

Talk about Hope together...

Hope – Why is Hope important?

Christian **hope is grounded in the character of God**. The word "**hope**" in ordinary English vocabulary is generally distinguished from **certainty**. We would say, "I don't know what's going to happen, but I *hope* it happens." When you read the word "hope" in the Bible (like in [1 Peter 1:13](#)—"set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ"), **hope is not wishful thinking**.

Christian hope is when God has promised that something is going to happen and you put your trust in that promise. Christian hope is a confidence that something will come to pass, because God has promised it will come to pass.

Home-school challenge:

As a family discuss what your individual hopes and dreams for the future are. After this, why not share what your collective hopes and dreams are for you all as a family.

Consider what you can do to make these dreams happen and what others need to do too.

Christian Value is Hope



This term we will be focusing in school on the value of Hope. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

Family focus - key quotes from the Bible to read together

Read: The story of Noah's Ark. Explore with your child that idea that Noah was willing to look silly in front of all of his neighbours and friends by building his big boat even though he lived miles from the ocean. The reason that he did this was because he **hoped and believed that God had a plan**.

Explain to your child that the value hope is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something to help make it happen!

Footprints in the Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it: "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied: "My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Our Christian Value is Hope

