

Hope

Word Forms:

- hope (n) "I have a lot of hope that we will win the game."
- hope (v) "I hope we will win the game."
- hopeful (adj) "I'm hopeful that we will win the game."
- hopefully (adv) "Hopefully, we'll win the game."
- hopeless (adj) "There's only one minute left. It's hopeless. We won't win the game."

Related Words:

- wish (n,v) "I wish I had a lot of money." (v)
- desire (n,v) "What is your greatest desire in life?" (n)
- expect (v) "I expect that we'll win the game."
- faith (n) "I have a lot of faith in our players. I think we'll win the game."
- trust (n,v) "I trust that our coach will make good decisions." (v)
- assurance (n) "Because our team has never lost before, I have a lot of assurance that we'll win this game."
- confidence (n) "How much confidence do you have in your ability to speak English?"
- optimistic (adj) "I'm very optimistic that we'll win the game."
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- despair (n,v) When people have many problems in life, they often feel despair. (n)

Exercises:

1. "I don't have much _____ that the sun is going to come out today."
2. Some older people _____ that they could be young again.
3. Tim is a very _____ person. He always _____ that good things will happen.

Questions:

1. What hopes or desires do you have?
2. Are you an optimistic person, or a pessimistic person?
3. What do you think the Bible says about hope? In whom should we put our hope? For what should we hope?

Bible Readings:

1. "Put your hope in the LORD, because with the LORD there is mercy and with him there is unlimited forgiveness." (Psalm 130:7, God's Word)
2. "Because of his great mercy [God] gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven." (1 Peter 1:3-4, TEV)
3. "We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." (Hebrews 6:19, NRSV)
4. "That hope comes from the patience and strength that the Scriptures give us." (Romans 15:4, Easy-to-Read Version)

Questions:

1. Why does the Bible say that we should put our hope in the LORD (God)? (reading 1)
2. What did God do to give us a "living hope"? What can we now look forward to? (reading 2)

3. How does the Bible describe the kind of hope that Christians have in God? (reading 3)
4. Where do we learn about the hope that God gives us? (reading 4)