



# Hope

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**Jeremiah 29:11**, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord...“plans to give you hope and a future.” (NIV)

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Hope is the belief in a positive outcome about the future.

**▶ TO THE TEACHER:**

There are three points to this lesson:

1. Hope is the belief in a positive outcome about the future.
2. Hope always precedes faith.
3. Hope gives your faith something to shoot for.

**Hope is the belief in a positive outcome about the future.**

As Christians we hope to go to Heaven some day. We hope that we will see Jesus. In Heaven there is no more sickness and no more tears. People that don't believe in God have no hope.

Hope is a powerful tool as it gives our faith something to shoot for. If you have a bad day, you hope that tomorrow will be a better day. If you are sick you hope to be healed. If you don't have any money you hope that God will meet your needs.

**Hope always precedes faith.** Hope is the beginning of faith. It is a positive attitude that things will be better. Negative people don't have any faith because they don't have any hope. This is why God gives us hope. Hope helps us to get rid of negative thinking.

**Hope gives your faith something to shoot for.** Hope is like a goal that you are shooting for. If you are sick, faith begins with having a positive attitude that you will get

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better. Once you have hope, then it is time to put your faith into action. When you pray and ask God to heal you, you are putting your faith into action. You may hope to play in the NFL when you grow up. That is a good dream, but it's not going to happen just because you are hoping for it. You need to add some faith to your hopes. Faith without works is dead. You need to work out and practice playing football every day. Put yourself under a good coach and do what he says. Hope is good, but hope by itself does not get the job done.



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## LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #1
_____	6. Bottom Line:	Hope is the belief in a positive outcome about the future.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,..."plans to give you hope and a future." (NIV)
_____	8. Drama:	Lilly Cypress: "The Soloist"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Faith, Hope & Love
_____	10. Short Film:	What Is Hope?
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	A Hole In One
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	



**MOTION COMIC: *The Adventures of the Masked Hero***

*Hope: Episode #1*

**TO THE TEACHER:**

The purpose of the Motion Comic is to give the kids something fun to look forward to each week and to introduce the lesson.

**TO THE KIDS:**

When Johnny heard Mrs. Thornton talk about the need for missionaries, he decided then to go to China.

This was a good desire, but it was not for now. It was for the future.

Johnny tried to make it happen now and it kind of backfired on him.

Today we are talking about hope.

Do you guys know what hope is?

Let's take a look at the Bottom Line.

Can you say it with me: ***"Hope is the belief in a positive outcome about the future."***

What are some positive things you are hoping for in your future? Do you think God wants you to have hope? Does He see positive things in your future? Let's take a look at the Memory Verse. Can you say it with me, ***Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,..."plans to give you hope and a future."***



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



**DRAMA**

***Lilly Cypress: "The Soloist"***

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Hope is a picture

**CHARACTERS:**

Lilly Cypress

**PROPS:**

Lilly Cypress Costume (A tween pop star look)  
Microphone

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**DRAMA SCRIPT:**

(Lilly Cypress enters sulking)

Teacher: Hey, Lilly!

Lilly: (Completely depressed) Hey.

Teacher: Lilly, what's with the bad attitude?

Lilly: I just realized that I am never going to be a glamorous, super-fabulous, teen-queen, mega-singing, pop-craze, sensation!

Teacher: You are never going to be a what?

Lilly: A SUPERSTAR!!! (Throws up jazz hands, then abruptly begins crying hysterically)

Teacher: I thought that's what you wanted to do.

Lilly: It is. More than anything, I want to be a superstar (Throws up jazz hands). That's why I have such a bad attitude. Because, the one thing I want, I can never have! (Begins crying hysterically again)

Teacher: Lilly...

Lilly: (Sobbing) I'll never be rich!

Teacher: Lilly, just listen...

Lilly: (Still sobbing) I'll never be famous!

Teacher: Lilly, just listen for a second and...

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***Lilly Cypress: "High Hopes" Drama Script — Continued***

Lilly: (Still Sobbing) And I will never have a guest appearance on "Singing With the Stars!"

Teacher: (Shouts) LILLY!

Lilly: (Stops crying and sniffles) What?

Teacher: I have heard you sing, and you are really good at it.

Lilly: I know.

Teacher: So why do you suddenly think you can't do it?

Lilly: Well, I was walking home from basketball practice with Betsy, and she said that in order to be a superstar, you have to "know people." AND I DON'T KNOW ANYONE! (Starts crying again)

Teacher: Lilly! When you think about your future, what do you see yourself doing?

Lilly: Singing in front of millions of people, all over the world!

Teacher: See! Did you know that picture of yourself is actually a dream that God has given you?

Lilly: Really?

Teacher: Yes! That dream is what the Bible calls the hope of your future!

Lilly: So, my dream to be a superstar came from God?

Teacher: Exactly!

Lilly: I still don't know anyone to make me a superstar! I can't do this on my own!

Teacher: That's right! You can't do it on your own.

Lilly: Why would God give me a dream that I can't actually do?

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**Lilly Cypress: "High Hopes" Drama Script — Continued**

Teacher: He doesn't want you to do it on your own. He wants you to use your faith to do it.

Lilly: Isn't faith and hope like the same thing?

Teacher: Not really. Hope is the thing we look forward to, and faith is what makes the thing you hope for happen.

Lilly: Like practicing my songs?

Teacher: Kind of. Practicing your songs is acting on your faith. You keep pressing toward the thing you are hoping for even though you might not be able to see it yet.

Lilly: Wow! I need to go get the band together to practice!

Teacher: So you are not going to quit singing?

Lilly: No! I'm never going to let this dream go! (Ponders) Huh... That sounds like a billboard #1 hit! (Sings) I'm never gonna let this dream gooooo! (Speaking again) It could use a little work. Bye fans!

(Lilly Exits)

**THE END**



**OBJECT LESSON**

***Faith, Hope & Love***

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:**

I Corinthians 13:13

**TAKE HOME POINT:**

Faith, hope and love work together.

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- 1 package of Kool-Aid
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 quarts of water
- 1 clear two quart pitcher
- 1 large spoon

**PREPARATION:**

Place items on table in front of class

**OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

The Bible says that there are three things necessary to answered prayer and they work together. They are faith, hope and love. All three work together to help you receive from God. If one is left out the other two can't work right.

(Open Kool-Aid and put into pitcher.)

It takes three things to make Kool-Aid. It takes a package of Kool-Aid, a cup of sugar and two quarts of water. If you leave one of the ingredients out, it won't taste right. No one can drink the powder, it isn't ready yet.

(Pour water into the pitcher with the Kool-Aid.)

This looks good, does anyone want to test it for me? (Allow one of the kids to test the Kool-Aid without the sugar.)

That didn't taste very good did it? What is missing? The

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***Faith, Hope and Love Object Lesson — continued***

sugar. Sugar is like the love of God. We need all three: faith, hope and love to get our prayers answered.

Hope all by itself does not get the job done. Faith needs hope to have something to shoot for. Negative people that have no hope can't get to the faith part.

Faith works by love. If we don't walk in love our faith won't work. If we don't forgive others God can't forgive us. We need all three - faith, hope and love.



**INTER-ACTIVE  
OBJECT LESSON**

***A Hole In One***

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:**

Hope gives your faith something to shoot for.

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

Putter  
Golf ball  
Plastic cup you can lay on its side  
Practice putting green - If your budget allows you can find online for about \$20  
Small prize

**PREPARATION:**

Set up your practice putting green in front of class

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Pick four kids to have a putting contest  
Prize goes to whoever gets a hole in one

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**SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:**

Have you ever played putt putt golf? Do you know anybody that is really good at it? If I just come up here and swat the ball, it will miss the cup. (Hit the ball without aiming.) What do I need to do if I want to sink my putt? I need to aim for the target. The target is the cup. In real life hope is like the cup in putt putt. Hope is the belief in a positive outcome about the future. If I have a bad day, it is an attitude that tomorrow will be a better day. What are some things that you are hoping for? (Allow kids to respond.) Those are all good things to hope for, but hope all by itself will not get the job done. Hope just gives our faith something to shoot for, but I still have to swing the club. If I just stand here all day and aim at the cup nothing happens. If I swing wildly without aiming I will miss the cup. I need to aim and take the swing. Hope and faith are like a team. They work together.



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## DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

### ▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. Hope is the belief in a positive outcome about the \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A. future**  
B. past  
C. present  
D. Super Bowl
2. What three things work together?  
A. Chocolate, vanilla and peanut butter  
**B. Faith, hope and love**  
C. Cleanliness, neatness and godliness  
D. Obedience, success and failure
3. Hope is a \_\_\_\_ for your faith to shoot for.  
A. church  
B. sandwich  
C. gorilla  
**D. goal**
4. As Christians what are we hoping for?  
A. Heaven  
B. Jesus is coming again  
C. No more tears  
**D. All of the above**
5. Hope always precedes \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Christmas  
B. breakfast  
**C. faith**  
D. patience



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## PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

\_\_\_\_\_ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Review Prizes (penny candy)

### Lilly Cypress: "The Soloist" — Pages 5-7

#### Characters

\_\_\_\_\_ Lilly Cypress

#### Props (Lilly Cypress Costume)

\_\_\_\_\_ Microphone

### Object Lesson: Faith, Hope and Love — Pages 8-9

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 package of Kool-Aid

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 cup of sugar

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 quarts of water

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 clear two quart pitcher

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 large spoon

### Inter-Active Lesson: A Hole In One — Page 10

\_\_\_\_\_ Putter

\_\_\_\_\_ Golf ball

\_\_\_\_\_ Plastic cup you can lay on its side

\_\_\_\_\_ Practice putting green - If your budget allows you can find online for about \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Small prize

### Small Group: What I'm Hoping For

\_\_\_\_\_ A Toys R Us catalog/sale page or similar

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

### Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?