



Key teaching points

- ◆ **God's Hope is everlasting and much better than we can imagine.**
- ◆ **Jesus is the greatest Hero Of Hope.**

Suggested Outline

The Heroes Of Hope material can be used in whatever order or format works best for you. However, the following suggested outline may prove helpful.

- 1. Remind the children what 'hope' is in the Bible** (see Introduction).
Depending on the age of the children, you may want to talk about *'Being sure God is with us and will look after us'* or *'A firm confidence that God will look after us and that He has a perfect future for us.'*
- 2. Read (and explain if necessary) the main teaching points** - listed above.
- 3. Watch a Global Church Story film** - eg. South Sudan
After the film, you may want to have a quick chat about it, or just ask how the people in the story are helping to share God's hope.
- 4. Read the Bible Story (Jesus and Nicodemus)**
 - ➔ Open the 'Session 4 Bible Story' pdf.
 - ➔ Read, or use, the 'background' to help set the scene.
 - ➔ Read the Bible passage or watch one of the animated films (or read *and* watch).
 - ➔ Read, or use, 'The Story Continues' to complete the story. Or you can use this after the activities.
- 5. Do one or more of the Session 4 activities [pdf]**
Depending on the age of the children and available time, pick whichever activities you want.
- 6. Watch a Global Church Story film** - eg. Zambia
After the film, you may want to have a quick chat about it, or just ask how the people in the story are helping to share God's hope.
- 7. Recap and application**
If you have time, you may want to ask some questions or have a bit of a chat about today's Bible story and Global Church films, to help reinforce the main teaching points. For example:
 - ➔ Why do you think Nicodemus goes to visit Jesus when it was late at night?
 - ➔ What does Jesus say needs to happen for people to be in God's Kingdom'?
 - ➔ Why did God send His son, Jesus to the world?
 - ➔ What happens when people believe in Jesus and choose to follow him?
 - ➔ Why do you think Jesus is the greatest Hero Of Hope of all time?
 - ➔ From the Global Church story films... How is the Church helping people to know Jesus and to experience his hope?
 - ➔ What can we do to help share Jesus' hope with other people?
 - ➔ What can we do to help CMSI's Global Partners share Jesus' hope with other people?