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### **WELCOME:**

# Fixing Our Focus

#### Suggested Icebreaker

Ask GG members to take turns sharing what they felt was the greatest promise made to them that was fulfilled. Use this to segue to our lesson of God's promise of a conqueror of evil.

**WORSHIP:** 

Adoring
Our God

Suggested song:

**Living Hope** 

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## **WORD & WALK:**

### **Understanding & Applying the Word**

#### **LESSON AIM**

- 1. GG members will appreciate God's redemptive nature, planning and making possible reconciliation between Himself and humanity.
- 2. GG members will look forward to the hope of their victory against sin and Satan through Jesus Christ.

#### INTRODUCTION

Christmas, or the birth of the Messiah, is not found solely in the Gospels of the New Testament. As early as the first book of the Old Testament, Genesis, the Messiah—the Savior of humankind—has already been prophesied. Let's take a look at some select passages in the Old Testament that talk about Jesus Christ.

#### God promised the future defeat of Satan

Right after the fall, when Satan, presenting himself as the serpent (Revelation 12:9), deceived Eve into eating the forbidden fruit, God promised that One would come from the woman's offspring who would deliver a fatal blow to Satan.

- 1. What kind of enmity did God promise? Who are the two opposing sides of this conflict? (cf. John 1:12-13; 8:42-44)
- God mentioned enmity between Satan's offspring and the woman's offspring. Usually, an offspring is connected to the father, not the mother. Why do you think God connected the offspring to the woman in this case? (cf. Luke 1:30-35; Galatians 4:4-5)
- 3. What did God promise regarding Satan and this offspring? How did the woman's offspring defeat Satan? (Revelation 5:9-10) What is the eternal destiny of Satan? (Revelation 20:10)

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## WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

#### **Application**

Our struggle with sin in this world is difficult. But God has promised victory over sin and death, which was made possible through Jesus Christ. Don't let your struggle with sin blur this future hope. Take time to thank God for sending His Son on earth to purchase our redemption by His blood.

#### PRAYER ITEM

Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son here on earth to become one of us. He who is God took on humanity so that we may be reconciled to You. Not only that, but He suffered and paid for the penalty of our sins by dying on the cross and receiving Your wrath against our sins, which we should have received. May I not take for granted what You and Your Son have done for me. I praise You, I worship You, I love You. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.



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