

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

DAY 1

Read 1 Chronicles 29:11

This month is all about hope, believing something good can come out of something bad. We all face hard things. But when we focus only on what's going wrong, we forget one big truth. God is powerful. No matter what happens, we can put our trust in the One who loves us and made us because everything belongs to Him.

Outlet Counting

How many power outlets do you think there are in your house? Write your best guess here:

Now, walk into all the rooms in your home and count the power outlets. How many did you find?

You need power for all of your devices to work. To find real hope, we need to plug in to God's power! We can do that by reading His word, by talking to Him through prayer and by going to church to learn about God with your friends. When we are connected to God, it helps us to remember no matter what happens, God is powerful.

DAY 2

Read Jeremiah 10:12

Nature Walk

Walk outside and take a look around.

What do you see?

What do you hear?

What do you smell?

What can you touch? Is it rough or smooth?

Everything you see came from one source. God created the whole world. You might say, "God didn't make the car in my driveway or the mailbox." While that's true, God did make the people who engineered and manufactured that car. He made the mail carrier who delivered your mail along with all the people who wrote those letters or advertisements you found inside.

And guess what? God made you! He gave you those eyes, and ears, and fingers and nose.

God wants to have a relationship with us and made that possible by sending Jesus, His only Son. We can have hope, no matter what, because God is powerful!

Read Psalm 121:1-4

Have you ever been super tired but when you finally had a chance to go to sleep, you couldn't? If you stop to think about it, the fact that we sleep almost one third of our lifetime is pretty interesting. But in order for our bodies to function the way they should, we all need to get a good night's sleep.

Do you know who never sleeps? God. He doesn't need to rest or take a break or a time out. There is no limit to His power or wisdom.

One big reason we can have hope is because God is in control. No matter what happens, God won't let you down. He watches over you always.

Hope Journaling

1. Grab a notebook and a pencil and write today's verse at the top of the page.
2. Before you go to sleep tonight, draw a picture of or write a sentence or two about a tough situation you faced today.
3. Thank God for watching over you, even while you sleep. Ask Him to help you remember that no matter what happens, He is more powerful.

Read John 11:41-43

When Jesus stood before the tomb of Lazarus, his friend had already been dead for three days. His sisters were heartbroken and couldn't understand why Jesus hadn't come sooner. They were so sad. But God had another plan. A plan that would allow His power to be displayed in an even bigger way.

Jesus' prayer tells us so much about His relationship with God. Jesus trusted that God would hear Him, that God would do something only He could do. And then in a loud voice, Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out!" And he did! His friend was alive. In this moment, God chose to show His power so that the people surrounding the tomb of Lazarus would believe!

God may not bring someone you love back from the dead but God can make something good out of a hard situation. You can trust God, always, because He loves you and He is in control.

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