

Read the Word: 1 Peter 1:3–25

Disciple Your Family: Discuss living a holy and loving life with hope set on blessings to come.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Believers Can Be Hopeful and Joyful in Every Circumstance
(1 Peter 1:3–12)

APPLY: Be full of the living hope that comes with your salvation.

- *What role does Christ's resurrection play in our hope? (Christ's resurrection proves He has conquered death and that we, too, will rise again to eternal life.) How is a "living hope" different from the kind of hope the world offers?*
- *How does remembering Christ's resurrection change the way we face disappointment?*

APPLY: Look forward to the inheritance that waits for you in Heaven.

- *What are some things believers look forward to in Heaven? Why did Peter emphasize that our inheritance is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading?*
- *How should the certainty of our future inheritance shape our priorities today?*

APPLY: Be joyful in Christ, even when trials and challenges come.

- *Why do Christians always have reason for hope and joy? (Our future is bright no matter what we face in this life; eternal glory awaits us; etc.) How can trials actually strengthen or refine our faith?*
- *What helps you maintain joy when circumstances are difficult?*



Key Truth: Believers Should Display Hope, Holiness, Reverence, and Love While Awaiting Christ's Return (1 Peter 1:13–25)

APPLY: Let God's truth shape how you feel, not your circumstances.

- *What specific truths in this passage help believers face difficulty?*
- *Why is it easy to let our circumstances rob us of our joy? How can joy be present even when life is difficult?*

APPLY: Live in a way that reflects and represents the holy God that we serve.

- *How does setting our hope on future grace lead to holy living in the present? (We conduct ourselves as Christ would; we do what is good and right according to God's Word; we avoid sin; etc.)*
- *We often talk about wanting the world to see God through us. What does that look like? What must happen for our lives to reflect the Father?*

APPLY: Like Jesus, demonstrate a deep, sincere love for others.

- *How does the gospel shape the way we love other believers?* (We choose to do what is best for others; we consider others' wishes; we put others' needs and interests above our own; etc.)
- *Why is sincere love especially important during hardship?*

Build a foundation: Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- How can praising Jesus encourage you to live with hope?
- How do the things you see, listen to, and think about affect your ability to live a holy life for God?
- What are some things the world uses to influence us away from living a holy life?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Hebrews 11:6.**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Some translations of the Bible aim for a word-for-word translation; others aim for an idea-for-idea translation. Some Bible versions are paraphrases rather than translations.

Everyday Extras:

Remind family members Peter wrote to believers who were going through difficult times to encourage them to hold onto their hope in Jesus. Name situations your child may face that seem hard. Examples include not making a team, a friend moving away, getting a bad grade, feeling left out. After each situation talk about how keeping hope in Jesus can help comfort him or her in the situation. Then, name things that bring joy because of Jesus (forgiveness, family, being able to help someone, friends, knowing of God's love, etc.). Jesus fills our lives with joy and gives us hope every day.

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned praying is talking to God. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to ask God to forgive our sins and be forgiving toward others. **Jesus Teaches Me to Pray** and ask God to help me stay away from temptation (anything that causes me to think about sinning) and say "no" to the Devil's evil plans.