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baptist church

Children's Activity: Sunday 28 June 2020

Bible Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-4 & Revelation 21:1-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you. **-1 Peter 1:3-4**

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." **-Revelation 21:1-5**

Discussion Questions:

1. Talk about a time when you hoped for something and the joy you had when it finally happened. Then share about a time when what you hoped for didn't happen the way you thought it would. How did you feel about that?
2. Hope is something we all need. What things do people put their hope in that can not last forever? What do you put your hope in?
3. Why is Jesus the ultimate hope? [Read 1 Peter 1:3-4] How does knowing Jesus help you to face uncertain times?

Prayer:

Thank Jesus for being our ultimate hope in uncertain times.

ACTIVITY:

Choose or create an image or object that represents hope, something that you find beautiful or brings you joy. Add this to your prayer space or beside your bed. When you are feeling afraid, you might like to take a moment to hold this item as a way of acknowledging these feelings, but remind yourself that there is also beauty and joy in God's creation and ultimate hope in Jesus. Take five deep breaths and ask God to help you to remain hopeful, then place it back in the table.

Idea adapted from <https://intergen.org.au/isaiah-42-hope/>

Take a walk outside and even lay down on the grass, take some time to enjoy God's creation and see where there are signs of hope, talk about the things that make you happy and hopeful.

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