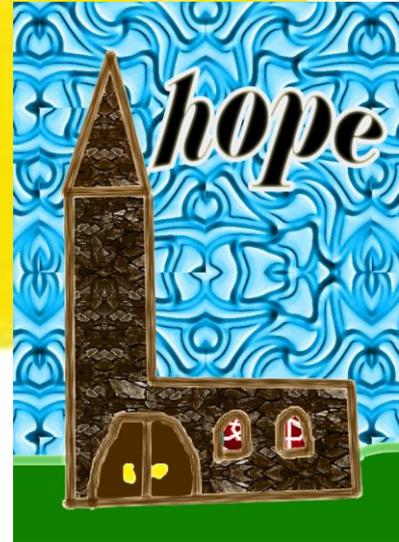


Our Christian Value focus for our Prayer Station this term is HOPE.

Please share these ideas at home to explore the value and have fun together.



The Parable of the Mustard Seed
Jesus told them another parable...
(Matthew 13:31-32)

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches"

People often talk about children and others 'reaching their full potential', but what does this mean? For the little mustard seed its full potential is a huge tree, big enough for birds to build nests in the branches. Jesus talked about the small and insignificant seed becoming something amazing and wonderful and you can have HOPE and faith in God that He will guide you to become something amazing and wonderful too.



There are plenty of examples from around the world of Christians taking something small and insignificant and turning into something wonderful too. Many Christians work to bring HOPE to people in a variety of situations. For example, the Porchlight Charity bringing HOPE to the homeless.

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Can you think of ways you could bring HOPE to other people?

HOPE for where you live...



Draw a picture of the town or village where you live thinking about the places and buildings that are important to you.

Colour in the picture and think about places near you which need God's help.

A star hung above Bethlehem as a sign of Jesus coming to bring light and HOPE.

Stick a star sticker, or draw a star, over places in your town which need hope. Pray for those places.

The Value of HOPE...

God knew how important HOPE would be to people so He did many things to show us we can be encouraged and have a confident HOPE, a sure HOPE in Him.

Can you solve these clues to find some of these things?

Three in One _ _ _ / _ _ _ / _ _ _

Shown with a heart _ _ _ _

HOPE for your friends...



'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.'

1 Thessalonians 5:11

It can be easy to forget people who might need encouragement or a simple act of kindness - a ray of HOPE in a difficult time.

Who do you know who might need cheering up?

Try baking them a cake. Pray for them and write an encouraging note to give with the cake.

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