Puzzled: Believe there's a bigger picture



First, watch this week's video!

Hope: Believing that something good can come out of something bad

Memory Verse

"In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." John 16:33b, NIrV

Bible Story

Crucifixion and Resurrection John 18:1–20:18

Bottom Line

Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive. Use this guide to help your family learn about hope.

Activity

Egg-stra Prayers

What You Need:

Two plastic eggs, two strips of paper, two writing utensils, and a Bible or Bible app

What You Do:

Give your child one egg, one strip of paper, and a pen. Take the same for yourself. Ask your child to write out the memory verse, John 16:33b, on the strip of paper. (They can reference the Bible as needed.) You do the same.

Then, both of you choose one thing—person or situation—you'd like to pray about. Both of you write your prayer request on the other side of your strip of paper, roll it up, and place it inside your egg.

Say, "Jesus died on the cross so that we could have a relationship with God that will last forever. Whatever happens, we can remember that Jesus is still alive! We know that God loved us enough to send Jesus for us . . . and we can talk to God about anything, anytime."

Talk About the Bible Story

Why did Jesus die? (To pay the price for our sins, so that we could have a relationship with God now and forever)

Why does that give us hope? (Because nothing can separate us from God's love)

Who is someone we could share that hope with this week?

Parent: Share about when you first understood what Jesus did for you. How did it make you feel? How did you respond? (If you're not sure how you feel about the story of Jesus, share about where you are in your journey.)



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, it's amazing to celebrate Easter and remember the reason we can have hope: because Jesus is alive! We pray that this hope You've given us will encourage us to bring hope to others. Help us show the people around us that whatever happens, Jesus is alive . . . and that nothing can take away the hope we have in Him. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."