

THE
MESSIAH,
THE CURSE,
AND THE
MANGER

Week 4



Worship with us this

Advent

Scan the QR code to
tune your heart to Jesus



Welcome!

We are glad God called you to worship with us this Advent season!

As we track along with the sermon series, this guide is meant to travel with you. You don't need to be a Bible expert to use it. Think of it like a simple conversation starter that helps you look at Scripture together, listen for what God might be saying, and talk honestly about life.

You can use it one-on-one, with a friend, with your family, or with a LifeGroup. Simply:

- Take your time
- Be curious
- Ask questions
- Breathe

Week Four Theme:
CHRIST'S VICTORY & RESTORATION

Group Discussion

1

CONNECT (pray before starting)

- What are you thankful for?
- What has been challenging?
- Is there anyone you know who needs help?

2

LOOK BACK (in follow-up meetings)

- What do you remember from our last reading?
- Did the passage change what you did this week?
- Did you talk with anyone? What happened?

3

READ & RETELL

- Read a Daily Bible passage.
- In your own words, retell what was read.
- What stood out or confused you?

4

READ AGAIN & LOOK

- What is God like? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- What is His plan here? What does He care about?
- How can we have hope in Jesus?

5

READ, LOOK AGAIN & ASK

- How are humans described here?
- Where do you see yourself in this passage?

6

GROW

- What do I need to start doing?
- What do I need to stop doing?
- What is one small step I can take this week?

7

B.L.E.S.S.ONE (pray after your discussion)

- Who needs to hear this? How can you share?
- Who could read the Bible with you?
- Who can help you take a next step toward Jesus?



Sunday 12/21 - Colossians 2:6-15

- Jesus frees us from our debt of sin and the power of darkness.
- His death and resurrection cancel our record of sin.

Monday 12/22 - Isaiah 35:1-10

- God brings life, joy, & restoration where there was once weakness.
- Those who know Jesus will walk in safety and joy.

Tuesday 12/23 - Hebrews 2:14-15

- Jesus became human to destroy the devil's power.
- He frees us from the fear of death.

Wednesday 12/24 - Micah 5:2-4

- Jesus, the Ruler from Bethlehem, will shepherd God's people.
- His time as ruler brings security, strength, and peace.

Thursday 12/25 - Luke 2:1-20

- Jesus is born in humility, fulfilling God's promise.
- His birth brings joy and hope for all people.

Friday 12/26 - Revelation 21:1-5

- God will make a new heaven and new earth.
- He will remove all pain and live with His people forever.

Saturday 12/27 - Psalm 98:1-9

- God saves with power and righteousness.
- The Earth celebrates His coming rule.

**PRAISE
HIS
NAME!**

Week Four Overview



Theme:

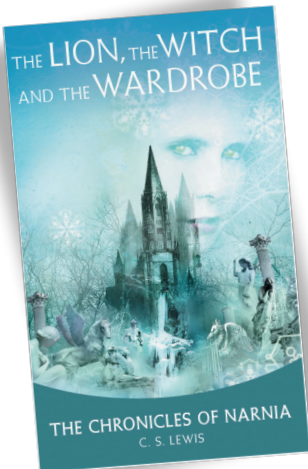
Jesus paid it all and we have victory because of Him.

Big Idea:

There is freedom in Jesus!

Bible Reading:

Hebrews 2:14-15



Book Reading:

*The Lion, The Witch,
and The Wardrobe*

Chapters
12-17



Talk About It:



Share when someone forgave you. How did it feel?



When you were forgiven, what did you do?



What happened after Aslan sacrificed himself on the table? How does that connect to what Jesus did on the cross?

Fun Activity:



1. Set up a simple obstacle course with a clear start & finish.
2. Choose 2 participants, blindfold both of them.
3. Round One: Participant #1 goes through the course.
 - Everyone else calls out directions at the same time.
4. Round Two: Participant #2 goes through the course.
 - The group stays silent & only one person gives directions. **Goal - Safely make it from start to finish!**

Which round was easier, & why does following one clear voice matter in our walk with victorious Jesus?



Prayer Focus:

Praise God for sending
Jesus to the cross.
His sacrifice led to victory
for all who believe
and follow Him.

Youth

Key Takeaways:



Jesus doesn't just win—He makes all things new. Just like winter melting into spring, the resurrection brings the joy of thaw, echoed in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* when the Stone Table cracks and Aslan rises, restoring what was frozen. The Bible tells an even greater story:

COLOSSIANS 2:6–15 – shows Jesus defeating sin and darkness

ISAIAH 35 – promises creation bursting with life again

REVELATION 21 – reveals the day when God makes everything new and wipes every tear

Yet the world still aches because we live in the “already/not yet,” waiting for full restoration. Until then, we live as resurrection people—bringing hope, warmth, and signs of spring wherever we go, because the Lion of Judah has conquered and His victory is already breaking through in us.



Quick Questions:



Where do you see signs of God's restoration in your life—even small ones?



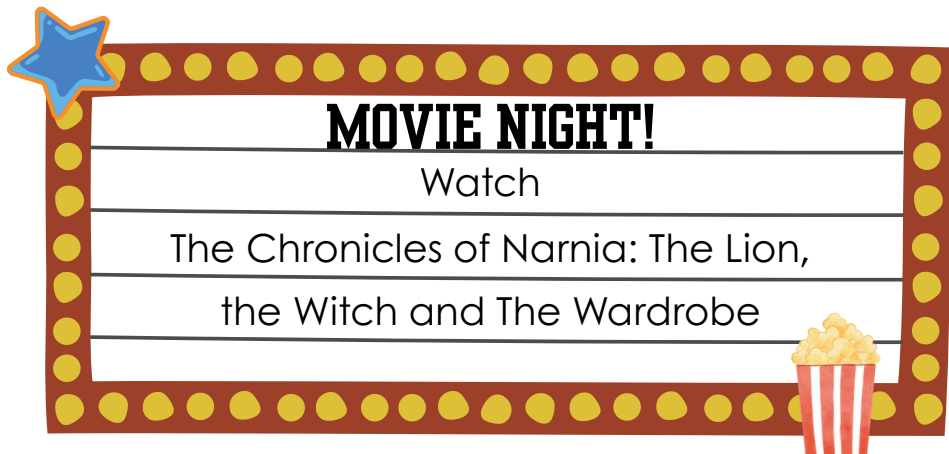
How does Jesus' promise to make all things new change the way you face stress, fear, or discouragement?



What “frozen” places around you (friendships, family, school, your own heart) might God want to thaw in or through you?

Fun Challenge:

As a family or with friends, enjoy seeing the book come to life!



Faith Challenge:

Ask God to show you one “cold” or discouraged person this week. Then do something that brings warmth and hope—write a note, sit with someone who feels alone, pray for a friend, or help at home without being asked. Tell God, “Use me to bring Your restoration.”



Remember

When you see frost, snow, or the early nights this week, remember that Jesus came to melt the curse and will come again to bring perfect spring!



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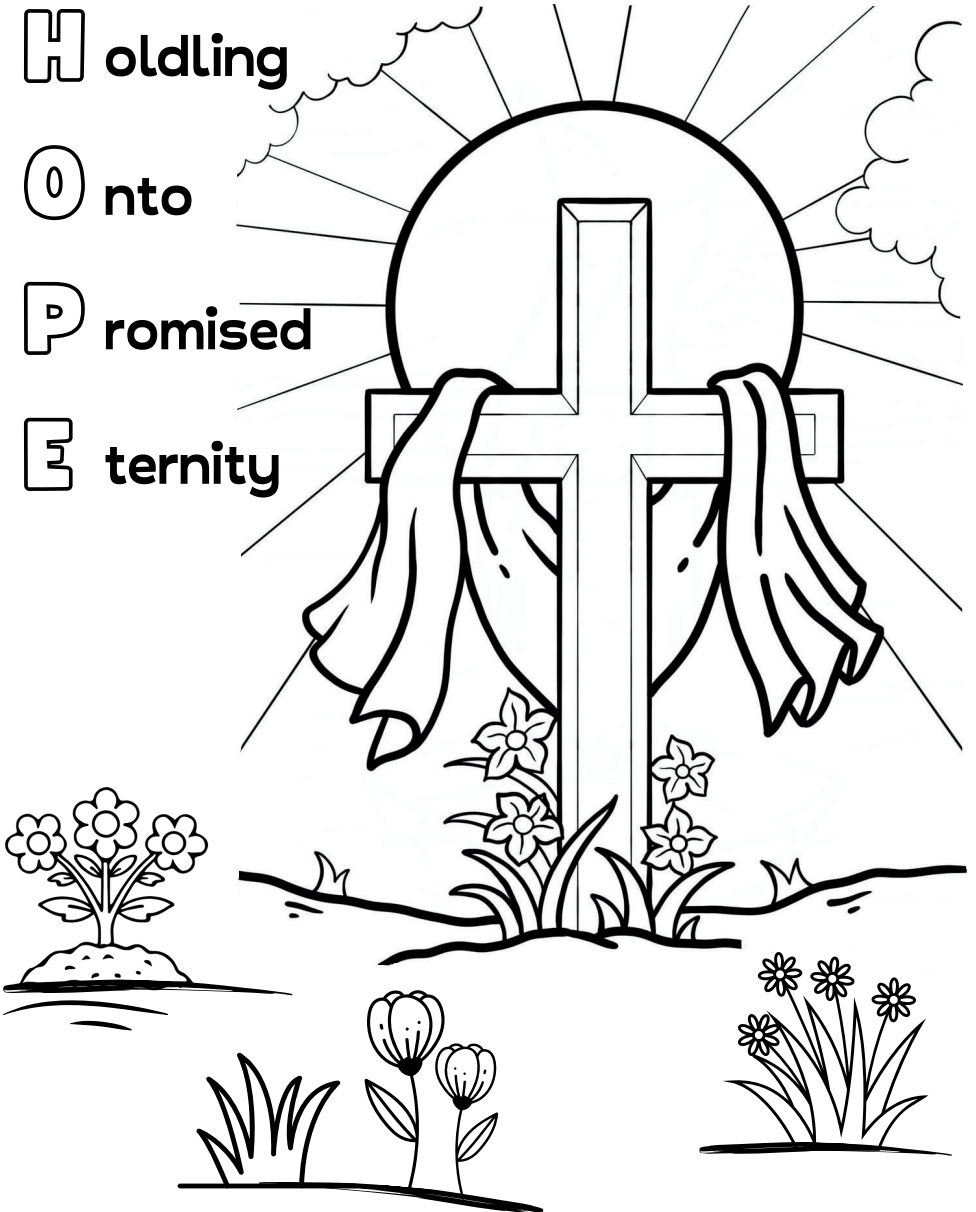
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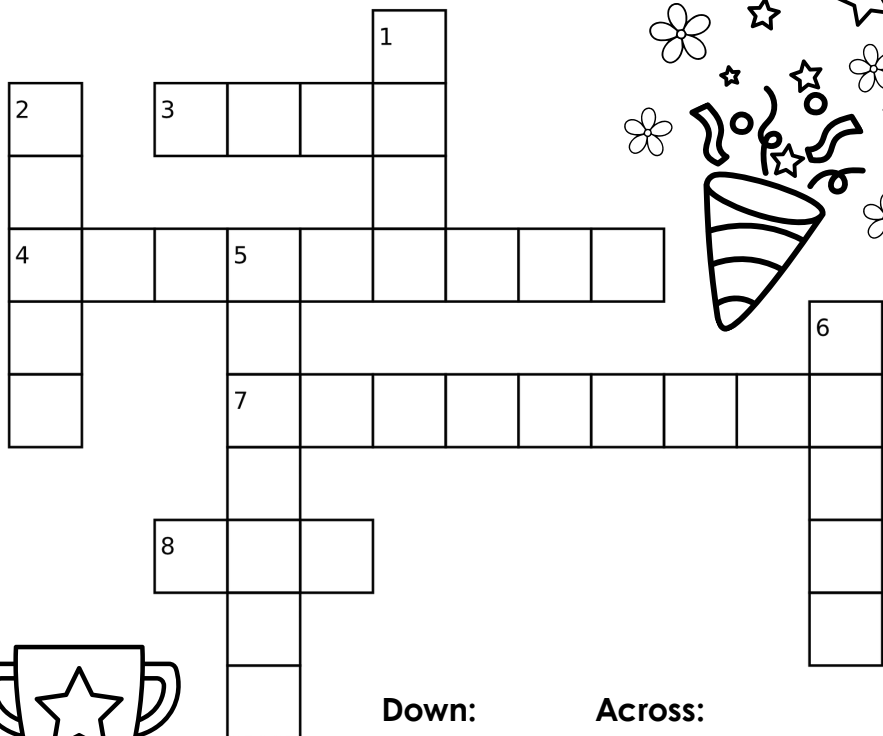
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CROSS-Word Puzzle



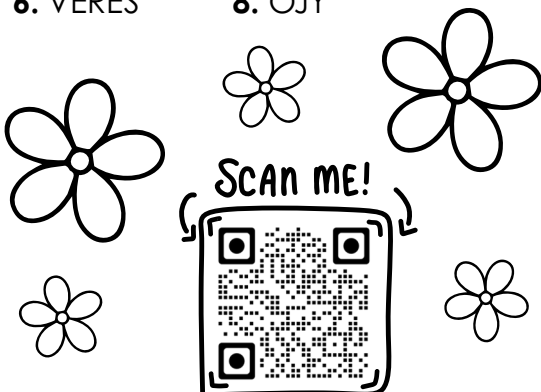
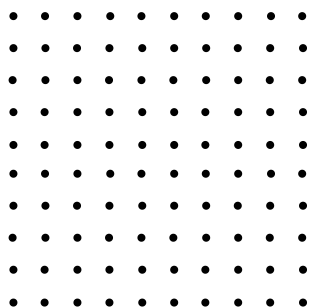
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2. SSJEU
5. COYRVIT
6. VERES

Across:

3. OEPH
4. LSAATIVNO
7. EEBLTCERA
8. OJY

Dot Game



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Worship Times

Thursdays ~ 7:00pm

Sundays ~ 8:45am & 10:30am

Christmas Candlelight Services

Sunday, December 21
7:00pm ~ Chapel

Wednesday, December 24
7:00pm ~ Family Life Center
9:00pm ~ Chapel

