

HOPE

LIVING WITH CONFIDENT EXPECTATION

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

WEEK 3



SERVE:

RINGS OF SERVICE:

1. Grab a big bowl from your kitchen and a marble or other small object (something that will splash a bit and sink). Fill your bowl halfway with water and set it on a table where your family can gather around it.
2. Drop the marble in the water and observe the rings of water that ripple out from it.
3. Explain to your kids how the water that ripples out from the marble is like the hope that ripples out when we serve others.
 - a. Example: "Do you see how the water makes rings that move outward from our marble? See how they flow out and one ring makes another and another? When we serve or help others, we are like the marble! We help one person or group, and then the hope we give them goes out to more and more people who see or hear about the good we've done! Others feel hopeful when we show them that we're on their side – we're there to help them when they need it! We can help show that the worst thing is never the last thing and how hope can spread to many people!"



DISCUSS:

1. What does it look like when you help others? Do you think you give them hope and remind them that "the worst thing is never the last thing" when you help them?
2. When has someone helped or served you? Did that make you feel better and give you hope when you needed it?
3. Has your family ever served or helped others together?
4. What are some ways you can serve or help, and give hope, to your family? Your siblings? Your neighbors? Your friends? Your teachers?
5. What are safe ways to help people in your city or in the world that you don't know?



FAMILY CHALLENGE:

Head to cor.org/serve or do some research on your own and find one way that your family can serve together in the coming week or month. Once you've served together, sit down and talk about how you might have given others hope through your service.