



This week, the Church of England has launched an initiative called 'Faith at Home'. It's intention is to link schools, churches and families in the amazing ways we are now exploring faith in our homes. There will be plenty of opportunities that we can get involved in over the coming weeks. Each week will have a different theme. This week, we consider Hope. We post each week's learning on our website the Sunday before each school week. We will look at each theme at the beginning of the next calendar week.

As we begin to consider this week's theme of 'Hope', please take a look at this song. The children have heard it in school before but it may be new to grown-ups at home.

# Week 1: Hope

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izrk-erhDdk>



This song is an encouragement to hold on, regardless of our circumstances - even in 'every high and stormy gale', to hope.

For Christians, this hope is placed in Jesus Christ, whom they call  
'The Cornerstone'.



*Everyone can be a  
hope carrier.*

**BIBLE STORY OF THE WEEK:**

The Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32)  
'The smallest of seeds... becomes a tree.'



*Quote of the week: 'May your choices reflect your  
hopes and not your fears.' Nelson Mandela*



*What we hope for can be the most personal thing for us. Some hopes we dare to share. This clip shows the hopes of students and teachers as they began a new year...*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlcU5uHMdTM>

**THINK:**



Activity: All children:

- 1: What does this picture make you think of?
- 2: How might it be possible for a plant to be growing here?
- 3: Would you have thought that anything could have grown in such ground?

### Kilminorth: Activity

Make your body into a tiny seed. Squish yourself as small as you can. Now stretch up as tall as you can—like the tallest tree you have ever seen.



A little seed is full of hope, just like you all curled up.  
Hope begins very small. We only need a tiny bit to get going.

### Seeds are hope carriers.

We can hold onto our hope just like a seed. It will  
begin to grow and grow, little by little until it's grown into something huge.  
What are you hoping for right now? (There is NO wrong answer.)



## Kilminorth: Activity



Draw and write what you are hoping for right now inside the wooden frame. You may wish to have a go in your book first before you put your neat copy onto this frame.

Please could you ask your grown ups to take a photo and email it to Miss Pittas because we are making a class collage.



## KS2: Activity

**THINK:**



Have a look at the previous questions you asked yourself. Now try to think about this question:

What makes hope grow in difficult situations?

Key Stage 1 children thought of hope just like we might do a seed. It is so small yet it has the potential to grow into things that might be so large and so wonderful. I wonder what you are hoping for right now.

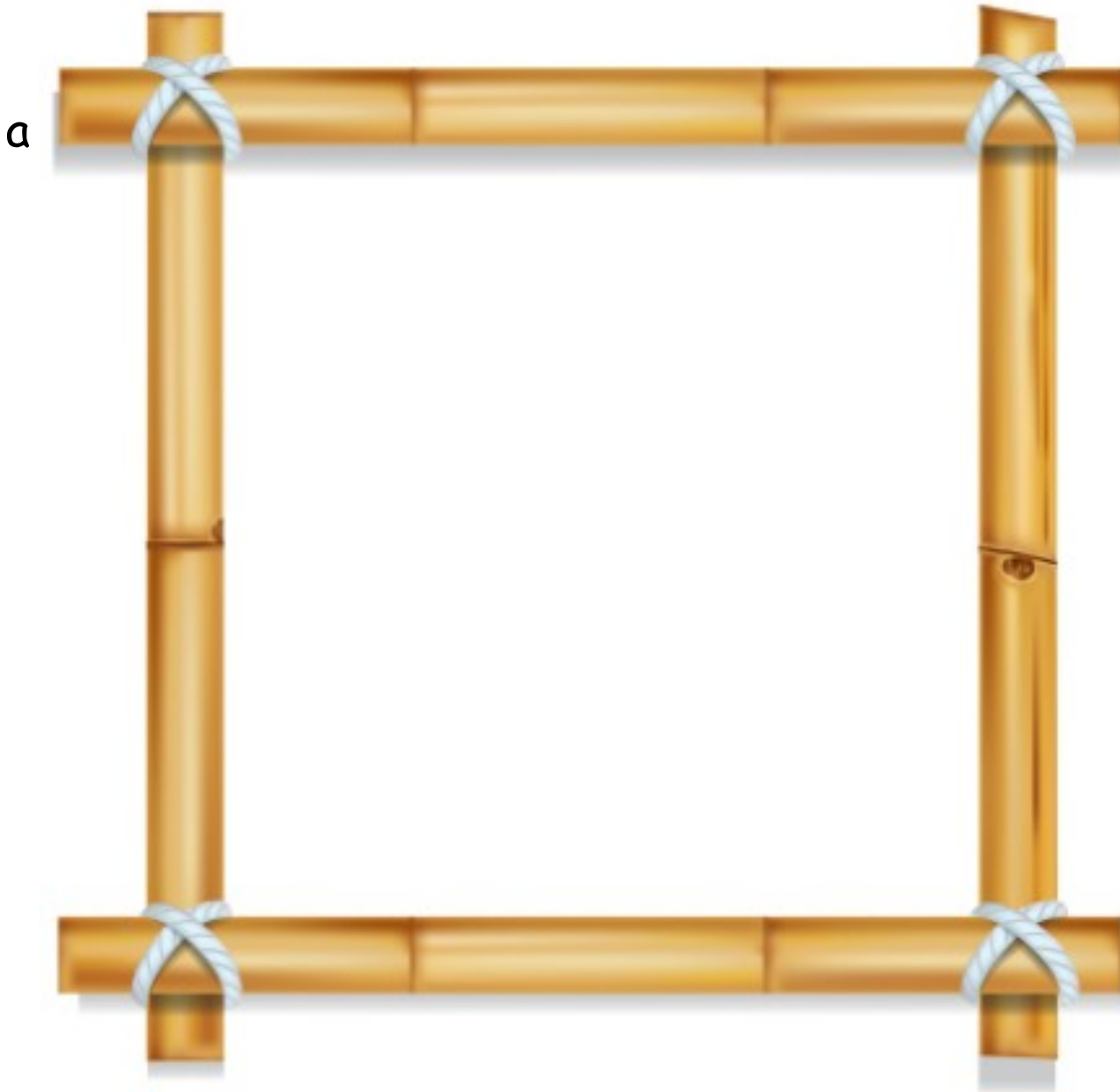
Take a look at this picture and then read the news paper article that goes with it.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-leeds-52213388/coronavirus-grimsby-teacher-delivering-dozens-of-lunches-a-day>

Answer the 2 questions on the following page then ask your grown up to take a photo. We will be making a class collage.

## KS2: Activity



Think about how he was being  
hope carrier?

Draw and write in the frame  
how could you be a hope  
carrier?

Please take time to think. You  
may want to do it in your  
exercise book before using  
the frame. Ask your adult to  
take a photo of your work and  
send it to Mrs David. We will  
be making a class and school  
collage.



### Reflect:

Think about what seeds need to grow into plants and big, tall trees.

What do you think **hope** needs to grow? Why don't you talk to someone in your family now.

### **PRAY:**

Dear God, we thank you for giving us hope when we feel worried, when we are having a hard time, when we don't know what's ahead of us and when we are sad. Thank you that even the smallest seed of hope can grow into a big, tall tree. Please help us when we find it hard to be hopeful, so we can offer hope to others. Amen

At school, the children love to sing **This Little Light of Mine**. It is a song that celebrates everything that we have and everything that we bring to life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkbIZtqhyQ>