

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/ LECTIONARY WEEK:

1 Peter 1:3-9

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES/

BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS REFERENCES:

Students Choice

OBJECTIVE:

Students will explore how God's living hope sustains faith through challenges and inspires them to take action for justice, compassion, and support for those facing hardship.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Copies of the Social Principles, Markers, Paper, Sticky Notes

## LESSON PLAN STRUCTURE (1 HOUR)

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### CENTERING MOMENT (5 MINUTES)

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**Say:** Today we are reading from 1 Peter. This passage reminds us that even in hard times, God gives us hope, faith, and joy. Sometimes life feels unfair or difficult, and we see injustice all around us. This scripture invites us to remember that God's promises are real and that our faith can guide how we respond to challenges and help others.

**Pray:** God of hope, thank you for the promise of new life and joy in all circumstances. Help us to trust you, even in hard times, and to use our faith to stand for justice and hope in our world. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY (25 MIN.)

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**Say:** As you listen, notice words that speak to hope, faith, and perseverance. What feelings or images come to mind?

**Read:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

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## Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean that God has given us a 'living hope'?
- How does hope help us through hard times?
- Verse 6 talks about trials testing our faith. What kind of 'trials' do you see in your life or in the world today?
- How can faith give us courage to face these challenges?
- How can hope and faith inspire us to act for those facing difficulties or injustice?
- Who in our community might need hope, help, or a voice right now?

## GROUP ACTIVITY (25 MIN.)

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*(Supplies: paper, markers, sticky notes, copies of the Social Principles)*

### Instructions:

- Break into small groups or in pairs.
- Each group lists challenges, hardships, or injustices they see in their community, school, or world.
- For each challenge, brainstorm one practical way your group could bring hope or make a positive difference. (Examples: volunteering, mentoring, advocating, speaking out, or creating awareness campaigns, writing a letter or calling a member of Congress.)
- Use the Social Principles as a supporting document.

*(Pause for activity.)*

**Say:** Let's get back together in the large group and each group will share one challenge and one action with the whole group.

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*(Pause for reporting.)*

*(Encourage the groups to do their action in the coming week and report back to the group.)*

## **CLOSING MOMENT (5 MIN.)**

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**Pray:** God of living hope, thank you for sustaining us through challenges. Help us to trust you, act with courage, and bring hope to others who face trials. Guide us to live our faith boldly, and to share your love in our communities. Amen.