

HOPE

LIVING WITH CONFIDENT EXPECTATION

WEEK 5:

OUR STORIES OF HOPE

MAIN POINT:

I can share hope because God gives me hope!



BIBLE STORY:

It had been 52 days since Nehemiah started this huge project of rebuilding his hometown. On the 52nd day, Nehemiah and his team installed the doors to the city and with that the project was completed! There was great celebration as the people felt their hope was back and it wasn't going anywhere. They thanked God for his goodness and shared their story of hope across many nations!



MEMORY VERSE: ROMANS 15:13

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



ACTIVITY: EARLY CHILDHOOD SPREADING HOPE

Spread some hope by thinking of others. Make a list of people you can encourage (family members, friends, neighbors, essential workers). Make cards and mail them. Take a photo with a drawing and say some encouraging words.

Spread hope by drawing a chalk picture on your driveway with a message of hope for people to see when they walk by. Decorate your door or a window to bring a little joy to people who pass by.

Go on a walk and see how many people you can wave and smile at.



ACTIVITY: ELEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

1. HOPE PARTY

SUPPLIES: party hats, balloons, streamers, snacks, notebook or journal

SET UP: Decorate one room for a big party! If you do not have party hats and decorations, you can make your own with what you have around the house!

ACTIVITY: As a family, discuss what has happened over the last couple of months that you can celebrate. Choose one person to be the scribe and create a Family Hope Journal. Let everyone share one or more happy memories they have from being at home that they will always remember. As a family, you can look back at this journal for inspiration that you can get through tough times together.

2. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY – HOPE CARDS

SUPPLIES: Paper, pens/markers/chalk

- 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: Make cards together with the memory verse written inside. Discuss who you might be able to send the cards to (essential workers, nursing homes, neighbors, etc.) You can also write the memory verse on your driveway or sidewalk so that neighbors might be blessed by it!