

Christmas is for Children

Advent 2020

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when you were young, and you wanted something but were completely dependent on someone else to make it possible.
2. Described a time when you wanted something, some “what,” very much, but then were disappointed once you got it or lost interest in it quickly. Explain why “hope is not a what.”
3. **Read Romans 5:1-5.** What does it mean that we have been “justified” by faith in Jesus? What are the implications of our justification?
4. Why is it so good to know that we “stand” in God’s grace?
5. **Read Romans 5:3.** Explain how suffering produces endurance and endurance character. What does it mean to have character the way Paul is talking about in this verse?
6. How does the endurance and character suffering produces in people of faith lead them to hope? What does this have to do with celebrating Christmas?
7. How does the Holy Spirit help us know our hope in Jesus will not put us to shame?
8. **Read 1 John 3:1.** What is the connection between being a child of God and having hope in Jesus?
9. What specific things can you do this Advent season to focus on and celebrate the truth that Jesus’ birth means there is true hope for God’s children?