



## CHRISTIAN VALUES INFORMATION

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Christian value  
this half term is

**HOPE**

### What is HOPE ?

“**Hope**” is commonly used to **mean** a wish : its strength is **the** strength of the person's desire. But in the **Bible hope is the** confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness.

### What does HOPE mean?

- A feeling of trust.
- A feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen.
- To want something to happen.
- Believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something about it.

‘Without hope, life loses its meaning’ (Lamentations 3:18; Job7:6)

‘Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow’ (Albert Einstein)

‘Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness’

(Archbishop Tutu)

### Discuss the following as a family .....

Consider the Bible story about Noah. He was willing to look silly in front of his neighbours by building a huge boat even though he lived miles from the ocean, because he hoped and believed that God had a plan.

*As a family you may want to talk about:*

- Your *hopes* and *dreams* for the future
- What you can do to make them happen.
- What others need to do

*“Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow.  
It’s what sunflowers do.” ~ Helen Keller*

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We want to hear real life examples of **Hope** from you and your children.

Please fill in the slip below if you have a good example and would like to share it with us at Surrey Hills. Slips can be handed back to your child's class teacher.

Child's Name	
Class Teacher	
Brief description of how someone in your family has shown HOPE (please include details of who was involved):	

## Home School Challenge

### *Make a 'Hopes and dreams' catcher ...*



*Dream catchers are traditionally made from a looped willow branch onto which a net or web is woven. The net is then decorated with feathers, beads and other decorations. According to American Indian folklore, as we sleep, dreams are caught in the net and with the first rays of sunlight any bad dreams are burned away.*

**Find** a long twig that can be bent and tied to make a loop or frame. Use natural string or thread stretched across the frame to make the net and then decorate it creatively. to catch all the HOPES and dreams you can !