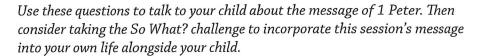
Session 3 Guide





Read Again

1 Peter 1:6-9

"You have not seen Christ, but still you love him. You cannot see him now, but you believe in him. You are filled with a joy that cannot be explained. And that joy is full of glory."

(1 Peter 1:8, ICB)

- **1. What does Peter say makes us happy and hopeful?** (Knowing we have our "happily ever after" waiting for us.)
- **2. Why do bad things still happen to us today?** (Because we aren't there yet. We aren't living in God's perfect place.)
- **3. Peter says "faith" is believing...what?** (That God can save us from our broken world and bring us into his perfect one.)
- **4. What makes it easier to get through hard times today?** (Believing our stories will end with a "happily ever after.")
- 5. Do you believe God can do anything? Do you believe he can bring us into a perfect world? How does that make you feel?

So What?

For Toddlers

Read a story together that ends in "happily ever after." Practice saying the phrase "happily ever after" together.

For Grade Schoolers

Take time to imagine together what "happily ever after" might look like in God's perfect world. What broken things will be fixed? What will our bodies be like? Who will we see there? What is Jesus like? Look forward to this world together.

For you

It can be easy to focus on the painful things that happen to us in this world. Do you fix your gaze on trouble, or on the coming reality of eternity with Christ? Take some time to think and journal about the perfect eternal reality we are headed toward. How does this diminish the size of your troubles today?