

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

DAY 1

Read Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is God's Son. He is perfect as God is perfect. Jesus was born as a baby and grew up just like you. He faced many of the same things you face like schoolwork, chores, and dealing with siblings. He felt sadness and hunger and temptation just like you. But he never, not even once, did something wrong.

Because Jesus experienced these things personally, He is able to sympathize with us and help us. Because of what He did for us on the cross, we have access to a holy God. When hard things happen, things we don't understand, we can always ask questions. Because of Jesus, we can go directly to God and find help when we need it.

The next time something happens that doesn't make sense, stop and pray. Remember, Jesus knows exactly how this life feels to us. That means He is completely qualified to help.

DAY 2

Read Hebrews 11:1

Faith trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see. It's believing deep down that God keeps His promises and that His word is true. The rest of Hebrews 11 talks about Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, David, and the prophets who had faith. These men had questions for God. And yet they trusted Him, even before God sent His only Son into the world.

Seeing is Believing?

In the list below, cross out the things you CAN see and circle the things you CAN'T.

A puppy	God	Brothers
The wind	Your tablet	LEGOs
Your family	Emotions	Friends
Sound waves	Food	Gravity

You can't see the wind but you can certainly feel it on your face to know that it's real. You believe in things you can't see every day.

We can have hope because we put our faith or trust in God, even when we can't see with our own eyes. God has been faithful to us in the past and will be faithful in the future. **Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions or doubts.**

DAY 3

Read John 20:27-29

Have you ever felt like Thomas? When his friends told him that Jesus was alive, he didn't believe them. He thought they were crazy. But then again, we might have the same reaction. Because no one expects a dead man to walk into the room. But that's exactly what happened.

Jesus invited Thomas to touch him, to see that he wasn't ghost or part of some dream. And when He did, Thomas believed. But in this moment, Jesus was gently reminding Thomas of a very important truth.

Read John 20:29 again. What does Jesus say? He tells Thomas, "Because you have seen me, you believe." But then Jesus goes on to say, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus is saying we're blessed when we believe without seeing. It's better when we trust God by faith.

Sometimes, hearing from others can strengthen our own faith. Find three people you know that love God and read these verses together. Ask them why they believe in Jesus and follow Him.

DAY 4

Read Psalm 48:14

Have you ever tried to count to one million? Go ahead and see if you can do it.

Okay, that was pretty much an impossible task. Why? Because if you started counting right now, and counted at a rate of one number per second, it would take you 11 and a half days to count that high. This would feel like forever!

Forever is a hard thing to wrap our minds around. But that's how long God will be God. He existed first. He was God long before we were born and He will be God after our time on earth is done. We can put our hope in Him because He is in control. And He promises to help us, to be our guide always.

Our God Forever

1. Write out the words of today's verse on a card.
2. Place it near a calendar in your home.
3. Talk to your family about how God is God yesterday, today, and forever.

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remember God is bigger
than your questions.