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SERIES: TRUE CHRISTMAS

Be Full of Hope

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Props: : Decorate your large group space with Christmas decorations. Add some large paper ornaments to the walls with the words: Joy, Peace, Hope, and Light written on each one.

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.) The

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

We're continuing in our Christmas series and we're learning the meaning behind words we see at Christmas time. Who remembers the word we learned our first week? It has something to do with being happy. (allow kids to answer). Right, we learned about joy. Joy is being happy with what we already have. What word did we learn about last week? It has something to do with getting along with others. (allow kids to answer) Correct! We learned about peace and how it helps us to get along with others. Who came to be a peacemaker? (allow kids to answer). Right again! Jesus came to make peace between us and God by dying on the cross for our sins. Well, today we're going to talk about another important word we find at Christmas time. The word is hope.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and practice our song for the Christmas Eve service.

Song

Angels We Have Heard On High

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Hope is believing something good will happen in the future. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Hope is believing something ____ will happen in the future. (good)
- Who makes our future bright? (Jesus)
- True or False: Christians don't have any hope. (F)

Christians have a lot of reasons to have hope, the biggest being a bright future with God. Remember, Jesus came into the world to die for our sins so that we could have a relationship with God. And, a relationship with God is the most important relationship we can ever have.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"In his great mercy (hands reached out) he has given us a new birth (hold pretend baby) and a living hope (hands in prayer). This hope is living because Jesus Christ rose (lift up hands) from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3 *(Repeat)*

This verse is telling us why we can have hope at Christmas time and every other day of the year. Jesus is our hope! He came to give us new life and he gives us the promise of heaven. And, heaven will be the coolest most amazing place we can ever imagine. So, remember that Jesus is our hope, and when we trust in him, we will have a bright future in heaven!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Hope is believing something good will happen in the future. ***(Repeat)***

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.