

The Promise of a Savior

Genesis 3:15

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

What is your favorite fairytale story? Do you have one? What makes a fairytale so appealing?

Consider the story of Christmas. How is it so much greater than a fairytale?

Spend some time looking at Genesis 3. Focus in on 3:15. Scholars call this the “first gospel.” Talk about the promise hidden right in the middle of the consequences of sin.

Was there ever a time that you needed rescued? Talk about that with your group. Who did you turn to for help? Did it come right away or was there a waiting period?

Advent is the season where we celebrate the coming of the Rescuer and we yearn and wait with hopeful expectation of the Savior who will come again.

Advent is a word that means “coming” or “arrival.” In Genesis 3:15, The promise is pointing to a Rescuer that would come and bring an end to the darkness that happened through sin. Man would be rescued. Darkness would not win. But it didn’t happen right away.

Think about how long Israel had to wait for the promised Savior to come. Do you think there might have been any doubt or discouragement that the promise wasn’t going to happen? How do you think God’s people fight against that?

God often uses our waiting to teach us something vitally true about Him or ourselves. If you are in a season of waiting, what might God be trying to teach you about Himself or you?

Again, Advent is the hopeful expectation and waiting for the promised Savior. As you wait, how can you pray with hope for yourself, your family, and the community?

This Christmas and Advent, we wait with hopeful expectation of the Promised Savior!