

Parent Guide: Hope That Points to Jesus

Main Passage: Gospel of Luke 1:57–80

Big Idea

This week students learned that real hope:

- Celebrates what God does
- Chooses obedience over pressure
- Points to Jesus
- Grows in hidden seasons

1. Celebrate What God Does (Luke 1:57–66)

Elizabeth’s community rejoiced with her. Instead of comparing, they celebrated.

At Home Talk:

- Why is it hard to celebrate others sometimes?
- How can we choose joy when God blesses someone else?

Family Practice:

Celebrate someone else’s win this week as a family.

2. Obedience Over Expectations

Elizabeth and Zechariah obeyed God even when culture disagreed.

At Home Talk:

- Have you ever felt pressure to fit in?
- What does following God look like when it’s unpopular?

Family Practice:

Encourage courage — affirm moments your student chooses God over approval.

3. Hope Centers on Jesus (Luke 1:67–79)

John’s purpose was to point people to Christ, to pave the way.

At Home Talk:

- What does it look like to point people to Jesus at school?

- How can our family keep Jesus at the center?
- **Family Practice:**
Look for everyday ways to redirect conversations back to God's goodness.

4. Growth in Hidden Seasons (Luke 1:80)

John grew strong in the wilderness before public ministry.

At Home Talk:

- What might God be building in you right now?
- Why does growth matter more than recognition?

Family Practice:

Affirm character (kindness, integrity, faith) more than achievements.

Prayer for Your Student

“God, help my student follow You over culture, point others to Jesus, and trust You in every season. Grow real hope in them. Amen.”