

God's Mercy in the Midst of Judgment



Big Idea: Even in judgment, God promises mercy and hope.

Primary Text: Genesis 3:15

Memory Verse: Genesis 3:15

Youth Group (60 Minutes)

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CONNECT — 0–12 Minutes

Game: Who's Most Likely To... (Chaos Edition)

How to Play:

- Everyone stands in a circle.
- Leader reads a prompt.
- Students point at the person they think fits best.
- The person with the most points gets a *dramatic slow clap* (no one is “out”).

Prompts (Use Fast):

- Most likely to forget why they walked into a room
- Most likely to survive a zombie apocalypse
- Most likely to laugh at the wrong moment
- Most likely to get lost using GPS
- Most likely to be late to their own birthday party
- Most likely to accidentally start a group chat drama

Leader Tip:

Move quickly. Laugh loudly. Do not explain the lesson yet.

Transition:

“We all make predictions about people. Tonight we’re talking about a promise God made that changed everything.”

ENCOUNTER — 12–22 Minutes

Scripture Reading

Leader Setup:

"Last week we talked about sin entering the world. Tonight we're seeing what God said *next*."

Scripture (BSB): Genesis 3:15

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel. "

Quick Reaction Question:

- Does this sound more like judgment... or hope?

(No correcting yet.)

ANCHOR — 22–37 Minutes

Teaching: Hope Spoken First

Teaching Summary:

Genesis 3:15 is spoken *before* anyone repents, apologizes, or fixes anything. God promises that evil will not win. The conflict will be real, the pain will be real — but the outcome is already decided.

This is hope before healing.

Promise before proof.

Key Line:

God doesn't wait for us to clean up our mess before He promises rescue.

RESPOND — 37–52 Minutes

Game: Rock • Paper • Scissors — Tournament of Redemption

How to Play:

- Everyone pairs up.
- Play rock-paper-scissors.
- Winner moves on.
- Loser becomes the *cheering section* for the winner.

- By the end, the final player has a massive cheering crowd.

Leader Tip:

Hype it like a championship. Music helps.

Debrief (30 seconds):

“There was a lot of losing... but one victory. Genesis 3:15 says evil fights hard — but it doesn’t win.”

SEND — 52–60 Minutes

Discussion (Short + Optional):

- Why do you think God promised victory so early?
- Where do you need to trust God’s promise even when things still feel broken?

Memory Verse

Scripture (BSB): Genesis 3:15

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Prayer

Invite students to quietly thank God for being faithful even when life feels unresolved.

