



Catholic Education Week: Igniting Hope  
**Monday, May 4, 2020**

***Our Hope in Christ***

Happy Catholic Education Week! This year's theme is **Igniting Hope** and today's subtheme is *Our Hope in Christ*.

**Introduction:**

Every week we gather as a class usually in our Catholic schools; one week a year we take time to celebrate what we do all year. This is the week we call Catholic Education Week. **Igniting Hope** is the theme of the whole week and today's special theme is *Our Hope in Christ*.

And so let us begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen+

**Opening Prayer:**

*I am going to pray a line of our opening prayer and I would like you to repeat it after me.*

O God, our Creator, you are our hope and light. We are your people, a people of hope. Bless us, O Lord, and send your Spirit upon us. It is through our love and caring, that you give us hope, and that we are able to bring light to each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen+

**Scripture Reading:**

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Discussion:

What does it mean to “abound in hope?” We are asking our God of hope to fill us with so much hope that it comes bubbling out of us to touch others. We need young people to share their hope with everyone they meet especially during this time when we are not allowed to go to school or play with our friends. God will give you hope for you to share with those around you. And we want to celebrate that gift!

Sing to the tune – *This Little Light of Mine*

This Little Light of hope, I’m going to let it shine.  
This little light of hope, I’m going to let it shine.  
This little light of hope, I’m going to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

When I get up in the morning, I’m going to let it shine.

Over all my family, I’m going to let it shine.

Throughout my neighbourhood, I’m going to let it shine.

### Our Father:

Let us pray together the words that Jesus taught us.

Our Father...

Do a dance of Hope to the music [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVzrCGM\\_ill](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVzrCGM_ill)



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**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

***The Hope Within Us***

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**Opening Prayer:**

*I am going to pray a line of our opening prayer and I would like you to repeat it after me.*

O God, our Creator, you are our hope and light. Bless us, O Lord, and send your Spirit upon us. It is through our love and caring, that you give us hope, and that we bring light to each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen+

**Scripture Reading:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

As the disciples came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Discussion:**

What does it mean when the disciple says, "*Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?*" The disciples had lost hope. Their friend Jesus had died. They did not recognize Jesus as he walked with them along the road. But when Jesus spoke to them, he re-kindled the hope within them. Their hearts were burning with his love and hope again so it was like their hearts were on fire.

Sing to the tune – *This Little Light of Mine*

This Little Light of hope, I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of hope, I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of hope, I'm going to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

In my heart all day, I'm going to let it shine.

Over my parents, I'm going to let it shine.

Over all the sick people, I'm going to let it shine.

**Our Father:**

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Catholic Education Week: Igniting Hope  
**Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

***The Hope Among Us***

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And so let us begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen+

**Opening Prayer:**

*I am going to pray a line of our opening prayer and I would like you to repeat it after me.*

O God, our Creator, you are our hope and light. It is through our love and caring, that you give us hope, and we bring light to each other. Help us, O Lord, to keep our hope centered on you and may we bring light to each other. May your love inspire us, and your light sustain us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen+

**Scripture Reading:**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians

For you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. For God has destined us for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, as you are doing.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Discussion:**

What does it mean "For God has destined us for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ?" A couple of weeks ago we celebrated a very happy day, do you remember? We celebrated Easter. It was a happy day because Jesus rose from the dead. He died for us and he rose for us. Now, even when we die, we can have a life after death with him in Heaven. And we will join all of our family and friends in Heaven with Jesus. God asked Jesus to go through all of that for us.

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This little light of hope, I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of hope, I'm going to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

In my learning today, I'm going to let it shine.

Over my friends, I'm going to let it shine.

Over doctors and nurses, I'm going to let it shine.

**Our Father:**

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Catholic Education Week: Igniting Hope  
**Thursday, May 7, 2020**

***Hope for the World***

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**Opening Prayer:**

*I am going to pray a line of our opening prayer and I would like you to repeat it after me.*

O God, our Creator, you are our hope and light. Help us, O Lord, to keep our hope centered on you and may we bring light to each other. May your love inspire us, and your light sustain us. May a future full of hope bring us closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen+

**Scripture Reading:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus began to teach the people in parables. He said to them, "Listen, a farmer went out to sow. And as he planted, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have enough soil, and it grew quickly, but since it had no depth of soil, when the sun rose, the seed was burned. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and grew, growing up and producing big crops." And Jesus said, "Let anyone with ears to hear, listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Discussion:**

Let me read this passage again, but this time, we will act it out. I will be the farmer as I read and you be the seeds. Listen carefully to what happens to each of the seeds and act it out. After the second reading discuss with your child, what type of seed do we want to grow up to be?

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This little light of hope, I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of hope, I'm going to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Over all the farmers, I'm going to let it shine.

Over all the supermarkets, I'm going to let it shine.

Over our whole neighbourhood, I'm going to let it shine.

**Our Father:**

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Catholic Education Week: Igniting Hope  
**Friday, May 8, 2020**

***A Future Full of Hope***

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Amen+

**Opening Prayer:**

*I am going to pray a line of our opening prayer and I would like you to repeat it after me.*

O God, our Creator, you are our hope and light. Help us, O Lord, to keep our hope centered on you and may we bring light to each other. May your love inspire us, and your light sustain us. May a future full of hope bring us closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen+

**Scripture Reading:**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

"I know the plans I have for you." says the Lord. "Plans for peace and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then, when you call upon me, and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me. If you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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This little light of hope, I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of hope, I'm going to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Over all my class, I'm going to let it shine.

Over all our school, I'm going to let it shine.

Over all the world, I'm going to let it shine.

**Our Father:**

Let us pray together the words that Jesus taught us.

Our Father...

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