



Live chat!

Pick a discussion starter. You have all month, so just one will do. Run out? Make some up that fit the theme of the month!
(Oh! And turn off those devices! Live chat means just talking.)

- When is hope hard?
- What helps you have more hope?
- What do you hope for at school/work?
- What do you hope for at home?
- What do you hope for at church?
- What do you hope for in your future?

GOOfy Game

Name of the Game: Warm Fuzzies

Needed: A piece of paper or white board to keep tally during the game
How to Play: This game can last a day, a week, or all month...you get to decide as a family. The goal is to have the most "Warm Fuzzies" by the end of the game period. Throughout the duration of the game, every time someone in the family has a positive or HOPEFUL attitude, be the first person to yell out and say, "OH, THAT GIVES ME WARM FUZZIES!" The person who says it and the one who recognized it first both get a point under their name. The one with the most 'Warm Fuzzies' points is the winner!

Example: Your sibling says, "Today is going to be a great day at school."
Be the first to yell out, "OH THAT GIVES ME WARM FUZZIES!"

hope

Monthly Motto:

expect great things!

Think about It

Hope is a feeling of desire for a certain thing to happen. Hope creates a positive attitude toward the future. When we have God on our side, we can have the best type of hope - a positive expectation that what we hope for will really happen. God gives us confident hope when we are hoping for good things.

It's no fun to be around someone who always expects the worst to happen. They are always complaining or expecting bad things. You may hear them say things like, "We will probably lose the game because the other team is bigger than us." However, a hopeful mindset will say, "Yes, they are bigger than us, but so was Goliath and God helped David beat him." A negative mindset says, "School is going to be so hard because I have a test today," but a hopeful mindset says, "I studied for this test and I'm going to do my best and I know that it's going to be a great day no matter what."

What kind of mindset do you have? Do you assume the worst, or do you have a positive, hopefully mindset?

Make it count!

As we read the Bible, we see that the world needed a Savior. The people were hopeful that a Savior would come because God promised it. They didn't know when or how He would arrive, but they were full of HOPE. God fulfilled his promise when He sent Jesus. The people were so happy. However, when Jesus died on the cross, it was really hard for the people to hold on to the HOPE that Jesus brought them because they were so sad. They forgot that Jesus said he wasn't going to stay dead. Then after three days, Jesus rose from the dead!

Sometimes, when things are difficult, we forget that we can have HOPE in Jesus...no matter what! When you are having trouble being hopeful, read God's Word, pray, and talk to positive, hope-filled people. Memorize this month's victory verse - it will help remind you that we can have great HOPE and expect great things because we trust God, the source of the greatest hope!



As a family, memorize the Victory Verse this month. Make having a HOPEFUL attitude a goal this month. Make this month's motto something you say and hear every day!

Diggin' Deeper...

Here are some super Bible verses you may want to dig into this month as you explore why we can expect amazing things from God. The ultimate HOPE comes from Him.

- Romans 8:24-25
- Proverbs 13:12
- Romans 5:5
- Hebrews 10:23

- Isaiah 40:31
- Psalms 147:11
- Galatians 5:5
- 1 Peter 1:3

Double Dare Ya!

The family challenge!

Are you up for the challenge? Determine as a family what the reward will be if you complete the challenge!

YOUR CHALLENGE: What do you hope for? What are your dreams as a family? This month, we DOUBLE DARE YA to make a vision board. Cut out pictures or draw pictures of the things you hope for and put them on your vision board. It could be anything from a fun vacation, to a different place to live, to the healing of a loved one, to something fun you'd like to do together as a family. Have hope... expect great things! And then, watch what God does!