

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: HOPE

FINISH LINE: The world offers us stuff, but God's promises are better

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:18-25; 19:1-10

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES: Dry erase board, mirror, dry erase marker, post it notes, memory verse cards from week one

DIRECTIONS: Write out the entire verse someplace everyone can see it. You could use the cards you made week one, write out the verse on post it notes, or use a dry erase board or mirror. After you have written it out, say the verse all together. Then start removing words from the verse. After you have removed 1-2 words, say it again. Keep repeating until all the words are gone but you can still say the verse from memory!

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**

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW

SUPPLIES: Paper, pencil, eraser, marker, God's Promises page (on the Elementary Kids Kit)

DIRECTIONS: Have your kids brainstorm stuff the world gives that people place their hope in instead of God.

1. Using PENCILS, let them write their ideas down on the paper.
2. Ask them how long this stuff lasts, how long will they be happy with that thing?
3. Grab an ERASER and start erasing some of these things.
4. Explain that just like pencil markings can be erased, stuff from this world will disappear, too. It will not last forever.
5. Next, have everyone brainstorm some of God's promises. You can use the God's Promises page on the Elementary Kids Kit for ideas.
6. Write down the promises they thought of on the page in MARKER.
7. Explain that just like we cannot erase this marker, God's promises are permanent. They will not rub off or become untrue. God's promises will last longer than this marker, the paper, or anything else.

TALK ABOUT: People might tell you that you need a lot of stuff to be happy. The only way to be truly happy is to hope in God and believe His promises. One of those promises is that He will give you everything we really need. This does not mean we will get everything we want. It means He will give us what He knows we need. Unlike the stuff the world offers us, God's promises last forever.