FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 3

Materials: Scavenger Hunt Items

(toy, food, mirror, & band-aid/first aid supplies)

Bible Story: Jonah (Preschool) & Joseph (Elementary)



CIRCLE UP

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

ASK Ask each family member a "Would you Rather" question:

- Would you rather the weather in the future always be hot and sunny or cold and snowy?
- Would you rather be able to travel back into the past or into the future?
- Would you rather have the ability to fly or time travel?
- Would you rather collect space rocks or old fossils?
- Would you rather travel to a big city or a big farm?
- Would you rather travel in a spaceship or in a submarine?

SAY

Though you may never be able to travel to the future or ride in a submarine, God wants you to know that you can always have hope. No matter what is going on around you, when you pray, remember God's promises, and obey Him, God will give you hope! Let me hear you say that after me:

Elementary (ES)

I Can Have Hope (thumbs to chest)
No Matter What (shake head "no")

Preschool (PS)

God Gives (both hands point up)
Me Hope (hands over heart)
As I Pray (make praying hands)

WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the KidSpring App or YouTube channel.

ASK your Elementary Schooler:

If you were Joseph, would you have felt full of hope or hopeless if your brothers sold you to strangers?

During the seven years when there was no food, how did Joseph have hope? (He remembered what God had done for him)

ASK your Preschooler:

Did God give Jonah hope or food when he was in the belly of the fish? (Hope)

After the fish spit Jonah out on dry land, did Jonah run away from God or obey God? (Obeyed God)

HAVE FUN TOGETHER

Go on an out-of-this-world scavenger hunt!

Have your kids find the following household items as you give each clue. Then ask them questions and read the statements that go with each item.

- This is something that you play with. (Have your kids find a toy.)
 - What would you do if you lost your favorite toy?
 - How would you feel if you couldn't find it?
 - You may feel sad or like there's no hope. But you can pray and God will give you hope that good things are coming!
- You can see yourself in this thing. (Have your kids find a mirror)
 - What is one thing you do when you wake up in the morning?
 - One thing you can do is remember something God has done for you and that will give you hope no matter what your day brings. What is something God has done for you?
- This is something you can eat. (Have your kids find food.)
 - What is your favorite food to eat? What food do you not like to eat?
 - No matter what food you have to eat, you can pray and tell God,
 "Thank You," for the food He has given you. As you obey and eat,
 God will give you hope that He will do good things for you.
- You use this when you are hurt. (Have your kids find <u>band-aids</u> or other <u>first</u> <u>aid supplies</u>)
 - Have you ever felt so sick you lost hope you would feel better?
 - God wants you to know that no matter what is happening or how you feel, you can be sure that He will do good things in your life.

No matter what's happening around us, we can pray and ask God to give us hope. We can be sure He will do good things and give us hope! Have them repeat after you:

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No Matter What (shake head "no")

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God, Thank You for the truth that You will give us hope no matter what we face. Please help us to become PRO's at having hope as we pray, remember Your promises, and obey You. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.