

GOD'S LOVE MAKES ME HOPEFUL

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KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

Kids Assembly Topic for May 2025

Title:

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Objectives:

At the end of the session, participants should be able to:

- Understand that true hope comes from God's love.
- Appreciate how hope grows when we love the people God has given us
- Practice giving hope by sharing God's love through kind words and actions

MOTIVATION

Game: "I Love You"

Mechanics:

One player in the middle attempts to make others in the circle smile by asking, "Do you love me?" The players in the circle respond, "I love you, but I just can't smile." If someone smiles, they become the new player in the middle.

Instructions:

- 1. Players form a circle, with one person in the middle.
- 2. The person in the middle approaches a player in the circle and asks, "Do you love me?"
- 3. The player being asked must respond, "I love you, but I just can't smile," while trying not to smile.
- 4. If the player in the circle smiles, they become the new person in the middle.
- 5. If the player in the circle doesn't smile, the person in the middle can continue asking others in the circle.
- 6. The goal of the game is to make someone in the circle smile!

EXPANDED OUTLINE



I. HEAD

Love is a special feeling that's important to us. It means caring for others and wanting the best for them. Love helps hope grow — in our hearts and in others, even at a young age. Hope is rooted in love because love reminds us that we are not alone. When we feel loved by God, our family, and our friends, it helps us believe that things will get better — that's what hope is. The greatest example of this is Jesus, who showed us perfect love by dying on the cross and rising again. Because of His love, we can always have hope, even when life gets hard. And when someone loves and encourages us — like our parents or teachers — it helps us believe in the good and trust that we can overcome challenges.



II. HEART

Hope is something that grows in our hearts when we feel loved, and it helps us stay strong, even when things are tough. Here are three ways we can hold on to hope and share it with others:

1. I WILL ALWAYS HOPE

Because God loves me, I can always hope

No matter what is happening in my day—whether I'm happy, sad, scared, or even when I make mistakes—I can always hold on to hope because God never stops loving me. His love doesn't change, even when things around me do. When I feel alone or afraid, I can talk to God in prayer and remember that He is with me. His love is like the sun that shines every day, even when clouds cover it. I can be strong and hopeful, because I know deep in my heart: God loves me, and He's always by my side.

2. I WILL CHOOSE HOPE

I will choose hope, even when it's hard

Sometimes, things don't go the way I want—like when I lose a game, get in trouble, or have a really hard day. I might feel sad, scared, or even like giving up. But because Jesus loves me, I can choose to look for the good, even in the hard moments. Maybe it's learning something new, getting help from someone, or just knowing that Jesus is holding my hand through it all. I can say, "Jesus, I know You love me, and I believe something good can come from this." That's what hope looks like—it's trusting that light will shine, even if I can't see it yet.

3. I WILL SHARE HOPE

(I will share God's love to give others hope)

When someone is feeling sad, lonely, or having a bad day, my love can help them feel better. Just like how God's love gives me hope, my love can give them hope too. I can smile at someone who looks down, shares my toys, help a classmate, or pray for a friend who is sick or afraid. Even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. When I choose to love others with my words and actions, I'm helping their hearts feel lighter and reminding them that God hasn't forgotten them. My love can be a little spark that brings hope to someone else's heart.



IV. HAND

A. Kids at Play to First Steps (3-7 years old)

Activity: Coloring Activity (see appendix A)

Material:

- Printed copy of the coloring page
- Coloring materials

B. Footsteps to Step Up (8-11 years old)

Activity: Heart and Cross Arts and Crafts (see appendix B) **Materials**:

- Colored Paper (for cross)
- Bond Paper (for hands and heart)
- Pencil / Marker
- Scissors
- Glue
- Crayons

Instructions:

- 1. Cut a cross from your colored paper.
- 2. Cut a hand shape and a heart from your bond paper.
- 3. Glue them all together. Make sure the cross is at the back and the heart is on top!
- 4. On the heart, write: "God's love makes me hopeful."
- 5. Decorate your work with fun colors!

TAKE AWAY

Hope is like a light that shines in our hearts, and love is what keeps that light burning. When we know we are loved by God, we can be strong, even when life gets hard. And just like plants grow toward the sun, our hearts grow with hope when we stay close to God's love. So, let's always remember: God loves us no matter what. That love gives us hope, and it's a hope we can also share with others through kind words, helping hands, and caring hearts. Even as kids, we can be little sparks of love and hope in the world!

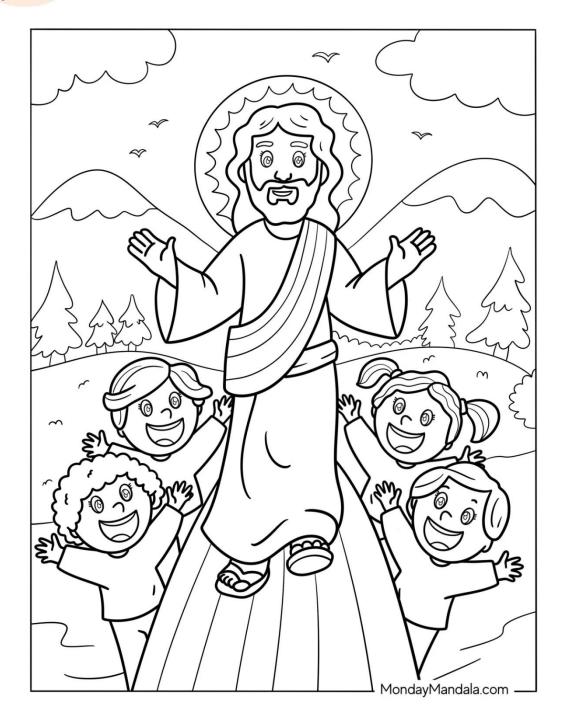
Pray this as your closing prayer -

Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving me so much. Your love gives me hope, even when things are hard. Help me remember that You are always with me. Teach me to love others like You do— so they can feel Your hope too. Let my heart be full of Your love and let my life shine with hope every day. Amen.

RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE

- 1. I will imitate Jesus.
 - I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
 - I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.
- 2. I will be a good family member.
 - I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
 - I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.
- 3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids
 - I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
 - I will share my time, talents, and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
 - I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.
- 4. I will tell others about Jesus.
 - I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds every day that will reflect God's love.
 - I will serve in our Parish Church.
 - I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A



Appendix B



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The summer season is here! And even with the intense heat, we believe these days can be filled with meaningful moments as a family. Thank you for allowing your child to join this month's Kids Assembly. We're grateful to journey with you in helping them grow in faith—because we believe that no child is ever too young to know and love Christ.

This May, our theme is "God's Love Makes Me Hopeful." We are focusing on the virtue of hope—helping our children understand that no matter what happens, they can always trust in God because He loves them. As parents, you play a vital role in making sure that this hope is alive not only in your child's heart but also in your home. Here are three simple yet meaningful parent-child activities that beautifully reinforce the theme "Loving teaches us to hope!" within the family:

- **1. Hope Jar of Love** Create a jar labeled "Hope Jar". Together, write short notes of love and encouragement for each other (e.g., "I'm proud of you," "God loves you," "You can do it!"). Place the notes in the jar. On hard days, take one out and read it together. Children learn that love can lift their hearts and remind them of hope—even when they feel down.
- **2. Love in Action Challenge -** As a family, list 3–5 small acts of love you can do for someone else during the week (e.g., visit a sick relative, make a card for a friend, share food with someone in need). Choose one and do it together. Kids experience how giving love brings joy and hope to others—and fills their own hearts.
- **3. Storytime + Prayer Hug** Choose a Bible story or children's book that shows love and hope (e.g., The Good Samaritan, Jesus Calms the Storm). After reading, talk about how love gave someone hope. End with a short prayer and a big family hug. It builds the habit of connecting God's love with real-life hope—and strengthens emotional bonds through shared reflection.

After doing the activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you very much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

MFC Kids Team