

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

Read: Philippians 1:6



DAY

1

Hosanna!

Reenact this week's story of Palm Sunday. Grab some coats and blankets and lay them on the floor. Wave some papers like palm branches. Shout, "Hosanna!" "Hosanna!" Talk through the story of Jesus coming to Jerusalem (John 12:12-16).
(Once you are done, put back all your props!)

KNOW that Jesus coming to Jerusalem was part of God's bigger story.

DAY

2

A King!

Draw a picture of what stood out to you about that first Palm Sunday. Look back to the story if you need a reminder of what happened.

THANK God for sending Jesus.

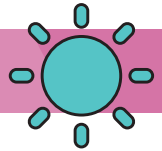
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Good Work

Read Philippians 1:6. What do you think it means that God will begin and complete a good work in you? Talk with your adult about ways you've seen God do good things in you and those around you.

ASK God to do a good work in you.



DAY

4

Still Working

"Dear God, I know that You are still working. Your work and plans are good. You know the future and I will trust You. Thank You for sending Jesus to die for us. Help me to see the good things You have for me. Amen."

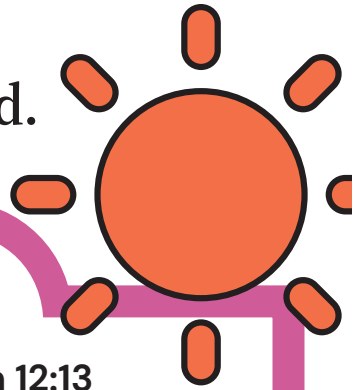
LOOK for the ways that God is working in your life.



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DAY 1

Read John 5:17

In the beginning, God created the whole world. And then God chose to rest—to stop creating and enjoy the newly formed world. But then, sin entered the world. Adam and Eve thought they knew better. But God had a plan to fix that brokenness by sending Jesus, God’s only Son

From the time sin entered the world, God has been working to fix that broken relationship between people and God. Sending Jesus was God’s big rescue plan, and God is still at work to make sure everyone knows about it. That’s why we can have hope. **Whatever happens, remember God is still working.**

Decode It!

Fill in the blanks by using the code below.

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DAY 2

Read John 12:13

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people shouted “Hosanna,” a word that means “save us.” The people wanted a king to save them from a corrupt government. This word “Hosanna” is also a word of praise. By saying “Hosanna to the Son of David,” the people were recognizing Jesus as their promised Messiah, their Savior.

They were right about Jesus being the Messiah. But they were wrong about Jesus coming to overthrow the Roman government because God had a bigger plan. A plan not just to save the people shouting “Hosanna” that day, but a plan to save all who put their faith and trust in Jesus. We can have hope because God is still working to make a way for everyone to have a relationship with God forever.

Hope Walking

Grab blankets from around the house and lay them in a path along the floor. Take off your shoes and grab your Bible. Read this week’s Bible story (John 12:12-16) as you walk along the blankets. Ask siblings or friends to help you act out the story together.



DAY 3

Read Romans 12:12

In the space below, write down three examples of hard situations you faced this week.

When you faced these hard things, were you joyful? How about patient? Did you pray?

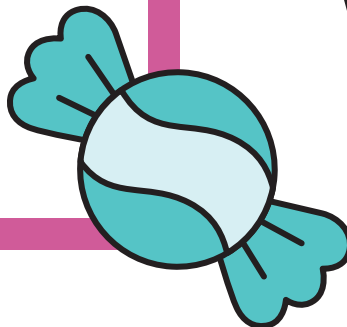
God is always with you and is working in your life and in the world. That's why you can have hope and believe that something good can come out of something bad. Prayer is the key to finding that hope.

Remember, when you pray, you are talking to the God of ALL creation. First, talk about all the ways God is awesome. Spend some time praising God for hearing you, for loving you, and for continuing to work in the world around you. Tell God how you feel and what you're worried about. If there's something you've done that you need to ask forgiveness for, do it. Tell God you're sorry and ask for help to you make different choices next time. Then thank God for listening.



Prayer Points

- Talk about how awesome God is
- Ask for forgiveness
- Tell God what you're worried about
- Thank God for listening



DAY 4

Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Is there something you're worried about? Is there something you need help with? Whatever it is you're facing, God is bigger — even if it doesn't feel that way. This temporary trouble or difficult situation is small compared to the bigness of God. God is in control and will help you through whatever it is you're facing. And even more importantly, God is WITH you.



Hope Is Bigger

Grab an index card or piece of paper. Write down whatever it is that you're worried about in REALLY tiny print. Then, write out the word "HOPE" as big as you can on the same page and still make it fit. This is a visual reminder that this current problem is small compared to the BIGNESS of God and the hope we have in God. Write "2 Corinthians 4:17-18" somewhere on the front and hang it in a spot where you can see it every day.



Whatever happens, remember God is still working.

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

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HOPING FOR?

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Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

- 1. You liked:
- 2. You learned:
- 3. You'd like to know:

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

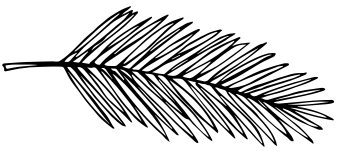
Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!



Day 2

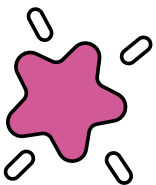
Read John 12:12-16

Get the biggest sheet of paper you can find and draw a palm frond.



Read John 12:12-16 out loud, and when you get to the part where the people waved palm branches and shouted, wave the frond and shout, “Hosanna!” After you’ve read the passage, write on the palm frond. On the left side of the stem and on the top half of the palm frond, write words that describe who the people were expecting God to send as the Savior — from how He would arrive to what He would be like. On the right side at the top, write the words describing how Jesus actually came and Who he was.

Jesus didn’t come or act the way that most people expected He would. But that didn’t mean He wasn’t the Savior they needed. They couldn’t see it at the time, but Jesus was exactly who the world needed, and God was still working out the plan to save the world. Save the drawing for later this week.



Head to a hallway or a room that has some floor space clear of furniture.

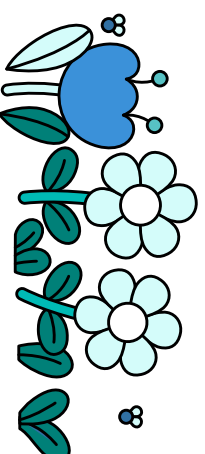
Before you pray, walk the hallway or room and imagine you are one of the people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. Imagine how it would feel to see God’s plan for the world happening. Continue walking as you talk to God about what’s happening in your life right now. You can pray about anything that you need help with, that you’re thankful for, or that anyone in your life needs. Close your prayer by asking God to help you remember that God is still working.

Day 4

Whatever happens, remember God is still working.

Think back to the list of names you wrote down last week of people you know who are followers of Jesus and who you think probably have seen something good come out of something bad. Start out by talking to anyone on the list who you didn’t talk to last week, but you can also go back to the same people.

Today, ask around and see who has experienced hope from remembering that God was or is still working. Some may still be waiting for an answer or for things to get better—ask them how they’ve seen God at work while they wait.



What are you hoping for?

Pull out the drawing of the palm frond you made earlier this week. On the bottom left side of the frond, write what it is that you are hoping for—in any and all areas of your life. It could be goals you have for your grades or the sport you play. It could be hoping you will find a new friend, that your cousin will get better, or that your parents will stop fighting. Write as many things you’re hoping for as you can think of.

Hang the palm frond somewhere you will see it. Just as God was still working out the plan to save the world when Jesus came in a most unexpected way, God is still working in your life. All of those hopes and dreams you wrote down on the palm frond are works in progress. Not all of them will turn out the way you may be expecting, but that doesn’t change the fact that God is working things out in your life.

As you see updates in the things you are hoping for, write down the outcomes on the right side of the leaf. Even when the reality is different from what you were hoping for, look for the signs that God is still working.

Day 5

