

FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 8

Materials Needed: Bag (not clear) with tissues inside, Hope Telescope Printable (or plain paper) - 1 per family member, Coloring Utensils, Tape/Glue/Staples

Bible Story: David (Preschool) & Lazarus (Elementary)



CIRCLE UP

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

ASK

- Place tissues in a bag that you cannot see through.
- Pass the bag to each family member, allowing them to shake and guess what's inside the bag without looking.
- After everyone's had a turn to guess, reveal what's in the bag.

SAY

When do we use tissues? (When we are sick, sad, etc.)

We may need tissues for times when it seems like we have lost hope, we want to give up, or we let our sadness take over.

But we can be sure that God is always doing good things for us! While we are waiting for all the good that God has for us, we will not lose hope if we go PRO by praying, remembering God's promises, and obeying Him. Say this after me:

Elementary (ES)

I Will (thumbs to chest)

Not Lose Hope (shake head "no")

Preschool (PS)

God Gives (both hands point up)

Me Hope (hands over heart)

As I Obey Him (thumbs up)

WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the KidSpring App or YouTube channel.

ASK your Elementary Schooler:

Does God ever run out of hope to give to you and me? (No)

What can we do to become PROs at having hope? (P-R-O; pray, remember, obey)

ASK your Preschooler:

When David disobeyed, would he still pray and talk to God? (Yes) As he prayed, God gave him hope!

When David needed hope, did he forget or remember God? (Remember)

HAVE FUN TOGETHER

Today we'll make something to help us look ahead to our future full of hope!

DO

Print the Hope Telescope, or create your own with plain paper, using the printable as a guide.

Allow family members to color the P-R-O icons and decorate their telescopes.

Roll the paper into a telescope shape and secure with tape/glue/staples.

SAY

- When we need hope, can we pray? (Yes) Yes! (Point to the Pray Icon on the telescope) When we talk to God, He will listen and give us hope!
- When we need hope, what can we remember? (God's promises, He loves us, He has a good plan) Yes! (Point to the Remember Icon) God gives us hope as we remember His promise of good things on Earth and in heaven!
- Will obeying give us hope that God will do good things? (Yes) Yes! (Point to the Obey Icon) When we do what He says, God will give us hope!
- When you don't know what the future holds, just grab your telescope and take a look! As you pray, remember God's promises, and obey Him, God will give you hope for the future! Say this after me:

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DO

Practice saying the verse together a few times, having your child repeat each line with the motions. See if your child can tell you the verse without any help, and give them a treat for working hard to memorize it!

Elementary (ES)

"Be happy (point to smile)

because of the hope that you have.

(hands over heart)

Be patient when you have troubles.

(tap pretend watch)

Pray all the time." (make praying hands)

Romans 12:12 (make book with hands)

Preschool (PS)

"Be happy (point to smile)

because of the hope (hands over heart)

you have." (thumbs to chest)

Romans 12:12 (make book with hands)

PRAY

God, please help us to never lose hope no matter what is going on around us. Thank You for promising to give us hope as we pray, remember, and obey You. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!