



**First, watch  
this week's  
video!**

**Hope: Believing  
that  
something  
good can  
come out of  
something bad**

**Memory Verse**

"In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world."  
John 16:33b, NIRV

**Bible Story**

Palm Sunday  
John 12:9-16

**Bottom Line**

Whatever happens, remember God is still working.

Use this guide to help your family learn about hope.



## Activity

### Boss for a Day

#### What You Need:

Paper and markers

#### What You Do:

Ask your child to dream up what they'd do if they could be the boss of the house for the day. Let them create a list of rules. (They can draw pictures if spelling is a challenge.)

Then, let your child be "the boss" (within reason) for a limited amount of time. Or choose another time in the near future when you can let them "rule" for a few hours.

Wrap up by asking/saying:

- What kinds of things is a boss in charge of? Think of a teacher, coach, or parent. What are they in charge of?
- God is kind of like a "boss" that never quits! God loves us like a perfect Father. And God is always working in our lives, no matter what's happening. God's plan is always good!

## Talk About the Bible Story

How did Jesus arrive in Jerusalem? (*On a donkey's back, with people placing down palm branches for Him to walk on*)

Why were the people so excited to see Jesus come to town? (*They believed He was the promised Savior.*)

Read Zechariah 9:9. How did Jesus fulfill these words when He arrived in Jerusalem?

We all have to face tough situations sometimes, when we don't know how things will work out. In those times, how can we remind ourselves that God is still working? (*Pray, talk with family/friends, read in the Bible about how God is always faithful and good.*)

*Parent: Share an age-appropriate story about a time when you asked God for something and you waited a long time—or are still waiting. Explain how you remained hopeful.*

## Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for the good news that You never stop working. You don't ever pause, break down, or forget about us. When we feel anxious about things that aren't happening right away, please help us remember the hope we have in Jesus. He came to be our Savior, just like You promised long ago! We ask that Your Spirit would interrupt our worries this week and encourage us that whatever happens, You are still working. Amen."