

WEEK I: Christianity Is a Growing Experience

2 Peter 1:5 | 2 Peter 3:17-18 | Lamentations 3:56-57

Hope's fourth core value that we strive to uphold is that following Jesus is a growing experience: We can't outgrow Christian faith. As Christians today, we strive to bring people to a relationship with Jesus. We can grow through coming to HopeKids, VBS and other events for families at church. As we grow in our faith, we listen to what God tells us, and give him our time, love and respect.

Question: What do you want to be when you grow up? Challenge: We grow by doing new things! What is something new you can try this week?

WEEK 3: Hey Jude!

Jude 1:20-21 | 2 John 1:5-6 | 3 John 1:11

Again and again the Bible tells us to love others as you want to be loved, and God asks us to love each other. Sometimes it harder than others to remember these teachings. Each of these verses came from letters telling those reading it how to love others! We will never stop learning how to treat each other with love, kindness and respect.

Question: When have you had to choose to show love to someone? Challenge: Do you know what happens when dish soap is dropped into a bowl of water and black pepper? The pepper separates! When we are not kind to others, they stop wanting to hang out with us.

WEEK 2: Time to Come Clean with God

1 John 1:9 | 1 John 2:7-8 | Ezekiel 18:21

Have you ever looked out the window after a fresh snowfall? When there are no footprints or any color except pure white, it looks perfect. When we think of what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross to forgive our sins, he made our souls look like pure white snow. Our sins are wiped clean by God, which we could never do by ourselves!

Question: What was the last thing you got that was brand new? Challenge: The next time you clean your room, think about how Jesus cleans our hearts. Say a prayer of thanks as you clean up!

WEEK 4: Apocalypse Now?

Revelation 21:4 | Daniel 3:25 | Hosea 6:6

We have hope in Jesus, that when he comes again, the pain and suffering in this world will be gone. We don't know when this will happen, and no matter what anyone on earth says, only God knows. And he promises no more death, sadness, crying or pain. He has shown many miraculous things through the Bible, and his promises have never failed. While we wait for this day, we will continue to love others and share the Good News of Jesus with everyone we meet!

Question: What is your hope for the future that will change for good? Challenge: Draw a picture of what you think the new earth will look like with no more sadness and pain.