

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ISAIAH 9:1-7

MEMORYVERSE

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. — Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS



1. Who does God promise will come to us? What will his names be? Who are these verses talking about?
2. Why do you think Jesus, who is God, chose to first come to us as a little baby?
3. Why do you think God chose to become a human like us?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH



1. Who is this passage referring to? Who is the son?
2. Why is it important that those in darkness have seen a light? What does the light signify?
3. What are some the characteristics of the new kingdom that is led by this child?
4. Challenge: Memorize Isaiah 9:6-7.

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS



1. In light of the threat from the Assyrian army, what things do you think Judah prayed to God for in those days?
2. Everyone loves to receive birth announcements from a family member or a friend. Name some ways the birth announcement in Isaiah 9 is different from other birth announcements.
3. If you were right there listening to the birth announcement in the days of Isaiah, what would you have heard? How would you have understood, "Everlasting Father"?
4. Christians have traditionally linked Isaiah 9:6-7 to the birth of our Messiah in the NT. Do you agree? Why or why not?