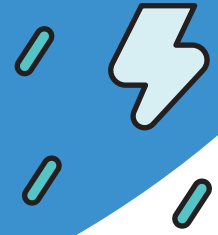


Hope is believing that something good can come out of something bad.



DAY 1

Read 1 Peter 1:3

Think of something good that could come out of the not-so-good situations listed below. . .

Losing a game

Failing your test

Moving to a new school

Getting sick before a family vacation

Okay, getting sick before a vacation really isn't fun. But, as today's verse reminds us, something really bad— Jesus' death on the cross— brought something really good: Jesus' resurrection. Because Jesus rose again and beat death once and for all, we can be forgiven. We have a living hope because the pain that Jesus endured on the cross for all who choose to believe in Him made a way for us to have a relationship with God forever. Whatever happens, good or bad, remember that Jesus is alive.

Living Hope

Write out today's verse and decorate it any way you choose. Ask your grownup to hang your artwork in a place where everyone in your family can see it.

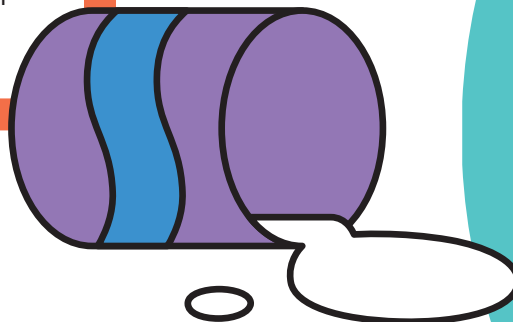
DAY 2

Read 1 Peter 1:6–7

Have you ever been in trouble? Maybe you talked back to your mom or got in a fight with your brother or sister. Maybe you lied to try to avoid punishment, but the truth came out and you got caught.

Sometimes, bad things happen because of our own wrong choices. But sometimes, bad things happen that aren't our fault. When that happens, it's important to remember that God is still in control. Those hard things, or trials, can strengthen our faith and trust in God.

Think about it like exercise. Push-ups, running laps, performing jumping jacks— those exercises can cause temporary discomfort, but the benefit is a stronger body. Sometimes the hard things we face help us grow a stronger faith! Read today's verses as you perform jumping jacks or jog in place.



DAY 3

Read Colossians 1:27

Why can you have hope? Because Jesus died for you so you can have a relationship with God forever. And when you follow Jesus, He is always with you. He will give you everything you need to follow Him. He is your hope.

Think of something that you know you should do but have a really hard time with—like telling the truth or being kind to a certain kid in your class. Write it down on a card and ask Jesus to help you in that particular situation. On the opposite side of the card or piece of paper, write the words of today's verse as a reminder that Christ is IN you. Whatever happens—because Jesus is alive, He will give you hope to keep going.

DAY 4

Read John 16:33b

Jesus spoke these words to His closest followers, the disciples. He knew His time on earth was about to end. And He wanted to prepare these men for life without Him. So He reminded them of one BIG truth. They could have hope because Jesus wins.

When we put our trust in Jesus and what He did for us on the cross, we find REAL hope. Because no matter what “trouble” we face in this world, Jesus has overcome it. He beat death and rose again. **Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive!**

Trouble

Write down some examples of “trouble” in your own world. Maybe you’re fighting with your best friend. Maybe school is really hard right now. Maybe your brother is driving you NUTS. Over the examples you’ve written, write the words “Jesus WINS!” in big block letters. Then say a prayer, thanking God for the hope we have in Jesus.

Whatever happens,
remember Jesus is alive.