



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?
- When do you think is the "right" time to put up Christmas lights?
- Have you ever been somewhere totally dark and then suddenly seen a light turn on? What did it feel like?

Bible Study:

- Read Together: As a group, read Isaiah 9:2 NIV and Isaiah 9:6 NIV
 - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: Isaiah 9:2, 6 (pg 663)*

Discussion Questions:

- What kind of situation were God's people in when Isaiah said these words?
- Why do you think God promised to send a "light" to people living in darkness?
- How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus' birth was predicted hundreds of years before it happened?
- Isaiah said the Savior would be called *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*.
 - Which of those names stands out to you most? Why?
- Read John 8:12 (logos pg. 1043) – What does Jesus mean when He calls Himself "the light of the world"?

Make it Real:

- If Jesus is the light of the world, what does it look like for His light to shine in your life — even after Christmas?

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.

(GROW DEEPER - OPTIONAL) Discipleship Moment:

Gratitude for the Light of Jesus: Before you go to bed each night this week, turn off your room light and pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, You are my hope. Thank You for being my Light."

Partner Check-In: Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner either sometime during the week or during your next gathering.