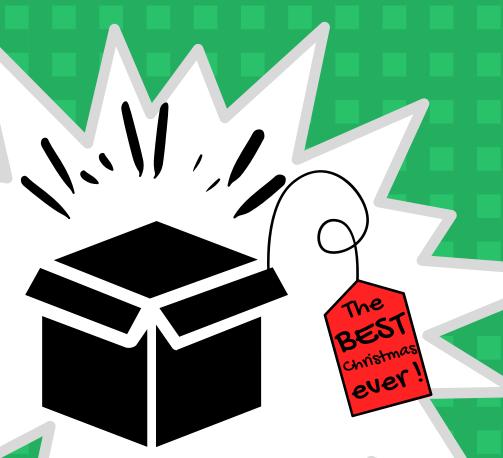
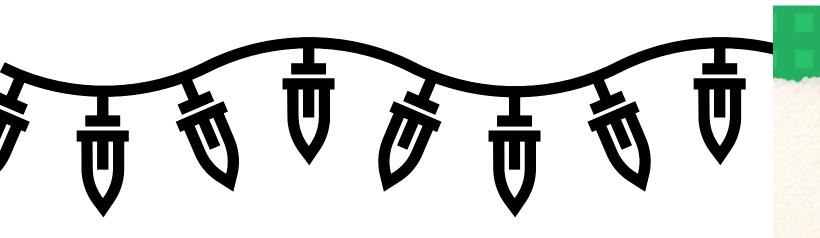
H PEKING SERVICE COMPANION

DECEMBER 6, 2020

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Custom sermon note pages for kids to enjoy during the service
- Colouring / Activity pages
- Two devotionals with discussion guide and activities designed to create conversation around this week's Big Idea - one for older children and the other for younger
- Memory verse cards





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Romans 15:13a NIV

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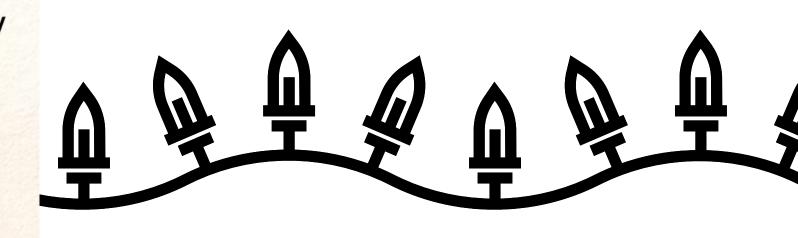


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MEMORY VERSE





Ask your child to grab their favourite toy or stuffy to play a game of hideand-seek with you. Make sure to tell your child that he can trust you to hide this special toy in a safe place.

Choose a hiding place that will be hard for your child to discover without your help. After searching for a while, when your child seems ready to give up, offer to help. With verbal clues and encouragement, let your child find the special toy that you have hidden. Then celebrate together!!

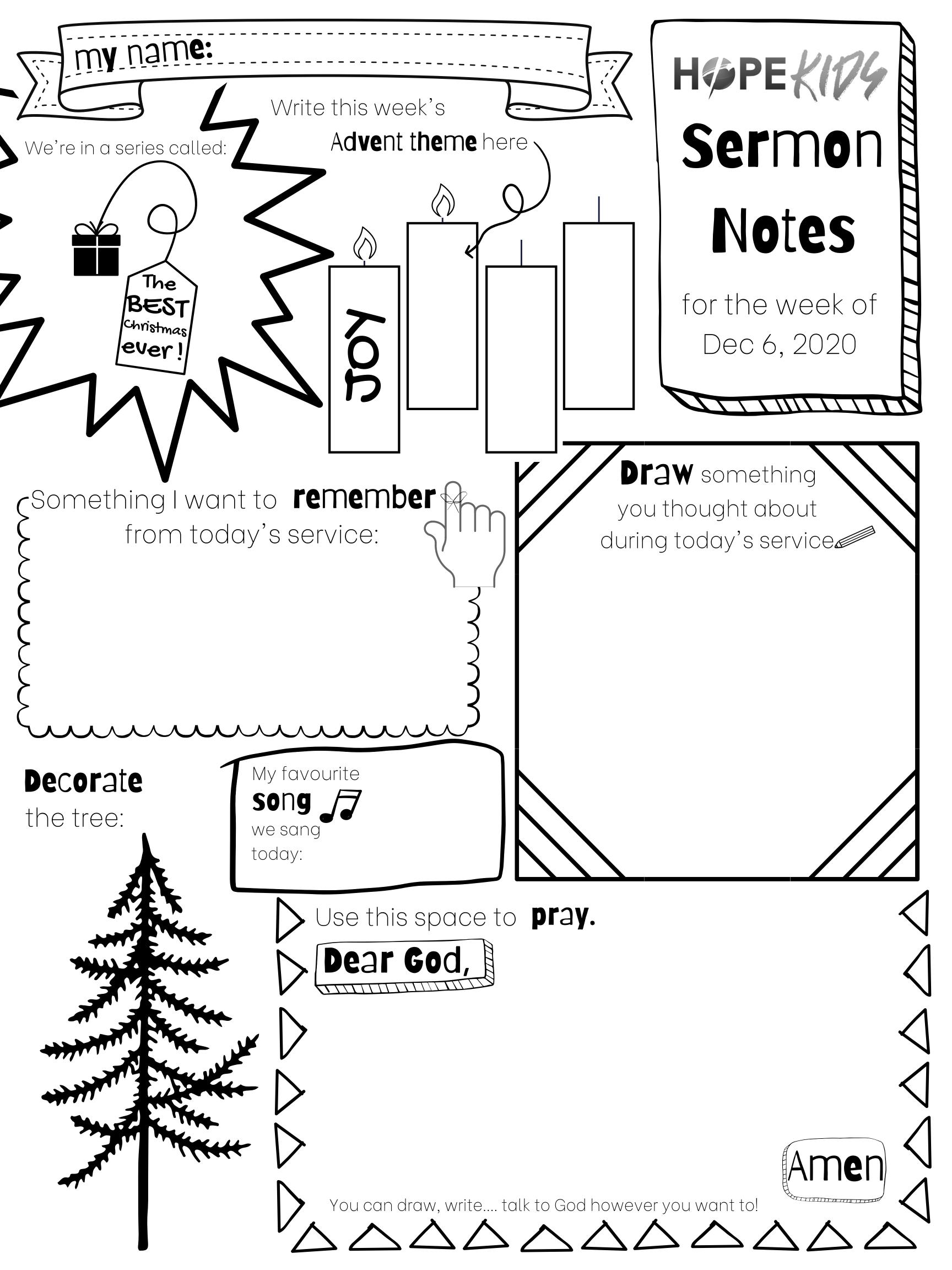
Thank your child for trusting you with this special toy, even though you hid it away out of sight. Ask your child why they chose to trust that you had hidden the toy and not just thrown it away. Share that when he believed you would keep his toy safe, he was showing hope, hope that you didn't throw his toy away or put it somewhere it wouldn't be found again. Explain that your child didn't worry about this toy because he had hope that he would get it back safely. Just as your child trusted you to take care of a favourite toy, so we can have hope that God will care and help us.

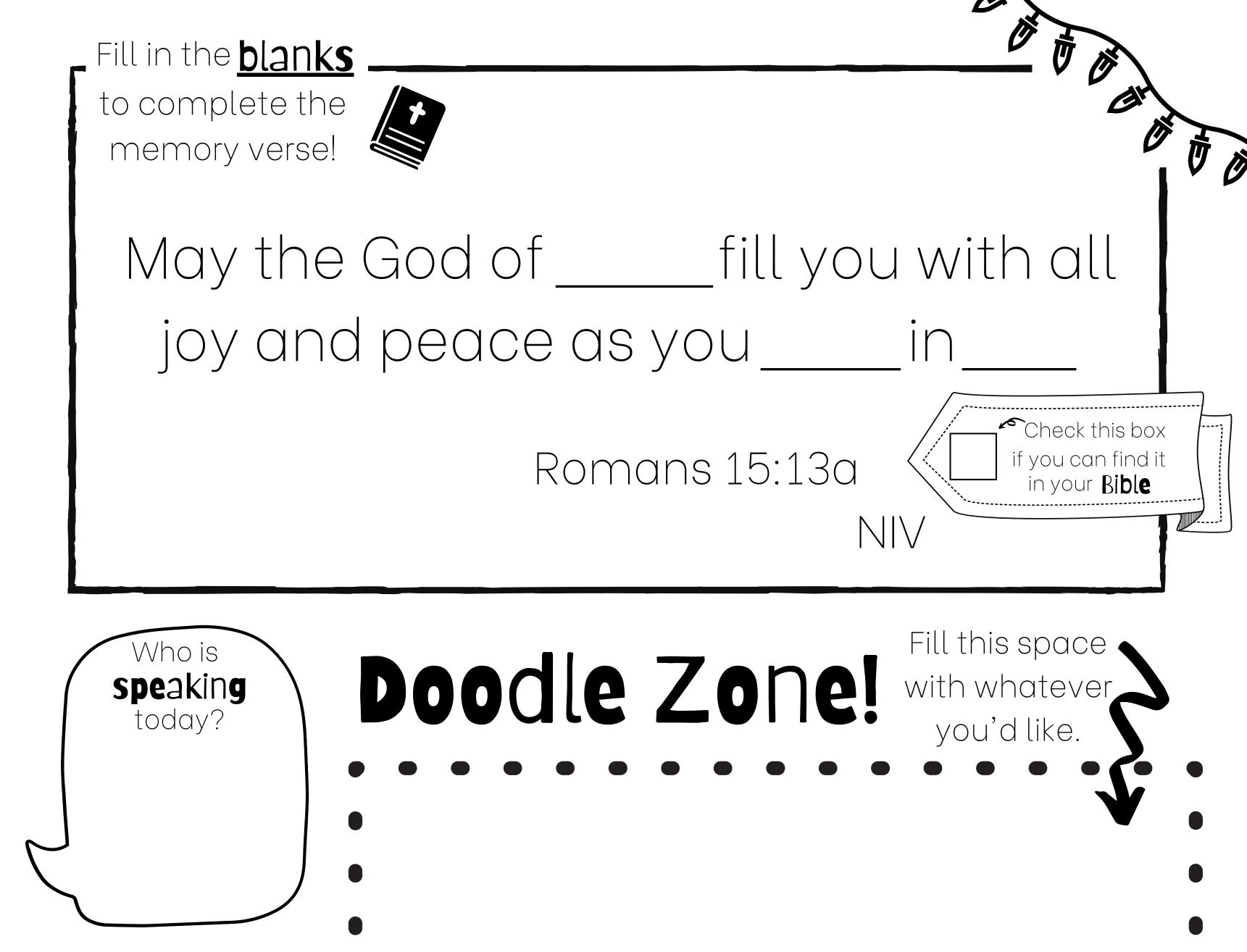
Read Jeremiah 29:11 and explain that God's desire is for each person to have hope in God all the days of their lives as they trust Him. That doesn't mean we will always have good things happen to us, some days are hard, but it means that God won't leave us when things are tough. Remind your child that God is always in control no matter what circumstances we might face in our lives.

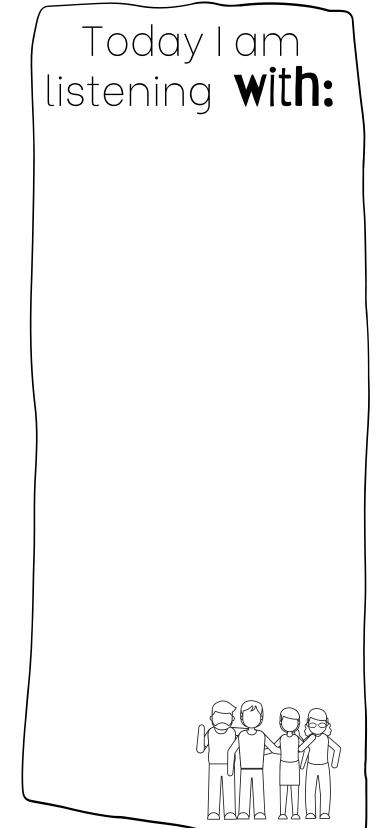
Read Romans 15:13 together and pray thanking God that we can overflow with hope because He's the God who gives it to us!!

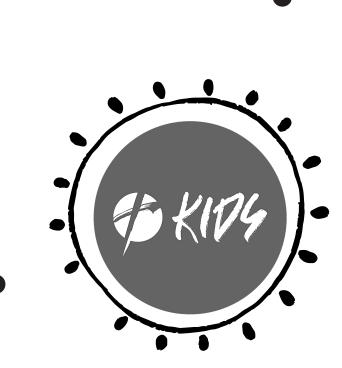


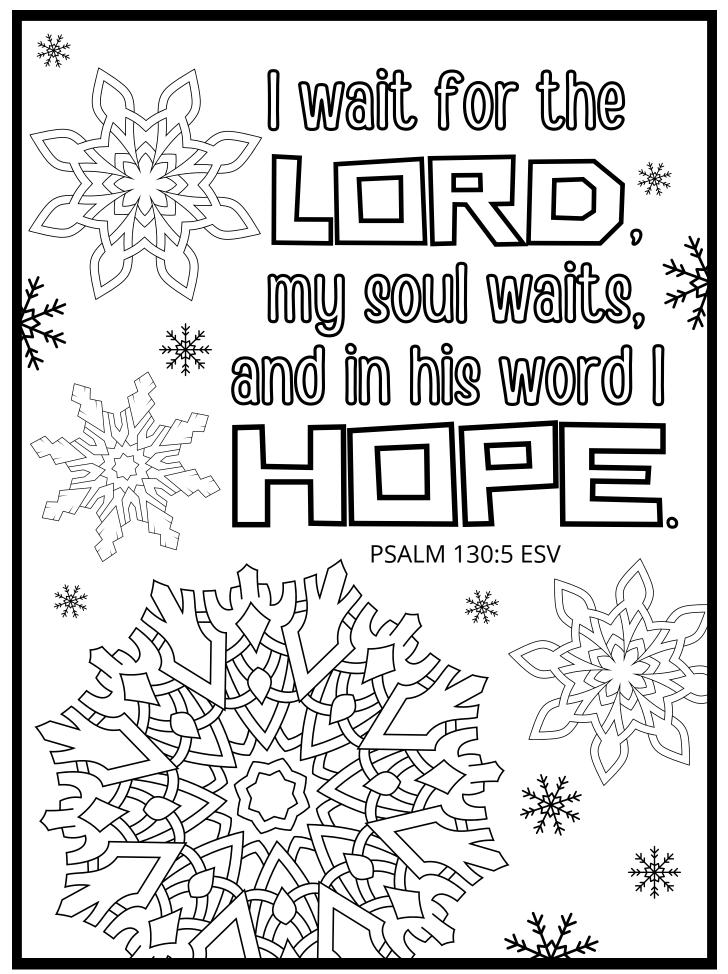
Fill in the blank to these sentences:
I hope I get for Christmas. I hope (team) wins the next Grey Cup. I hope to travel to someday. I hope I get on my next test at school.
What is hope exactly? In these sentences above, you are hoping for things that might not happen. But when we think of hope that we read about in the Bible, we know it will happen because God keeps His promises and it true to His word. The Israelites hoped for hundreds of years for a Messiah to come. They didn't know who or when or how, just that it would happen because God said it would. Now that's hope!!
Read Jeremiah 29:11 and see that God desires for our lives to full of hope! In our world today, people can be completely hopeless, not believing any good thing will happen to them or happen in the world. People like that can be hard to be around because they are grumpy and kinda skeptical. As those who believe in Jesus, we have every reason to hope for BIG things because God has delivered before and He will definitely do it again. So don't get caught up in complaining about the way things are – have hope that God is at work and will bring about good things in His time. And, even in hard times, look around for where hope is showing up – it's there all the time if we take time to look for it.
Now fill in these blanks:
Hope is Believing in God Being cheerful and positive when things are hard Being flexible when plans change Finding the good in all situations of life
Hope is not Giving up on others when they need you Being miserable and negative Being stubborn when plans change Whining and complaining when things are hard















Let's celebrate!