

## NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was **HOPING IN GOD**.

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience **WITH** your children and help them to get the most out of it.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and so **YOU** can actively build faith and wisdom into them, when it comes to the 'Ask' points, take care to not rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at [luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church](mailto:luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church)

God bless you!

## Family Ice Breaker – Paper Plane Family Challenge

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

In today's episode we made a giant paper plane, a cardstock paper plane, and a regular paper plane and tested them out.

**You might like to have your own PAPER PLANE FAMILY CHALLENGE**

You could look up paper plane designs, and fold them, and fly them, to compare them.

You could construct a giant plane together and go outside to see.

Whatever you do, have **FUN!**

## Today's Scripture Reference - Isaiah 40:31

1. Read this passage from the Amplified Classic edition (AMPC) version.  
This is to help you to understand Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change *and* renew their strength *and* power; they shall lift their wings *and* mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint *or* become tired.

2. Read The Message (MSG) version to memorise Isaiah 40:31  
(read, repeat, and recite this Scripture passage now, and at meal times this week)

But those who wait upon GOD get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles, they run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind.

## The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

### Topic introduction:

**Ask:** Have you every wished that you had a superpower? What would it be?

**Ask:** Have you every wished that you could fly away? What did you want to fly away from?

[ invite your child to share, and share with them as appropriate - it could have to do with something you did not want to go through, that you needed help to do. ]

### Discussion:

**Say:** Let's talk about hoping in God, and making us strong.

**Ask:** Sometimes I don't feel strong. Do you ever feel like that?

[ invite your child to share, and share with them as appropriate - it could have to do with feeling physically tired at the start of the day, or continuing on when you experience disappointment or you have made a mistake etc. - let them know that parents aren't always strong, we need God's help too! ]

**Ask:** Sometimes I don't know what to do. Do you ever feel like that?

[ invite your child to share, and share with them as appropriate - it could have to do with problems you are solving at work, parenting decisions, etc. - let them know that parents don't know everything, we need God's wisdom too ]

**Ask:** What is the biggest challenge that you would like God to help you with – what is a weakness that you would like God's help in making you strong in?

[ invite your child to share - answers may include: patience, perseverance, temperament, obedience, honesty, trust, etc. You might like to share something appropriate to their age that God has helped you to overcome, either as a child or an adult. Let them know that parents need God's help to turn weaknesses into strengths too! And parents know what it is like too! You might like to share a current struggle/challenge of your own and ask your child to pray for you just as you will pray for them with their struggle/challenge ]

**Ask:** How can we be sure that God will help us?

[ invite your child to answer: we are looking for an answer along the lines of 'because He said He would in the Bible. ]

### Read the Word:

[turn the page over to the **Today's Scripture Reference** section and read the 2 translations out loud. Let them know that it is the same Scripture explained 2 ways, one just has some extra detail to help us understand. Ask them what they learned by listening to them – check that they understand that they don't have wings and that they are not meant to fly – the Bible sometimes uses language to paint a picture in our mind that our heart can understand – if we choose to trust God then God promises to lift up our 'faith', and 'will', and 'emotions', and 'abilities' in order to do what God has given us to do, not what He gave eagles to do. If God is good to Eagles, He will be good to us. ]

### Memory Verse Challenge:

**Isaiah 40:31** "But those who wait for the Lord shall change *and* renew their strength *and* power; they shall lift their wings *and* mount up as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint *or* become tired."

### Let's pray!

Dear Heavenly Father... Thank you that when we turn to You and ask for Your help, You help us. We thank You, that when we are weak, You are strong, and You put Your strength in us. Help us to remember that when we have a challenge, we can turn to You. We thank You for all the good that we will see You do, for us and in us ...in Jesus' Name, Amen!

