



Date: 11/5 and 11/9 A light in the darkness: "Isaiah: a child is born"

Small Group Guide: Middle

Unit:	Promises of Hope
The Point:	God bring Hope!
Memory Verse:	For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11
Scripture:	Isaiah 9:1-7 1 st Graders read from your own bible!
Observation Questions:	See application questions
Application/Activity:	Scripture verse puzzle Have the groups work together to put the puzzle together. Tea light prayer Candle prayers: Find a quiet place in the room and sit together as a group. Turn on the tea light. Say: God is the one who brings every good thing into our world. We are going to take some time to pray to God and thank God. I will pass the light around to each of you and I want you to name places, times and people where you have seen Gods light. We usually see Gods light anywhere we see love and in anything that is happy, good or beautiful. When one of us names a light say: "Praise God, who brings light to dark places!" Close in prayer by saying this prayer:

	Dear God, (echo) Thank you for people (echo) Who show us your light. (echo) Help us to be light (echo) To people around us. (echo) Amen. (echo)
Prayer:	Ask for requests
Next week:	Jeremiah Hope for the future: Jeremiah 29:1,4-14