



HOPE & IGNITE

A Weekly Middle & High School Newsletter
Sunday School Lessons with Other News & Updates for Youth



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Unit 5 Overview

Our world often feels hopeless and full of despair. Still, our faith points us toward a story and a future filled with hope. In this unit, students will discover what it means to believe in this hope and will work to understand how to place their trust in the life, ministry, and resurrection of Jesus. Paired with the spiritual practice of doing works of mercy, students will see themselves as part of this hope which culminates in the coming kingdom of God.

Unit 5; Lesson 3 Snapshot

Paul writes to the Thessalonians for the first time after hearing they are starting to despair in their faith. They believed Jesus would return within their lifetimes; but now, after several years, people are beginning to die. Paul gives the people a pep talk and reminds them of who they are and how far they have come because of their faith. He emphasizes that their hope is not because of what they can gain for themselves, but what Jesus has done for them.

Lesson 3 Take-Away

Because of Christ we have hope in the future and can boldly and confidently do God's work in the world today.

Bible Lesson

Fun-Fact

Thessalonians have experienced suffering as a result of their decision to follow Jesus. But the hope they receive through Jesus gives them what they most need in order to face that suffering: perseverance.



The corresponding videos for each lesson are available through our Grace UMC Youtube channel



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Contact our Co-Directors of Christian Education with any Questions or Ideas you have for our Youth Programming.

Session 3:

Hope Because of Christ

Engage

Hopeful Poets

In the space below, write a haiku about hope, specifically about the hope we have in Jesus.

5 syllables: _____

7 syllables: _____

5 syllables: _____

- Why do you think it is important for us to talk about hope? What does hope offer us that other emotions and feelings cannot?

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 (Common English Bible)

² We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. ³ This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. ⁴ Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. ⁵ We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. ⁷ As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. ⁹ People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a result, you are serving the living and true God, ¹⁰ and you are

waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

Hope Pep Talk

As your leader reads aloud the Bible Lesson, stand up or raise your hands and shout "Me!" every time she or he reads the word "you."

Key Verse

This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. . . . and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.
—1 Thessalonians 1:3, 10

Hope in Disappointment

- When have you experienced disappointment in your life? Spend the next few minutes drawing a picture in the space below about a time when you felt disappointed.

- When you were feeling disappointed, what gave you hope that things would get better? How did that hope end up working out?

I See You

When has someone noticed or celebrated work that you've done or an obstacle that you've overcome? What did it mean to you that someone noticed your efforts?



Mercy for One Another

- What is one way you can help your partner during next week?

“Lord, thank you for the mercy and support of our brothers and sisters. As you are with us, let us be with others when they are in need. Amen.”

JOHN THE BAPTIST



A E I A P W E H A Z I T N F B O U Q
 X D C U P J X B N B D Y E A Q H Y A
 A G N I S S E F N O C L Y T A S T M
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WATER	HEROD	MESSIAH	SON
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BAPTISM	JUDEA	PREACHING	BIRTH
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Happy New Year!

JOIN US FOR A 3 WEEK PRAYER STUDY!!

The Wesley Prayer Challenge is a 21 day prayer exercise of remembering, renewing, and surrendering oneself to completely trust God.

Each daily reading will include a scripture, prayer, and daily challenge for your life.



This three week Covenant Prayer is intended to reflect on the meaning of our lives and how it all fits into a bigger picture. The Zoom link for the THREE sessions is:

Session 1

Sat. Jan. 16 at 1 p.m.

or

Sun., Jan. 17 at 1 p.m.

Session 2

Sat. Jan. 23 at 1 p.m.

or

Sun., Jan. 24 at 1 p.m.

Session 3

Sat. Jan. 30 at 1 p.m.

or

Sun., Jan. 31 at 1 p.m.

21 DAYS TO A CLOSER WALK WITH CHRIST

The Wesley Prayer Challenge



CHRIS FOLMSBEE

