

## RESPOND//15 minutes



*Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching them and respond through creative activities and games.*

### Reflect: God Is Hope

Encourage kids to read the suggested verses in their Bibles.

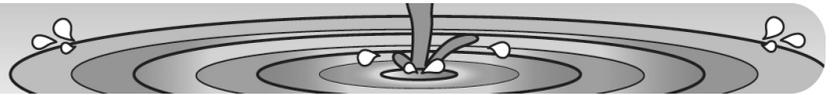
#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS

- **Why were the Thessalonian Christians having a hard time?** 1 Thessalonians 1:6, 9
- **What does God promise about the second coming of Jesus?** 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17
- **How do we know that God is hope and will keep His promises?** 1 Thessalonians 5:24
- **How can we encourage others to know that God is hope?**
- **Where in your life do you need hope today?**

#### QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS

- **Why were the Thessalonian Christians having a hard time?** 1 Thessalonians 1:6, 9
- **In what ways is it hard to be a Christian today?**
- **What does it mean to stand firm in the Lord?** 1 Thessalonians 3:7–8
- **What does God promise about the second coming of Jesus?** 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17
- **How does the second coming of Jesus bring us hope?** 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- **How do we know that God is hope and will keep His promises?** 1 Thessalonians 5:24
- **Where in your life do you need hope today?**

## BLESS//5 minutes



*Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing may be prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.*

#### SUPPLIES

- Remember Verse cards (see Resources)
- At Home Weekly: Lesson 10 (see Resources)
- Bible

Whiteboard

Dry erase marker

#### RELATE

Open a Bible and read 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17:

**May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.**

Draw an eternity symbol (it looks like a sideways number eight) on the board. **See this symbol? The line keeps going and going.** Invite children to make the symbol in the air. **The line never ends. Because God is hope, He gives us never-ending encouragement and good hope. His hope never runs out and never stops. God's hope is eternal! Let's hear the verse again.** Read verse again.

Then speak this blessing over the group:

**May God encourage you and give you hope. May you experience His strength this week.** Send home Remember Verse cards and the At Home Weekly with your kids.

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