

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

## DAY 1

## Read John 5:17

In the beginning, God created the whole world. And then God chose to rest—to stop creating and enjoy the newly formed world. But then, sin entered the world. Adam and Eve thought they knew better. But God had a plan to fix that brokenness by sending Jesus, God's only Son

From the time sin entered the world, God has been working to fix that broken relationship between people and God. Sending Jesus was God's big rescue plan, and God is still at work to make sure everyone knows about it. That's why we can have hope. **Whatever happens, remember God is still working.**

### Decode It!

Fill in the blanks by using the code below.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + | ( | & | ) | # | @ | ^ | = | - | < | > | % | ! | : |
| A | D | E | F | G | H | I | K | N | O | R | T | W | Y |

"My ..... is always  
( + % @ & >

doing his ..... He is  
! < > =

..... right up to  
! < > = ^ - #

this ..... I am  
( + :

..... too." John 5:17, NIV  
! < > = ^ - #

## DAY 2

## Read John 12:13

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people shouted "Hosanna," a word that means "save us." The people wanted a king to save them from a corrupt government. This word "Hosanna" is also 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 to overthrow the Roman government because God had a bigger plan. A plan not 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 still working to make a way for everyone to have a relationship with God forever.

### Hope Walking

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 (John 12:12-16) as you walk along the blankets. Ask siblings or friends to help you act out the story together.

DAY 3

## Read Romans 12:12

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

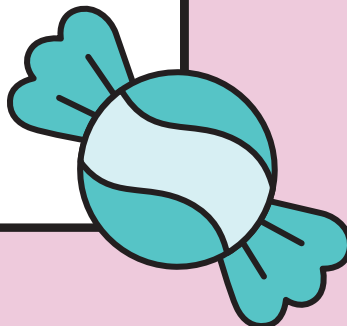
When you faced these hard things, were you joyful? How about patient? Did you pray?

God is always with you and is working in your life and in the world. That's why you can have hope and believe that something good can come out of something bad. Prayer is the key to finding that hope.

Remember, when you pray, you are talking to the God of ALL creation. First, talk about all the ways God is awesome. Spend some time praising 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 you make different choices next time. Then thank God for listening.

### Prayer Points

Talk about how awesome God is  
Ask for forgiveness  
Tell God what you're worried about  
Thank God for listening



DAY 4

## Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Is there something you're worried about? Is there something you need help with? Whatever it is you're facing, God is bigger — even if it doesn't feel that way. This temporary trouble or difficult situation is small compared to the bigness of God. God is in control and will help you through whatever it is you're facing. And even more importantly, God is WITH you.

### Hope Is Bigger

Grab an index card or piece of paper. Write down whatever it is that you're worried about in REALLY tiny print. Then, write out the word "HOPE" as big as you can on the same page and still make it fit. This is a visual reminder that this current problem is small compared to the BIGNESS of God and the hope we have in God. Write "2 Corinthians 4:17-18" somewhere on the front and hang it in a spot where you can see it every day.



Whatever happens,  
remember God is  
still working.