

# Huddle Discussion Guide

for Children 7-12 years old

## Hopekids Huddle Time (35 mins)

### Week 3 (21st July 2019)

**Big Point:** Unshakeable Hope Brings Joy!

**God's Word:** A New World (Revelation 21-22)

**Memory Verse:** Our hope is certain. It is something for the soul to hold on to. It is strong and secure.  
Hebrews 6:19a (NIRV)

**Life Question:** Who do I put my Hope in to have Joy?

**Preacher's/Teachers' Note:** Unshakeable Hope is found in God's promises, and keeps us secure even when troubles come our way. Placing our Hope in God also brings us joy and peace, as we know who is in charge and is taking care of us, despite all of life's difficult situations. God promises that He will come back for us, and He will create a new world with no pain, sadness or trouble for us. Thus, we can have Hope that one day, we will be with God forever with joy and no pain, sadness or trouble!

**BEFORE SESSION:** Huddle leaders are to collect Huddle Guide Material Box from respective cabinet/storage area and ensure there are enough working stationery.

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### **TO PREPARE:**

**- PRINT OUT 3 copies of A NEW WORLD for each group**

- Tear 2 copies into pieces (ensure its not too many pieces, according to your kiddos' abilities! I.e. the older the kids, the more and smaller the pieces lol!)
- Ensure each of the 2 torn sets are complete and not mixed up
- **OPTIONAL:** 2 rolls of scotch tape

**Welcome - huddle leaders/ volunteers to welcome ALL and especially NEW kids**

*Address each of them by name and affirm how their presence is important and valuable! Get kids to say hello to each other and especially to new kids - in a way that is appropriate to your age group! :)*

Hello HopeKids! Welcome to Huddle Time, which is your small group time! Okay at the count of 3, we shall form a circle and sit down!

ALRIGHT, remember we have this rule in our small group time: **No talking when someone else is talking!**

→ So, if I, the teacher is talking, the rest of you have to be quiet to listen, so everyone can hear me.

→ If a friend is talking, the rest of you, including teacher have to be quiet to listen.

→ If you want to say something, you can raise your hands, like rule B in our BEST rules! :) Okay?

#### IF THERE ARE NEW FRIENDS:

It seems that there are new friends in our midst! In HopeKids, we value each and every friend we meet!!

Let's go around and introduce your name to our new friends and give one another a hi-five.

→ **If time permits:** go one round to share each and everyone's names to our new friends and give a hi-five/fist-bump/teach a secret handshake!

→ **If no time:** Ask the new friend for his/her name and everyone says hello!

Activity: Picture Jumble **\*Print Out A NEW WORLD Picture!\***

1. Alright HopeKids, I am going to split you guys up to 2 groups.
2. I have right here, the same picture \*show intact\* copy, but the rest are all torn up.
3. You guys are going to have a timed challenge, to help me put it together the torn pieces into the complete within 1 minute and the first who complete it wins!  
→ **(If using scotch tape to tape up the pictures can give up to 3-5 mins!)**  
→ No referring to picture, you have 10 seconds to look at it and memorise!

#### Huddle Activity 1 - Discussion (15 mins)

*(Leaders: ensure you went through these questions beforehand and have some answers)*

Alright HopeKids!! How many of you had fun? What you did just now, was actually, taking what was a torn and broken, spoilt picture \*show picture pieces/taped copy\* to one that is renewed \*show intact copy\*, where you can at least see the picture for what it is.

Well, in this case, the renewed picture \*show picture pieces/taped copy\* is not really that made new. You can still see the tape and the places where its torn. It's not made perfect...

Why? → Allow responses

Well, at the end of the day, we don't have the power to make things completely new and perfect. Who has the power though? → Allow responses

God is the one who truly has the power to make all things new and perfect.

----- RECAP from previous weeks if there is time -----

We have been learning about how HOPE, and in week 1 we learnt that Hope can be found in what?

Prompt:

→ Through the story of Abraham and Sarah.

→ God promised them that they will have a son and children as many as the stars in the sky  
→ Did it really happen?  
→ The point is once God promises something, it will DEFINITELY happen.

So even when things are bad, we can find hope in the promises that God gives us, because it will DEFINITELY happen.

Same, with last week's story with David, because what did God promise David?

→ That David will be the next King  
→ But what was happening?  
→ King Saul was hunting him to kill him  
→ But even though that was happening, was David able to have hope?  
→ Did David know who was taking care of him?

Because of that, David was able to be secure in the hope and promise that God gave him.

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You know HopeKids, the promises that God made were not just for people in the bible, but also for all of us who declare that we believe in Jesus and that Jesus saved us.

1. Jesus promised us He will always be with us.
2. And today we learnt, that God has promised to re-create a whole new, perfect world for us all when Jesus comes back.

God was the one who created the world and when he created it, it was perfect. But then SIN came into the picture which made us hurt each other and made God unhappy. That's when our world became imperfect.

But we have HOPE, because God is always making our world better, that's why He sent Jesus to come to save us and make us new.

And we have HOPE, because God promised to come back and re-create a new world that perfect with no tears, no fear, no pain, no sickness. We too, will be given a new body with no pain or sickness.

Because of that, even though bad things are happening in our world now, we can still have JOY in our hearts. Having joy doesn't mean that we feel happy all the time, but that we can choose to be happy because we have hope that:

1. God's Promise will SURELY happen, just like Abraham and Sarah who put their Hope in God.
2. God will keep us SECURE and take care of us even when bad things continue to happen, just like David who put his Hope in God.

**Huddle Activity 2 - Reflection 1+1 (10 mins)**

So HopeKids, some questions for you to ponder on and write in your books:

1. What is my idea of heaven? Is it different from what I learnt today?
2. How does God's promise of re-creating a new heaven help me have hope?
3. How does hope help me have JOY?

**Wrap up & Pray (3 mins)**

*(Leaders, are allowed to use their own words, these are for leaders who needs some guidance!)*

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for being a good God.

Who helps us to be STRONG and SECURE.

Even when difficult times come,

And I feel scared and sad,

Help me to HOPE in you,

Remembering You will take care of me,

And re-create a perfect me,

And a perfect world.

That Hope, brings me Joy.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

**Announcement & Pack Up (3 mins)**

Huddle leaders to do any announcements for next week's kids service

**AFTER SESSION:** Huddle leaders are to clear any rubbish and keep Huddle Guide Material Box in respective cabinets/storage areas