

# 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.”

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## 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.)

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## 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.

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## 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.”

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**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.

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