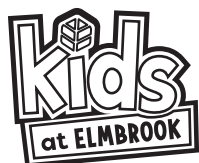


Merry CHRISTMAS



Whether in-person or online, we have so many opportunities for kids at Elmbrook. Each weekend, we welcome kids in-person to a safe environment where birth through 5th-grade children can learn about the God who loves them so much! We also provide a recorded kids service each weekend for our virtual congregation! After service, download the Family Huddle, complete with activities, discussion questions, and ways for the whole family to respond to the weekend message.





FAMILY HUDDLE

DECEMBER 23/24

WINDOW OF HOPE | ROMANS 15:13

MEMORY VERSE

May the God of **HOPE**
 fill you with all **JOY & PEACE**
 as you trust in him,
 so that you may overflow with
HOPE
 by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

ACTIVITY ONE

WHERE DOES HOPE COME FROM?

Hope comes from God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, because of who God is. What are you hoping for?

In the panes of this window write (or draw pictures of) things that you are hoping for this Christmas. Include things that only God can give us.

Share your hopes with your family and take time to pray together, trusting God with each one.

ACTIVITY TWO

WHAT DOES HOPE PRODUCE?

HOPE brings JOY: inward satisfaction of your soul

How is joy different from happiness? How can you have joy in the midst of trouble, sadness, and even grief? What provides the soul satisfaction you deeply need?

Read John 15:11

I HAVE TOLD YOU THIS SO THAT MY JOY
 MAY BE IN YOU, AND YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL

HOPE brings PEACE: inward settledness of your soul.

How is peace with God different than lack of conflict? How can you experience peace in your soul in the midst of chaos, confusion and general unrest? What provides the soul settledness that you deeply need?

Read Philippians 4:7

AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING,
 WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS & MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.



Pray this blessing aloud together for your family this Christmas.

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 SO THAT YOU MAY
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FAMILY DISCUSSION

Discuss these questions with your family:

1. How do you define hope?
2. How is hope different than wishful thinking?
3. How does the promise of God's presence through Immanuel, "God with us" give you hope?
4. How is hope based on the promises of God different than when it is based on the promises of man?
5. We all live by faith every day. Why is it important who we have faith in. Who are you trusting today?

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