



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 6: I Have Seen  
Suggested Week of Use: April 9, 2023  
Core Passage: John 20:1-18

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### News Story Summary

The small Welsh town of Bridgend serves as the home for a 15-year-old girl named Summer. At first glance, Summer seems like many other teenage girls. She has long, brown hair, a beautiful smile, and an abundance of enthusiasm. What you don't see, though, are Summer's physical issues. She was diagnosed with kidney cancer as a toddler, so her entire life has been marked by dialysis treatments, trips to the hospital, and dozens of surgeries. As you might expect, the journey has been incredibly difficult. In 2012, she had a kidney transplant, but her body eventually rejected the new organ. In 2020, she had a second transplant. That kidney was also rejected, and she contracted a virus common to transplant patients. The virus was treated, but it remains dormant in her system.

In circumstances when many would get discouraged and give up, Summer remains hopeful. She spends her time encouraging other young hospital patients. Most important, she refuses to give up, no matter what struggles come her way. Her perseverance and encouragement were recently recognized when she was honored as a "Child of Courage" recipient at the Children of Wales Awards.

For more about this story, search "Children of Wales Award for teenage kidney patient."

### Focus Attention

To supplement **FOCUS ATTENTION**, encourage adults to recall a time when their hope was tested. Share the story of Summer and her struggles as a kidney patient. Say: *In our fallen world, it is a constant battle to maintain hope.* Note that believers have an advantage because we find our ultimate hope in Christ. Point out that this truth is the emphasis of today's session. Say: *Easter is time of hope—for believers and for those who still need to know Jesus. Don't let the familiarity of the Easter story cause you to miss the hope we have in Him.*

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement **SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE**, remind adults that a young girl in Wales continues to maintain hope in the midst of terrible health issues. Acknowledge that some in the group may be experiencing struggles of their own, either publicly or privately. Ask: *How can Jesus's resurrection give us hope today?* Emphasize that no matter what the struggle, Christ followers can find hope in Him. Say: *He is as close as a prayer.* Close by praying that each adult in the group will be encouraged today by the hope they have in Jesus.