

THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE OF HOPE

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Isaiah 9:2, John 1:1-14

Memory Verse

2 Our God, you have made your nation stronger. Because of you, its people are glad and celebrate like workers at harvest time or like soldiers dividing up what they have taken.

Isaiah 9:2



CASEY'S DAY

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Have you ever used a nightlight?

Nightlights help us fall asleep at night, because they let us know that the imagined spooky slime monster in the corner is really just a pile of dirty clothes. Even though we know that there are no monsters in our room, sometimes a little bit of light comforts us when we start to feel afraid.

The prophet Isaiah talked about how light shining in the darkness gave people comfort. We know Isaiah 9:2 is about Jesus coming to earth and dying on the cross for our sins. How amazing is that! The hope we have is a person! He hears you when you pray. He speaks to you through the Bible. He loves you. He cares for you. He likes you. He is strong enough to give you hope. He is gentle enough to care for you. He is patient enough to always be with you.

Sometimes we might feel afraid that the batteries in our flashlight might grow weak, or the bulb might burn out in our nightlight and we will be in the dark again. John 1:5 tells us that the darkness has not overcome the light of Jesus. How comforting is that! Not only is the hope we have *a person*, but he is always able to shine light into whatever we are going through!

Put a flashlight somewhere you will see it every day this week to remind yourself of the hope we have in Jesus.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the prophet's message about hope. Thank you for sending Jesus to earth and for the hope that his life, death, and resurrection give me. May I feel him near me as I go through this day. Amen.

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