



CLIP 01 (04:40) (00:00:43:20-00:00:58:01 + 00:01:38:19-00:05:59:08)

Opening title with narrative that Roger and J.P. lose their parents and are placed in foster care. Roger's dad visits him at Maggie's foster home. Roger's dad tells him maybe they will be a family when the Angels win the pennant.

Without hope, we lose heart.

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus used culturally relevant stories to share timeless kingdom truths to lead people to God.

CUE 02: "We are going to see how hope inspires a foster child to pray that the Angels win the pennant so he can have a family again."

CLIP 02 (01:10) (00:15:07:16 - 00:16:18:10)

J.P. prays that Miguel finds a nice family tomorrow. Roger prays to a God that he is unsure exists. "God if you're really listening, I'd really like a family... maybe You can help them [Angels] win a little."

God, are you listening?

¹ Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea... ¹⁷ Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice. Psalm 55:1,17 (NIV)

God cares; He knows my thoughts and hears my prayers.

CUE 03: "So back to our story...The Angels continue to lose games. Lord knows, only a miracle can help them."

CLIP 03 (03:03) (00:20:13:06 - 00:23:03:10 + 00:24:48:14 - 00:23:03:10)

Angels show up to help the failing Angels win their first game. Only Roger can see them working at first.

Even though we can't see it, God is always working.

Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." John 5:17 (NIV)

Nothing is hopeless because we know Who God is and that He is always working.

CUE 04: "Prayer, it seems silly to some. But there is something powerful that happens when hope comes out in our prayers."

CLIP 04 (04:35) (00:32:16:18 - 00:33:15:15 + 00:34:43:00 - 00:34:56:14 + 00:40:41:22 - 00:44:03:03)

Knox talks with Roger and gets him to come to the games. His motives are selfish. Roger sees angels working and tells Knox who to put in.

Prayer is joining God where He is at work, not asking God to join our work.

¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

¹ John 5:14-15 (NIV)

CUE 05: "So the angels miraculously make it to the playoffs. The veteran has-been pitcher, named Clark, is at the mound and he's



struggling. However, hope strikes again.”

CLIP 05 (02:25)(01:31:23:22 - 01:33:49:05)

One kid inspired the stadium. Manager Knox keeps the struggling Clark in the game to pitch to his last batter. Clark catches the line drive to win the game and the pennant.

Faith is trusting in who God is and hoping in what He can do. [Author Unknown]

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

I pray because I have faith in who God is and my hope is in what He can do.

Our hope in God inspires us to pray and prayer brings hope to others.

CUE 06: “So the Angels have won the pennant. And it all started with a prayer. It’s amazing what happens when hope inspires us to pray...”

CLIP 06 (01:36) (01:36:31:20 - 01:38:08:14)

Manager Knox calls the social worker and informs the boys that he is adopting them.

Hope changes us as we pray—we become more like our Heavenly Father.

If our Heavenly Father can adopt us through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we can put our hope in Him through prayer.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Luke 2:8-18 (NIV)

Jesus is our hope and we can share our hope in Him by praying with one another.