



## THIS WEEK

### **BIG IDEA**

Jesus stepped in to meet humanity's most desperate need.

### **BIBLE**

Isaiah 9:1–7; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18; John 8:12

## **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

Centuries before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah spoke of a light that would one day pierce the world's darkness. This week explores how Jesus fulfills those ancient promises, bringing hope to people walking in despair. God's promise of a Savior reminds us that even when life feels dark, He is working to bring light and restoration.

### **Let's Break the Ice:**

- What is your favorite part of the Christmas season?
- What's a moment in your life when life suddenly changed?
- If you had to describe "hope" in one sentence, what would you say?

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### **Bible Study:**

- Read Together: As a group, read Isaiah 9:2 NIV and Mathew 1:18 NIV
  - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: Isaiah 9:2, 6 (pg 936)*

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What kind of situation were God's people in when Isaiah said these words?
- Why do you think God chose to announce hope through the promise of a *child* instead of an army or political power?
- When Matthew says Jesus' birth fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy, what does that show us about God's character?
- Read John 8:12 — how does Jesus being "the light of the world" connect back to Isaiah 9?
- In your own words, what does it mean for Jesus to be a light in *your* darkness?

### **Make it Real:**

- Hope wasn't instant for Israel — they waited 700 years. What does that teach us about trusting God when we feel like we're waiting?
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## Prayer

### Share Requests:

- *Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.*

### Group Prayer:

- Encourage students to pray for and share areas of life that feel dark or heavy right now.

### Discipleship Moment:

**Gratitude for the Light of Jesus:** Spend five minutes each night in a quiet, dark room. Before turning on any lights, pray: *"Jesus, step into my darkness and be my light."*

Then turn on a small light as a reminder that His presence is real, steady, and near.

Next week, reflect on what God brought to mind in that silence.