



Helping Kids Hold onto Hope God's Way

When Heaven Feels Far Away

Lesson Aim

Kids will learn that true hope is not in getting what we want right now, but in trusting God's promises and looking forward to being with Him forever.

Scripture Focus

- Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1, *ESV*)
- "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3, *ESV*)

Connect

- **Connection Point:** Ask: *What's something you're hoping for right now? Maybe a new toy, a fun trip, or to win a game? How do you feel when you have to wait for it?*

Teach

- **Bible Story:** Read or retell the story of Abraham Looks Forward to God's Promise (Hebrews 11:8–16)

Abraham lived a long time ago in a land called Ur. One day, God spoke to him and told him to leave his home, his friends, and everything familiar. God promised Abraham that He would give him a new land, make him into a great nation, and bless the whole world through his family. That's a big promise! But here's the surprising part: Abraham never got to see the full promise in his lifetime.



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Abraham and his wife Sarah moved to the land God showed them, but they lived there like travelers, staying in tents. God told them they would have many descendants, but for many years they didn't even have one child. Still, Abraham and Sarah kept trusting God. Eventually, God gave them a son, Isaac, and through Isaac came the family of Israel. But the really big promise—that one day all people would be blessed through Abraham's family—didn't happen until much later when Jesus was born.

Hebrews 11 tells us that Abraham lived “by faith.” He looked forward with hope, even when he couldn't see how it would all happen. Abraham knew his true home wasn't here on earth but with God. His hope was anchored in God's promises, not in what he could see right away. That's the same kind of hope God wants us to have: hope that looks forward to forever with Him.

- **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think Abraham kept trusting God, even when he couldn't see the promise yet?
2. What's the difference between hoping for something like a toy and hoping in God's promises?
3. How can remembering God's promises help you when life feels unfair or disappointing?

- **Explain:**

- Hope in God means trusting His promises, even when we don't see them yet.
- Our greatest hope isn't in things of this world but in being with God forever.

Model

- **Teacher shares:** a personal example of a time they had to wait and trust God, even when the outcome wasn't clear.
- **Student activity:** invite kids to role-play simple hope-filled scenarios, like waiting their turn in a game without complaining or trusting God when a prayer isn't answered right away. For added fun, they can play “Hope Pictionary”—drawing pictures of waiting, trusting, or looking forward to something better, while classmates guess the scene.

Pray

- Dear God, thank You for giving us a living hope through Jesus. Help us to remember that even when life feels hard or unfair, we can trust Your promises. Fill our hearts with joy and patience as we wait for the forever future You have promised us with You.” Amen.

Craft/Activity

- Create a “**Hope Horizon**” craft: Give each child a half sheet of construction paper with a hill drawn across the bottom. Provide crayons or watercolors to shade the sky from dark at the top to golden at the horizon. On the hilltop, kids can draw or glue a simple cross. Then, across the horizon line, write in big letters: “*Our hope is in God's promises.*”

Key Takeaway

- Our hope is being made perfect when we live with God forever.