they gave their community hope! You may not think that you have anything important to give to someone, but it might be just what they need!

## **2. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY**

### **SUPPLIES: Memory Verse Cups from Week 1**

\*At-Home modification – if you do not have enough cups, use what you have! (suggestions – Lego Duplos, bowls, shoe boxes, hats, books, playing cards)

**SET UP:** No set-up needed.

- Memory Verse Elementary – Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Memory Verse Early Childhood - Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace.

**ACTIVITY:** Have the children stack the cups on their ends (right side up, upside down, right side up...) to build one tall tower. Have them say the words on the cups as they stack them so that they are in order of the memory verse. Let them try as many times as they want. What else can you build with the cups?