

## Theme: Looking Forward

A worship workshop idea for children or young teens

This worship activity was used at  in Leeds [www.createleeds.btik.com](http://www.createleeds.btik.com)

*CREATE is open to all young people between the ages of 10-15 and meets in Leeds. They hold five workshops a year learning new skills and worship. Feel free to use and adapt these ideas.*

**Looking Forward** - What might this phrase mean to you? Chat and share  
(NB. Please show sensitivity/awareness of the particular needs of those in the group throughout  
-this subject can bring some difficult thoughts to the surface. )

Does it mean you are facing the front?  
Does it mean you are thinking about what is to come sometime in the future?  
Does it mean you are looking ahead?  
Is it something exciting or are you fearful of something to come?

**Collect:** Thoughts/words ....on a screen or on cards on the floor!

**Create:** Wordles/Taguls

One way is using **Tagul**..... <https://tagul.com/> (free)

Choose words that say what you feel....then create a shape and select word sizes, colours and types of font.... Then print and mount on a card



Take it home with you....add words to the card as you want to .... to make it personal to you. Use your word picture to remind you of how you feel about what lies ahead ... and to PRAY.

Ask God to take all your words and love you and lead you... forward... from now.



**HOPE: Jeremiah 29:11**

### New Living Translation

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

### GOD'S WORD® Translation

"I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD. "They are plans for peace and not disaster, plans to give you a future filled with hope."

How can we be in tune with this? Play a **song** about Hope - or another appropriate song of worship.

## **A Challenge for going forward....with HOPE**

Listen to God....

Include God...

Obey God...

Live God's way....

What might you want to add words to your 'Wordle'/Tagul?

....to remind you of what God is saying to you today.

Share / Pray / Sing

### **Extra if needed/ if time:**

Verses from Romans

**Romans 5:2-5** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**Romans 8:24-25** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Romans 12:12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

**Romans 15:4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**Romans 15:13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

This is .... as we had worship together.... feel free to adapt and alter as appropriate to your group and local needs.