

# HOPE

WEEK  
FOUR

**BELIEVING THAT SOMETHING GOOD  
CAN COME OUT OF SOMETHING BAD**

## READ ROMANS 5:8

**DAY 1**

How do you know God loves you? Well, you can see it in the beautiful things He's created. You can see it through the good gifts He's given you. But we truly know that God loves us because of one single event in history. God loved us so much that He sent His only son, Jesus.

But there's something even more amazing about God's love for us. God didn't say, "Okay, when you guys get your act together and stop disobeying me, then I'll send Jesus to help you out." Nope. God doesn't work that way. He made a way by making the first move. He showed us His love when we didn't deserve it to prove that we couldn't *earn* it. How amazing is that? Hope is possible in any situation because whatever happens, God loves you.

Write down this verse on separate pieces of scrap paper. Hide the words inside of some plastic Easter eggs and ask someone else to hide them around the house. Search for the eggs and then work to put the words of the verse in order.

**THANK** God for His great love for you.

## READ ROMANS 8:38-39

**DAY 2**

God's love is BIG. No matter where you go, no matter how many times you mess up or forget about God or think you can handle things on your own, nothing—no person, no circumstance, no unwise choice or hurt or mistake—can separate you from God's love. He loves you. Always. And there's nothing you can do about it.

So, the next time you start to feel like you're not that important, or that no one cares about you, read this verse. Ask God to help you BELIEVE these words deep down in your heart. You are deeply loved by a big, BIG God. So whatever happens, remember God loves you.

Write down a time you didn't feel loved. Why? Then flip the page over and write the down the words of this verse.

**THANK** God to help you see His great love for you.

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## READ PSALM 130:7

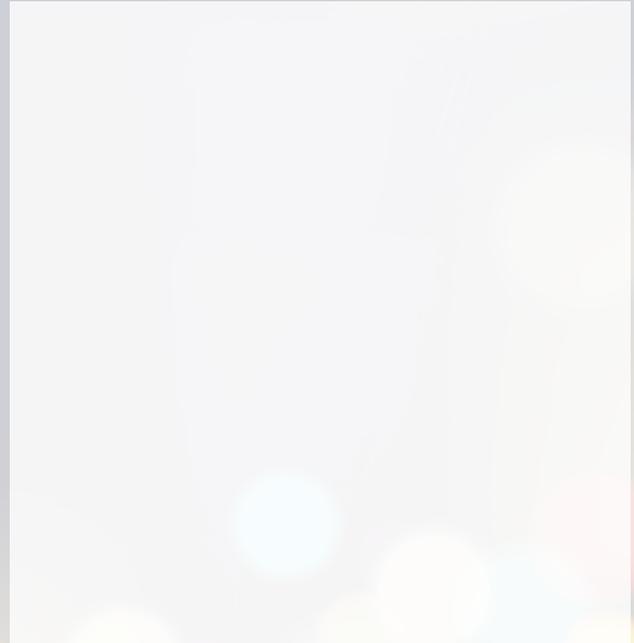
**DAY 3**

Do you know why you can put your hope in the Lord? Because God loves you. He made you. He has a plan for your life. And He has made a way for you to have a relationship with Him forever. Jesus's death and resurrection sets you free from sin. When you trust Jesus as your savior, you become a part of God's family forever.

God loved you so much that He sent Jesus. And His love never fails. When you put your hope in Him, you can know that He will never ever let you down. Whatever happens, remember God loves you.

Draw a picture of what this verse means to you in the space to the right.

**LOOK** for opportunities to put your hope in God's unfailing love this week.



## READ LUKE 24:5-7

**DAY 4**

Did you hunt for Easter eggs this year? Did you find any empty ones? Were you SUPER disappointed? Everyone knows that hunting eggs is no fun if the eggs are empty. What do we want? CANDY! When it comes to Easter egg hunting, empty is BAD!

But on that first Easter Sunday, empty wasn't such a bad thing. When the two Mary's arrived at the tomb, they found the huge stone that covered the entrance had been rolled away. At first they thought that someone had stolen Jesus' body. But they were in for the biggest surprise in history. Empty meant LIFE. Empty meant that Jesus had risen! Empty meant that anyone who believes in Jesus can have a relationship with God forever. Empty proved that God loves you BIG time. For us, the empty tomb is a very good thing.

Grab one of your Easter eggs. Make sure it's empty—you can even eat the candy if you need to. Place that empty egg on your bedside table as a reminder this week that empty is GOOD!

**KNOW** that God loves you and that He proved His love with the empty tomb!

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