



## **Group Time Guide**

Supplies Needed: Verse cards.

## 1. Time to Talk

**Look Up and Read**: Hebrews 10:23. Why does this verse say we have hope? (Because God is faithful.) (If you need to explain: being "faithful" means God always keeps his promises.)

- What is a gift you would love to give someone?
- What does Josh think the word "hope" means? What do you think it means?
- Who do you think will win the baking competition? Why?
- What are some promises people make? Do you know any promises that God has made?

**Pray**: Talk to God, thanking him for the hope he gives us, and for always being faithful.

## 2. Activity

**Know This**: If you are doing this activity with first graders, kids probably won't be able to look up the verses on their own. You may look up the verses all together and ask: "What does God promise in this verse?" for each verse.

**Do This**: Split the group into three smaller groups. Give each one of them a verse card. Each verse is about a promise God has made us. They should read through the verse, then they get to tell the rest of the group what that promise is.

**Know This**: This is a good time to show kids how to look up verses in the Bible. Hold a Bible, show them the table of contents, open to a book and show them the chapter number and verse numbers. You can also talk about how chapters and verses were added to help us find places in the Bible.

**The Point**: God has given us some amazing promises! That's why we can always have hope, because we know God loves us, and he always keeps his promises.