

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:

God always keeps His promises

READ: 1 CHRONICLES 17; LUKE 1

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

READ 1 CHRONICLES 17:7-14

1. What did God remind David of in verses 7-8? (*God reminded David of the ways He has already blessed him. How He chose him to be king and David did not do anything to earn it. He reminded him that He has always been with him and defeated his enemies. God is reminding David of the promises He already kept.*)
2. God made a promise to David about his children. What was it? (*God promised David's name will be remembered as great among men. One of his sons will be king and build a temple for God. He promises to never take His love away from him. He also promised that one of David's descendants will reign forever as king.*)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

READ 1 CHRONICLES 17:23-24

1. Why do you think David was so certain God would keep His promise? What did he do in response? (*He believed God's promise and worshiped Him.*)
2. Why would God make promises like this? Was it because David was so great? (*God did it to make His own name more famous. Other nations and people would see that God keeps His promises and is worthy to be trusted and worshiped.*)

READ LUKE 1:26-33

1. How was God's promise to David kept in Jesus? (*Jesus came from the line of David to be the Messiah. He is God and will reign forever in heaven.*)

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. How would you feel if God showed up and made you promises like this?
2. Does anything make you doubt God's promises? If so, what?
3. What can you remember is true about God when you are tempted to not hope in Him or His promises? (*Examples: He is trustworthy, good, loving, consistent, kind, etc.*)
4. Think about this: God made His promise to David almost 1,000 years before Jesus was born! Even after hundreds of years, God will not forget His promises. God will always do what He says He will do, so we can be confident and hope in Him.