

Youth



✓ **Prepare in Advance**

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos and music listed (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✓ **Advent**

Play the clip from 3 Day Test and use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- How has your family already begun to celebrate Christmas? Does your family go overboard, underboard, or just right when it comes to decorations? Explain.
- What will you do in the next few weeks to gear up for Christmas?
- Why is it important to not only Celebrate Christmas but also the weeks leading up to it?
- How does anticipation help you understand what something is about?

✓ **New Life**

Read Jeremiah 33:14-16, watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session, and watch the Charlotte's Web clip.

- What does this clip tell us about death?
- What does this clip tell us about life? How does this clip relate to this week's scripture?
- How was new life coming even though the situation seemed hopeless?
- What kind of hopeless situation were the people experiencing in this week's text? How were Jeremiah's words a message of hope? How did this text describe the new life that Israel would someday experience? Why would that give them hope?

✓ **Hopeless**

- Have you ever found yourself in a hopeless situation? What was it like? How did you get out of it?
- Watch the video from The Life of Pi.

- Why does Pi seem to be in a hopeless situation? Where does he turn for help?
- Give some examples of experiences you or your friends have gone through that could potentially seem hopeless.
- How does God help us through these difficult situations?
- Have you experienced a time when God showed up in an unexpected way? Explain.
- How is Christmas about God showing up in an unexpected way?
- How can we celebrate God's new life and new hope during this Christmas season?

Close with prayer:

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