

# FAMILY LESSON – AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>

## Materials Needed:

Bag (not clear) with item inside

**Bible Story:** Peter (Mark 14:27-31, 14:66-72, John 21, 1 Peter 1:1-9)



## CIRCLE UP

*Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.*

### ASK

- Place an item 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

Not being able to see in the bag made it harder to know what was inside. That's how life can be, too. We can't always see or know what will happen. But God gives us hope, and we can be sure that He will do good things! Say this after me!

**God Gives** (both hands point up)

**Me Hope** (hands over heart)

## WATCH

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

### ASK your Elementary Schooler:

What can we flashback and read in order to have hope? (The Bible)

What does P-R-O stand for?

- P-Pray and talk to Jesus
- R-Remember what Jesus has done for us and all God has for us in heaven
- O-Obey and follow Jesus

### ASK your Preschooler:

When Peter was on the beach with Jesus, did he sleep or talk to Jesus? (Talk) Yes! We can pray and talk to Jesus, too!

When we need hope, should we forget or remember that God can do anything? (Remember) Yes!

Does Jesus want us to obey and follow Him? (Yes)

# HAVE FUN TOGETHER

*Being outside and seeing God's goodness can help inspire and fill you with hope!*

**DO** Take your family outside for a walk - around your neighborhood, in a local park, or around your apartment building.

**SAY** As you walk, share an age-appropriate story about a time you felt like you were losing hope and how God gave you hope that He would do good things as you prayed, remembered His promises, and/or obeyed Him.

Ask your family:

- Have you ever prayed for something that didn't happen or didn't happen like you wanted?
- Do you think God was still doing good things in that situation?
- If we don't see good things happening right when we ask God for them, does that mean good things will never happen?

Remind your family that we our hope comes from God, and we can be sure He will do good things! Have them repeat after you:

**God Gives** (both hands point up)

**Me Hope** (pat heart)

**DO** Have your kids repeat the series memory verse after you in these fun ways:

- In a robot voice
- In a deep voice
- In a silly voice

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, Thank You for giving us hope and promising us heaven. Please help us to become PRO's at having hope as we pray, remember Your promises, and obey You. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.