

Small Group Leader Guide

Virtual Small Group

December Week 1

K3

Today's Bible Story: High Hopes (Jesus Is Promised) • *Isaiah 9:6*

Today's Bottom Line: We can have hope because God keeps His promises.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.* Luke 2:11 (NIRV)

Monthly Life App: Christmas—Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

What You Need:

- If possible, print and cut apart the cards on the "Action" Activity Page. (If a printer is not available, just have the document ready on your device.)
- Print or have the "Review Questions" Activity Page ready.

What You Do:

- As kids join the meeting and get settled, engage them in conversation about the past week.
- If you choose, consider using one of the ice breakers or games on the "Virtual Small Group General Info" page.
- If you've chosen to watch the Bible story video presentation as a group, get that started once you've given latecomers a chance to join the meeting, and once the group feels settled.
- After the Bible story video, transition into the activity below.

Activity:

What You Do:

- If you have the "Action" cards printed, pull one randomly out of the stack and hold it up. (Otherwise, just choose an action from the page.)
- Ask for a volunteer to be the first to answer a question about today's story.
 - If the kid answers the question correctly, everyone in the group has to do the action that the kid pulled out of the bag.
 - If the answer is incorrect, the kid has to do the action alone.
 - If anyone is particularly shy on camera or just doesn't want to participate, let others have a chance to volunteer to take that kid's place and do the action for them.

What You Say:

"Do you think it's difficult to trust a person who breaks their promises over and over again? Why? The Israelites broke their promise to love and obey God over and over again. But God still kept His promise to never leave them. He sent good kings and prophets to help them and show them that He was still with them.

"Today we heard how God promised over and over that He would send a Savior to rescue us from our sins. He made lots of different promises about Jesus coming to rescue us years before Jesus was even born. God promised His people that He would send Jesus, and He did! That's because God ALWAYS keeps His promises. Because God has kept His promises in the past,

we know that He will keep His promises to us now and in the future. ***[Bottom Line]* We can have hope because God keeps His promises.** Now, that's something to celebrate at Christmas!"

Close your group in prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for reminding us today that You are a promise keeper. Remind us that we can always trust You to keep Your promise to listen and help us deal with our concerns, worries, and disappointments. ***[Bottom Line]* We can have hope because God keeps His promises.** Amen."