

KID STORY ON HOPE (1) ‘What is hope’ for older kids (2) Bible cartoon on hope for younger kids

What Is Hope?

- Megan, age 7: “I think hope is when you wish for something to go a certain way, and sometimes you have to wait for a long time.”
- While Megan waits, Richard, 9, gets another at bat: “Hope is another chance to do something, like if your baseball game is tied, you still have hope to win.” And Austin, 5, sees hope slithering through the grass: “I hope I can get a pet snake.”
- The word “hope” in the Bible expresses confidence and assurance concerning the future because it’s based on **GOD’S PROMISES**, character and faithfulness.
- As Will, 10, says, “Hope is to look forward to something with a feeling of expectation or confidence. Christians always know they have hope because they have God in their hearts.”

When Jesus rose from the dead, the inner reality of sensing God’s presence inside of us replaced the old way of relating to God through outward temple rituals. God has poured out his Spirit upon all his people who love Him to give us HOPE. Do you love Him? Then He promises to give you HOPE.

- Justin, 10, says: “Hope is talking to God every day, expecting an answer. Hope is having Jesus to talk to. Hope is being satisfied with what God has given you.”
- Remember the feeling of Christmas morning? “Hope is a thing that makes you feel kind of good inside, sort of like you’re going to get a gift,” says David, 9.

Every day can be like Christmas morning for Christians who realize the best is yet to come. This kind of hope asks questions like “What new adventure does God have for me today?” and “I wonder what God is up to in this or that situation.”

Christians have trusted the Lord Jesus with their eternal destiny, the confident expectation that God is working in and through them to carry out his plan.

1. What plan do you hope God will carry out in your life?
2. What do you hope for our world?

Conclude with prayer: Jesus, we thank you that we can hope for good things in our life, because Jesus rose from the dead to protect us, to feed us, to comfort us, to make us happy. But most of all, to love us. Amen.

Or, for those younger, try: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSITEJrATPI>