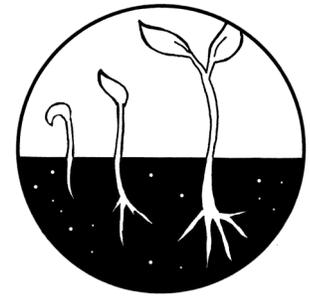


Lesson #3-14***Isaiah's Prophecy of Hope***

Isaiah 61:1-11

**Key Verse:**

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as the garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before the nations.

Isaiah 61:11

The Point:

God will bring justice and peace.

Advent Theme (November 29—December 20)

The Hope of the Messiah

Ruins to Life

Compare ancient ruins and new architecture.

You will need:

- † Pictures of ruins and new buildings
- † Optional: Internet-connected device

Preparation:

1. Gather pictures. If using the Internet, search for “photos ancient ruins” and for “photos new buildings” for relevant pictures.

Instructions:

1. Ask participants to find details that are similar between the old and new buildings. Urge them to consider sight but also imagine smells and sounds.
2. Then, ask participants to find details that are different between the old and new buildings. Consider sight but also imagine smells and sounds.
3. **Do you prefer the ancient ruins or the new buildings? Why?**
4. **What might it feel like to be an old ruin?** Have them act out their answers.
5. **What might it feel like to be an old ruin turned into a new building?** Have them act out their answers.
6. **What do you think God can do for a person who feels sad or ruined?** [*Answers will vary.*]