

The Tft Tips Trio

DEEP HOPE LITURGY

You have launched the year with Deep Hope and Storyline and have invited your students into these practices. The work of sustaining and living meaningfully into Storyline and Deep Hope has begun! In Tft training, we have begun incorporating liturgies to ground our work in Scripture. Our Tft liturgies have three parts: An anchoring Scripture, an invocation, and a prayer. This week's tips offer an outline for developing a Deep Hope liturgy for your classroom.

- 1 **Anchor Verse:** Begin by reading the anchoring verse for your Storyline and/or Deep Hope.
- 2 **Invocation:** The invocation is a call-and-response prayer where a leader reads a selection, and the group responds together. Typically, an invocation is a Psalm or a small collection of passages of Scripture. This is a great opportunity to incorporate a longer passage with the themes of your Storyline and/or Deep Hope.
- 3 **Prayer:** To write a closing prayer try out the following structure:
 - a. *You*, Address God by name. Of the many names for God, is there one that connects or aligns with your Deep Hope?
 - b. *Who*, Name an attribute of God or something that God does or has done. Can you think of examples in Scripture that line up with your Deep Hope and Storyline?
 - c. *Do*, Ask God to do something. In this case, bring your Deep Hope to life for you and your students.
 - d. *Through*, Close the prayer by remembering and naming the Trinity.

EXAMPLE: Taste and See

