

HOPE

Believing that something good
can come out of something bad

READ 1 PETER 1:3

DAY 1

Think of something good that could come out of the not so good situations listed below . . .

- Losing the game
- Failing the test
- Moving to a new school
- Getting sick before a family vacation

Okay, getting sick before a vacation really isn't fun. But, as today's verse reminds us, something really bad—Jesus' death on the cross—brought something really good. It brought Jesus' resurrection. Because Jesus rose again and beat death once and for all, we can be forgiven. We have a living hope because the pain that Jesus endured on the cross for all that choose to believe in Him. Whatever happens, good or bad, remember that Jesus is alive.

At the beginning of the month, we had you build a fort in your room. If you didn't have a chance to make a fort, pause reading this and get building! Then, write out today's verse and hang it in the fort.

THANK God for sending Jesus to face something bad to bring something good to all of us.

READ 1 PETER 1:6-7

DAY 2

Sometimes bad things happen because of our own wrong choices. But sometimes bad things happen that aren't our fault. When those bad things happen, there's some REALLY good news. God is still in control. Those hard things can serve as a way to make our faith and trust in God stronger.

Think about it like exercise. Push-ups, running laps, and performing jumping jacks—those cause temporary pain but the benefit is a stronger body. Sometimes the hard things we face help us grow a stronger faith! Grab a piece of paper or index card and draw a pair of barbells on the front. Inside the barbells, write out a phrase or two from today's verse and hang it in your fort.

ASK God to help you endure whatever happens this week!

MATCH THE OPPOSITES BELOW:

Sorrow

Ice

Gold

Joy

Fire

Silver

READ COLOSSIANS 1:27

DAY 3

Why can you have hope? Because when you trust in Jesus as your Savior, you are a part of God's family forever. Christ is IN you. He will give you everything you need to follow Him. He is your hope.

Think of something that you know you should do but you have a really hard time with—like telling the truth or being kind to a certain kid in your class. Write it down on a card and ask Jesus to give you His power in that particular situation. On the opposite side of the card or piece of paper, write the words of today's verse and post it in your fort.

LOOK for opportunities to ask Jesus to give you His power to live the way He wants you to.

READ ROMANS 5:3-5

DAY 4

Have you talked about cause and effect at school? Read the following "causes" below and write down a possible "effect":

You stay on your tablet longer than your limit.

EFFECT: _____

You eat too much junk food the night before the game.

EFFECT: _____


You choose to be kind even when the other kid is unkind.

EFFECT: _____

Today's verses are like one long cause and effect chain. Facing hard things can bring perseverance, perseverance can grow our character and character gives us hope! That means that even when bad stuff happens, we can view it as an opportunity to build perseverance, which builds our character, which brings hope!

Write out today's verses. Underline all the words that refer to the cause, then circle the "effect" and hang it in your fort.

KNOW that trials bring perseverance, perseverance brings character, and character brings hope.



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