

# HOW DID THEY KNOW BEFORE HE CAME? (OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS)

**Isaiah 9:1-7**

**BIBLICAL PASSAGE**

**Isaiah 9:6**

**MEMORY VERSE**

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. Isaiah 9:6

Does your teenager always participate in your family's faith life? Is he or she always excited about church, family devotional times, or acts of service? If not, don't worry. Your teenager may be lukewarm in his or her participation and may possibly question some of your family traditions.

**Read Isaiah 9:1-7.**

God wanted His people to turn from their wickedness and self-centeredness and avoid punishment and destruction. God promised through Isaiah that Judah would experience His judgment. He also promised eventual redemption for those who remained faithful to Him. That promise would be fulfilled centuries later through Christ.

Isaiah spoke of a child who would be born to God's people, a Son who would be given for a special purpose. He would be a gift from God. The divine Child would come initially to God's people, the descendants of Israel. However, He would be given to all of humanity—"to all who [receive] him, to those who [believe] in his name, he [gives] the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

You may have already seen some of your hopes fulfilled in the life of your teenager. However, it is likely that you will not witness the fruition of all of your dreams. But Christ promises to remain with your teenager through life's most exciting and most difficult times.

## FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME

### Connect . . .

Shuffle a deck of cards and place it face down. Ask someone to predict what the first card you turn over will be. Reveal the card. Continue with others predicting the outcome. Discuss the probability of predicting each card.

**Read:** For us, a prediction is a guess. But God gave men called prophets special predictions to tell His people. And God fulfilled all that was predicted. Remove the four kings from the deck and show them. Share that the greatest fulfillment of biblical prophecy came in the human form of the King of Kings.

### Explore . . .

**Read** Isaiah 9:1-7. **Read:** When we search in the Bible, we find ways Jesus' birth and ministry were predicted in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament.

### Transform . . .

**Discuss:** How is my faith made stronger by Jesus' fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies?

*Pray that God will strengthen the faith of the members of your family through the knowledge that Jesus fulfilled prophecy.*