

Devotion 1: Stars in the Darkness

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Scripture: *Isaiah 9:2*

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.”

Devotion

Have you ever been somewhere so dark that you couldn't see your hand in front of your face? Maybe the power went out, or you were camping far from any city lights. Darkness can be scary—it makes us feel lost and alone. But here's the amazing thing about darkness: it's exactly when stars shine their brightest. You can't see the stars at noon, but step outside on a clear, dark night and the whole sky blazes with light. This is what Holy Week is like. The events we are about to witness—Jesus' suffering, His arrest, His death—can feel very dark. We might wonder, “Where is God in all of this?” But Isaiah promises us that in the deepest darkness, God's light shines most brightly. As we prepare this week to walk with Jesus through His final days, we don't walk in fear. We walk watching for the light. The cross looks like darkness, but it is actually the brightest star God ever placed in the sky—the light of salvation for the whole world.

Discussion Questions

1. When was a time you were really in the dark? What was that like?
2. Why do you think God lets us go through dark or hard times before showing us His light?
3. How can remembering that “light shines in darkness” help us as we prepare for Holy Week?

Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, sometimes the world feels dark and we feel lost. Help us to look up and see the light of Your Son, Jesus, shining for us—especially when things are hardest. Open our eyes this week to see Your love in every part of the story. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Family Action Item: Tonight, go outside together as a family after dark. Look up at the sky and talk about how God's light shines brightest when things seem darkest. Pray together under the stars.