

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

DAY 1

Read Romans 8:24-25

Hope

This week, we'll take a closer look at several verses from Romans 8. Grab some colored pencils. Draw a box around the word "Hope" every time it appears in these verses in your Bible. Remember, hope is believing that something good can come out of something bad.

Answer the following questions:

Hope that can be seen is what?

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We hope for what?

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In order to wait, what do we need?

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We can have hope, even when we don't know what will happen, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. No matter what happens to us here on earth, we can have a relationship with God forever. We may not know how a certain situation will turn out, but we *do* know that in the end, we will be with God forever when we trust Jesus as our Savior.

*Answers: No hope at all; what we don't have yet; patience*

## DAY 2

### Read Romans 8:26

#### Underline It

Do you still have your colored pencils from yesterday? Pick a different color than one you've already used and underline the words "helps," "weak," "pray," and "Spirit" in Romans 8:26, NIV.

According to Romans 8:26, what happens when we are weak?

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What will God's spirit do when we aren't sure how to pray?

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When something bad happens, you might have questions about how it will turn out. Maybe you aren't even sure what to pray for. The good news is that when you trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit will help you know how to pray. We can always have hope because God has all the answers. **Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.**



DAY 3

Read Romans 8:27

Highlighted

Use a different colored pencil to underline the words “looks” and “knows”. Use a red pencil to draw a heart over the word “hearts.”

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Sometimes it’s hard to have hope—to believe that something good will come out of something bad—when we don’t know what will happen. That’s when we have to remember that God is with us and that God is in control. God sees our hearts and knows the things we’re worried about better than anyone else. God knows what we need to pray even when we aren’t sure how to pray. Remember whatever happens, God is bigger than your questions.

DAY 4

## Read Romans 8:28

### Mark Up

Use your colored pencils to put a box around the words “all things” and draw a heart over the word “love.”

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Do you have questions that you just can’t answer?

Questions like...

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Why is the kid in my class so mean?

Why do I have to share a room?

Why are we having turkey surprise in the cafeteria again?

What exactly is turkey surprise?

Asking questions is a good thing. God gave you the ability to think and learn and grow, and questions are how we learn! No question or problem is too big for our great God!

You can always pray and ask God for help because your questions are important to God. Even if you don’t get the answer right away, you can trust God to work things out in just the right way, at just the right time. God is BIG enough to handle any situation and personal enough to hear every single prayer. Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.



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