

Hope is believing that something good can come out of something bad.



DAY 1

Read Isaiah 26:3

Have you ever faced something tough and felt like it would never get better? Sometimes when bad things happen, we forget one big truth; no matter what, God is still working.

When we trust God, when we are faithful; He promises peace. Actually, Isaiah says, "perfect peace." So when we trust that God is still working and that He is in control even on our worst days, we can have hope. We can find perfect peace. The kind that reminds us that everything will be okay.

Think about something that happened in the last 24 hours that didn't go the way you wanted it to. Ask God to help you trust in Him and feel that perfect peace.



DAY 2

Read John 5:17

In the very beginning, God created the whole world. And then rested. But then, sin entered the world. Sin continues to hurt our relationship with God and others. But God had a plan to fix that separation by sending His only Son, Jesus. That's what Jesus is talking about in today's verse.

God has been working to make sure every generation hears about Jesus and His big rescue plan. That's why we can have hope. Because whatever happens, God is still working.

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DAY 3

Read Matthew 21:9

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, He was given a hero's welcome, the ancient equivalent of a parade in His honor. They called out "Hosanna" a word that originally meant "save now." The people wanted a king to save them from a corrupt government. This word "Hosanna" later became a word of praise. By saying "Hosanna to the Son of David" the people were recognizing Jesus as their promised Messiah, their Savior.

They were right about Jesus being the Messiah. But they were wrong about Jesus coming as an earthly king who would overthrow the Roman government. Because God had a bigger plan. A plan not to just to save the people shouting "Hosanna" that day but a plan to save all who put their faith and trust in Jesus. We can have hope because God is working to make a way for everyone to know Him, to have a relationship with Him forever.

Hope Walking

- ➔ With an adult's permission, grab blankets from around the house and lay them in a path along the floor.
- ➔ Take off your shoes and grab your Bible.
- ➔ Read this week's Bible story (Matthew 21:1-11) as you walk along the blankets.
- ➔ If you can convince them, ask siblings or friends to help you act out the story together.

DAY 4

Read Romans 12:12

In the space below, write down three examples of hard situations you faced this week.

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Even when you face hard situations, you can have hope and believe that something good can come out of something bad. Prayer is the key to finding that hope. When you pray you don't have to use big words or try to sound like an adult. You can simply talk to God.

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Prayers Ideas

- ➔ Thank God for working in your life.
- ➔ Praise God for hearing you, for loving you and for continuing to work in the world around you.
- ➔ Tell God how you feel and what you're worried about.
- ➔ If there's something you've done that you need to ask forgiveness for, do it. Tell God you're sorry and ask for help to make different choices next time.
- ➔ Thank God for listening.

Whatever happens, remember God is still working.