

## Chat with Children

- Carrot and donkey
  - We are not just teasing, but giving real hope!
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## Introduction

- What is comforting those who are dying?
  - smoothing away all reality?
  - culture of not telling someone they are dying, when the very thing they want to do is face it?
- *Challenge to be real - hope is real, not illusory*

## Reality

- There is content to the hope!
  - Christ died
  - according to the Scriptures
  - buried, raised, alive - seen by many
- Not vain, but real
  - here is salvation

## Passed on

- He shared it
  - didn't keep that hope to himself
  - he wrote, he spoke, he worked as a tent-maker
  - speaks elsewhere of his suffering for sake of the gospel
- *Like a lifeboat volunteer, are we willing to share the hope of rescue that we have?*

## Hard work

- Will involve hard work, commitment to go out of our way
- *Holding out **real** hope*