

Jesus Gives Me Hope

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. You are being guarded by God’s power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.” 1 Peter 1:3-5 (CSB)

Level of Biblical Learning: God is powerful and in control of all things.

Parent Helps:

- Explain hope. Ask your child: “Have you ever said: ‘I hope it doesn’t rain tomorrow’ or ‘I hope I win the game’? Hope is more than wanting something to happen or wishing something wouldn’t happen. Hope is “when you expect God to keep His promises.” For example, I have hope that Jesus will return to the earth one day. I am not wishing that Jesus would return. I KNOW that Jesus will return because He said He would.
- The Bible gives people hope. Kids can trust that the Bible is God’s Word and know that it is completely true.
- God will always do what He says He will do.

Discussion Questions:

Younger Kids:

1. Name someone in the Bible whom God helped.
2. How does God help you when you feel sad (mad, worried, afraid)?
3. Tell something great that you know about Jesus!

Older Kids:

1. How does the Bible give people hope?
2. Why is Jesus a “Living Hope”?
3. God always keeps His promises. How does that help you face times when you are sad (mad, worried, afraid)?

Apply:

- Explain that the words in the Bible are God’s words. Kids can have hope because God will always do what He says He will do.
- Parents, tell about a time when you trusted God to help you. Explain how God gave you hope through the experience.

Activity:

- Using large letters, print the word hope in the middle of a sheet of paper. Use markers or stickers to decorate around the word. Hang the poster in your home to remind your family that Jesus gives people hope.

Pray Together:

- Thank God for the hope He provides.
- Thank God for always keeping His promises.
- Ask God to help your family trust Him at all times.