

# SPECIAL EDITION

## *Pastoring Your Kids*

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### PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

**1**

Sunday

**CHURCH TIME**

**2**

Monday or Tuesday

**BIBLE TIME**

**3**

Thursday or Friday

**FAMILY TIME**

Week 1:

**FAITH:**

**HOPE**

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

**Jeremiah 29:11**, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord... "plans to give you hope and a future." (NIV)

#### **BOTTOM LINE:**

Hope is the belief in a positive outcome about the future.

## 2. BIBLE TIME

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### READ:

- Jeremiah 29:11
- 1 Cor. 13:13

### MAIN POINT:

*Hope is the belief in a positive outcome about the future. Hope is a goal or a dream to shoot for. Hope is a powerful tool as it gives our faith something to shoot for. Hope always precedes faith. It is the beginning of faith. Negative people do not have faith because they don't have any hope.*

### DISCUSS:

- One day Jesus told His disciples to get in a boat and go to the other side of the lake. They did, but then a huge storm came up.
- While they were looking at the storm they saw Jesus walking on the water. Peter cried out that if it was the Lord, then bid him come. Jesus did.
- Peter stepped out onto the water. He took a few steps then sank.
- People think that Peter was a failure because he sank, but actually this is a great example of turning your hope into faith. Peter hoped he could walk on water and he did - for a few minutes.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What was Peter hoping for? (to walk on the water like Jesus.)
2. Did Peter get his hope filled? (yes)
3. Why is this an example of hope and faith? (Peter was hoping to walk on water and he put action to his hope which then became faith)

## 3. FAMILY TIME

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### SHOOT THE HOOPS

#### MAIN POINT:

*Hope is a goal that gives your faith something to shoot for.*

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Basketball and basketball hoop or trash can and paper wads.

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- If you have a basketball and hoop, shoot some baskets with your kids.
- If you don't, then use wads of paper and a trash can.
- Have a contest to see who can shoot the most.

### DISCUSS:

- Talk about how important hope is to our faith.
- Hope gives our faith something to shoot for.
- Hope is like the basketball hoop.
- Without hope you have nothing to believe for.
- When you were playing basketball, the hoop was the goal and it gave you the direction to shoot your basketball at.

### SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- As a family choose a "Faith Project." It could be a family vacation, healing for a family member or special toy.
- Gather pictures and write on a paper the goal or what you are hoping for.
- During the next few weeks, as a family, you will walk through seeing your goal and desire come to pass.