

## 1 PETER

### LESSON 1: A LIVING HOPE ☆

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*Through this lesson, children learn that God uses the trials and hardships in our lives to refine our faith and provide opportunities for us to be a witness to others.*

#### TOPICS

Difficulties, Encouragement, Hardship, Hope, Patience, Perseverance, Suffering

#### AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

Letters of Encouragement (Activity) [Click here](#)

#### OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISE (5 MINUTES)

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#### MEMORY WORK (10 MINUTES)

**"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Romans 8:18 NIV**

For ideas on memorizing this verse, check out the memorization ideas located in teaching aids. [Click here](#)

#### SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 MINUTES)

##### Introduction:

1 Peter is a letter from the apostle Peter, written to encourage Christians who were scattered throughout the regions of Asia Minor because of persecution. Peter's words encourage all believers by informing them that God uses trials to refine their faith and increase their witness.

##### Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 (A Living Hope)

##### Discussion Questions:

1. From what do believers receive a living hope? *(A Christian's living hope comes from the new birth given by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)*
2. What will never happen to our spiritual inheritance in Heaven? *(It will never perish, spoil, or fade.)*
3. By what is our faith shielded? *(God's Power.)*
4. How long will children of God suffer grief in all kinds of trials? *(A little while.)*
5. Why does God allow hardships to occur in the lives of believers? *(Trials and hardships refine a believer's faith and prove that it is genuine.)*
6. What is the goal of our faith? *(The salvation of our souls.)*

#### CLASS EXERCISE (10 MINUTES)

What Encourages You? (Activity) [Click here](#)

#### ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (10 MINUTES)

Why Struggle? (Object Talk) [Click here](#)

#### APPLICATION (4 MINUTES)

Christians will have trials and hardships while on earth. While going through such times is not pleasant, we can gain strength in knowing that God is using these times to perfect our faith. We also find hope in knowing that our faith is shielded by God's Power. As we navigate our way through the tough times, several things happen; our faith is refined and proved genuine, we acquire insight on how to minister to others who are going through similar circumstances, and we provide opportunities for other Christians to use their gifts to minister and encourage us.

#### NEXT WEEK

Come back next week to learn how to live like an alien.

#### CLOSING PRAYER (2 MINUTES)

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