

Jesus Gives Life & Hope

Intro: What do you think of when I say the word Easter? Yes eggs, bunnies ...new life. Each of us has been given LIFE here on earth-but is this LIFE all there is? Is there **HOPE** after your **LIFE** on earth is over...

We're going to talk about **LIFE & HOPE**...**WORD UP: LIFE & HOPE**

HOPE card #1

The kind of **HOPE** the Bible talks about means "For sure!" It doesn't mean you'd really **want** something to happen...Like "I **really hope** I get to go to Disneyworld." Bible **HOPE** means something **WILL** happen. Just think about Bible **HOPE** as a Home in Heaven ... When you trust in Jesus as the only One Who can fix your sin separation by giving His life on the cross, then your Home in Heaven is a done-deal. You have **Heaven HOPE**.



Jesus:
~ Came to earth 2000 yrs ago (*Optional-Show Time Line*)
~ traveled a lot, taught the people, stayed in people's homes...probably stayed with a family of 3 siblings



Lazarus got sick. Read & tell story in John 11:1-45.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; He that believes this, though he die, yet shall he live."



LIFE card #3

Do you know Jesus is God, the Son, He is the Creator-by His power, He gives **LIFE** to everything in the world, including you. The Bible says, "For You have formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb." **Psalm 139:13** God gave you your body/**LIFE** and loves you more than you can ever imagine.

Jesus went to the tomb...He cried...



HOPE card #4

Perhaps Jesus cried because death brings so much pain & sadness. When God made the world, it was perfect: there was no death. Do you know why death came into the world? That's right-the first 2 people that God made disobeyed God. Sin & suffering came into the world.

Do you remember what sin is? Who has sinned? **Ephesians 2:1** What is the punishment for your sin & mine? You cannot fix this problem yourself. You are **HOPE**less- you have no **HOPE**...but Jesus gives us **HOPE**. Only Jesus can fix your sin problem so you can have Heaven **HOPE**.

LIFE card #2

The Bible talks about 2 kinds of **LIFE**... Physical and eternal. Physical life is the life we have in these bodies but they don't last forever... people die ...usually when they are old. Eternal life lasts forever.

When you believe in Jesus, He gives you eternal **LIFE**. This kind of **LIFE** is really powerful. Eternal **LIFE** will take you to Heaven someday but it also gives you power to serve God **here** while you are on the earth.



Jesus called out, "Lazarus come forth!" And Lazarus came out of the cave...Jesus said to unwrap him...

Many believed but some of the religious leaders hated Him even more & planned to kill Him...



Jesus was nailed to a cross-it was a long painful way to die. He suffered between 2 criminals; Jesus never did anything wrong. He always chose to do the right thing. He didn't **HAVE** to die-He **Chose** to die to pay for your sins. **1 Peter 3:18** After 6 hours of this torture, He gave up His life.

He died & was buried in a rich man's grave-a cave. 3 days later He showed the world that He was alive again!

HOPE card #5

Jesus gives us **HOPE** because He died on the cross and made the way to Heaven. When you believe in Jesus, you can have His certain **HOPE** you will live with Him forever. When It's time for you to leave the earth, you can have God's perfect, peaceful **HOPE** that you will be with God forever in His Heaven Home.



Jesus is the One Who gives you your physical **LIFE** and eternal **LIFE**. He wants to give you the sure **HOPE** of Heaven. Whisper with me: Jesus gives **LIFE**!

LIFE card #6

If you believe in Jesus as your Savior, He has given you new **LIFE** with Him. Jesus gives **LIFE**! This new **LIFE** frees you from the power of sin. The Bible says, "...the Spirit of **LIFE** has set you free in Christ Jesus from...sin." **Romans 8:2**. This means sinful desires are not your boss any more. Ask God to help you win over sinful 'want-to s' and do what the **HE** wants.

Jesus' body was taken down from the cross. They cleaned His precious dead body and wrapped Him in clean clothes. They took Him into a Garden where there was a rich man's tomb-a cave carved out of the rock. They laid His body on a rock table and left sorrowfully. A big stone was rolled on the front of the cave. Roman soldiers stood guard so no one



LIFE card #7

This is the true story of Easter ...bunnies, flowers...But the real reason we celebrate Easter is because Jesus came alive again. He was seen by over 500 people. ...(*Hold up both cards*) Jesus says, " *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal LIFE.* **John 6:47** When you are

really sorry for your sin and put your trust in Jesus, He gives you His special, eternal **LIFE**. That means He comes to live in you by His Spirit. He will comfort you, guide you, and take you to Heaven someday. This is God's certain/absolute **HOPE** and it is true. Everyone bow your heads & close your eyes. If you would like to talk with someone to make sure you have eternal **LIFE** and the **HOPE** of Heaven, you may go sit on the blue line on the floor in the back and wait your turn to talk with me. Everyone can look up now... (*optional Prayer*)