## THE LIVING ROOM

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"He put before them another parable. The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." -Matthew 13:31-32

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." -Matthew 13:33

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life." -Proverbs 13:12

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you a future with hope.'" -Jeremiah 29:11

## What Hope Does

1. Hope waits \_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Hope refuses to \_\_\_\_\_\_ into fear.

## Hope always wins!

"We have this hope which is a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." -Hebrews 6:19a

"What more should I say, for time would fail me to talk of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fires, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging and chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword, they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented, <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy... <sup>39</sup>And all these did all this even though they never received what was promised." -Hebrews 11:32-39