

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

HOPE

DEFINITION:

Having confidence in God's promises

MEMORY VERSE:

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." **Romans 15:13 NLT**

FINISH LINE:

The world's promises are temporary, but God's promises last forever

READ: LUKE 12:16-21 & REVELATION 21:3-7

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1. What did the rich man in the parable do? *(He built large buildings to store all his crops.)*
2. Did his actions and words show that he hoped in God or in something else? *(He hoped in himself, his wisdom, and what he owned.)*
3. When you die, do you get to take any of your stuff with you? *(No.) What happens to it? (Someone else gets it, it gets thrown into the trash, or it falls apart.)*
4. Reread verse 21. What does Jesus say is the most important thing? *(Having a rich relationship with God) How long does our relationship with God last? (Forever!)*

READ REVELATION 21:3-7

What does God promise in...

1. ... **verse 3?** *(God will live among His people and be with them forever as their God. Just think, God's people will get to see Him face to face!)*
2. ... **verse 4?** *(He will comfort the people and promises there will be no more death, pain, or crying. If we are with God, we will never be sad again.)*
3. ... **verse 5?** *(He will make all things new. Everything He says is trustworthy and true. He always does what He says He will do.)*
4. ... **verse 6?** *(He will give the water of life to everyone who is thirsty, free of cost. God's people will get to live forever with Him.)*
5. ... **verse 7?** *(He will be our God and we will be His children. God's people will get everything He has promised.)*

1. How long will the promises of God last? *(Forever!)* What do you think it will be like to get to enjoy God and His promises forever and ever?
2. Which of these promises are you most excited about right now?
3. Who do you know that does not know about these awesome promises? How could you tell them?
4. How can knowing these promises of God change our lives?

For everyone who trusts in Jesus as their Savior, God promises some pretty amazing things in the book of Revelation. These things have not happened yet, but we can HOPE in God and be confident that He will keep His promises.