



# DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR GROUPS

## THROUGH THE LIGHT OF JESUS WE HAVE HOPE!

Discussion Guide for groups occurring November 28<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>

### Bible Lesson:

What have you seen around town that lets you know that Christmas is coming soon? Ask the children how it makes them feel to see the reminders of Christmas when it is still so far away.

*Long ago, people didn't have a celebration and gifts to look forward to like we do today; then something happened that changed everything! Long before Jesus was born, the prophets told the people about the best gift they could ever get and how it would change their lives forever.*

**Read Isaiah 9:1-7 from a Children's Bible.**

### Discussion Questions:

- How did Isaiah describe the past conditions for the people of the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali?
- How did he say that their land would change? What kinds of changes did Isaiah say the people would see in their lives?
- How did he describe the one who would rescue the people from their suffering?
- What are the names Isaiah used to describe this rescuer?
- How did Isaiah describe this new king's rule?
- Why did Isaiah know all this?
- Who did he say rules over everything?
- How will you remind yourself this Christmas to thank God for the best gift you could receive?

### Memory Verse:

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it". – John 1:5*