



Lesson #4-11

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Isaiah 9:1-7

**Key Verse:**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Isaiah 9:2

The Point:

The prophet promises a new king who will be the presence of God's light in the world.

Unit Theme (November 14—November 21)

Promises of Hope

LIGHT IN DARKNESS

Reflect on darkness and light.

Supplies:

- † Optional: newspapers or Internet-connected devices

Instructions:

1. **There are many dark places in our world. Think of times of darkness that you have experienced such as illness, bullying, loneliness, discrimination, fear, and so on. Find a partner or two in your small group, and share your darkness, passing if you would rather not share.**
2. After a few minutes for sharing, say: **God says that the people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. What are signs of hope amidst the dark things you just discussed? What else might happen to bring hope to**
3. **your darkness? Are there people who bring light to your situation?**
3. Ask each small group to share stories of people who have brought light to dark situations. If time permits, allow each group to share their selected story with the entire group.
4. Optional: If the group is not comfortable sharing personal stories, they can peruse newspaper or digital news headlines and pictures to find examples of darkness and light in today's world. If there are not many examples of "light," groups can discuss how they might bring light to these dark situations.
5. End with a time of prayer for the times of darkness and of hope and light.