



ISAIAH, PROPHET TO JUDAH

ISAIAH 6; 53

Instructions

The curriculum we use for elementary aged children goes through the Bible chronologically. Currently we are finishing up the book of Deuteronomy. So that your child can continue their journey through the Bible we will be putting together VERY basic Bible lessons for you to do at home. Below you will find a summary of this week's Bible passage. All you have to do is read it with your kids. Then you will see two different sets of discussion questions. One for older kids (3rd-4th grade range) and one for younger kids (Kinder-2nd grade range). Read the discussion questions with your kids. Remember, discussion is not one sided, it's different people talking together. Give your kids the opportunity to think and speak. I pray the Lord speaks to you and your family as you dive into His word together.

Tell the Bible Story

Isaiah was worshiping God in the temple when he had a vision. Isaiah saw God sitting on a throne. God's robe filled the temple. Seraphim—heavenly beings—stood above Him. They each had six wings, and they called out: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord; His glory fills the whole earth."

Isaiah was in the presence of God! He said, "I am ruined! I am sinful. I do not deserve to be in the presence of the King, the great and holy God."

Then one of the seraphim flew to Isaiah. He touched Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal from the altar and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed and your sin is wiped away."

Then Isaiah heard God's voice: "Who should I send? Who will go for Us?"



Isaiah said, “Here am I! Send me.”

“Go,” God said.

Isaiah told the people of Judah about God’s plan. God was going to send the people away from Judah, but He would bring some of the people back. These people were part of Abraham’s family. God was going to keep His promise to Abraham through them.

Isaiah explained that a Messiah was coming, someone who would be Israel’s Savior. The Messiah would be a servant who would suffer and be a sacrifice to rescue people from sin.

Isaiah said there would be nothing special about God’s Servant. “No one will notice Him. People won’t even like Him,” Isaiah said. “We will see Him and turn away. We will look down on Him and won’t care about Him.”

But nothing would stop the Servant from doing God’s plan. “He will carry our sicknesses and pains. We have disobeyed God and wandered away like lost sheep, but instead of punishing us, God will punish Him!”

This was God’s plan all along. The Suffering Servant would give up His life as an offering for sin and give life to many, many people. He would take away their guilt, and they would be righteous by His righteousness. And this is how God would prove that what the Messiah does has worked—He wouldn’t stay dead. God would bring Him back to life.

Isaiah said that when God’s plan happened, the Messiah would see all the good that would come from His suffering, and He would be glad He suffered. Then God would reward Him with great honor.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote that this would happen! Jesus is the Servant who suffered so that those who trust in Him would be forgiven.



Discussion & Bible Skills - Older

Guide your kids to open their Bibles to Isaiah 6. Remind your kids that Isaiah was a prophet to Judah. Explain that during the time Isaiah shared God's message with Judah, the kingdom was ruled by kings like Uzziah, Jotham, and Ahaz. Point out that during Isaiah's lifetime, the Northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed.

Ask the following questions. Lead your kids to discuss:

1. What do all of the prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament show about God? Do they help you trust Him more?

Guide your kids to discuss that the Old Testament prophecies told about things that would happen hundreds of years later, and God kept His promises through Jesus. We see that God was working out His plan all along to send a Savior, and He is faithful to do what He says.

2. How can people who are sinful approach a holy God?

Lead your kids to recall that a holy God is separate from sin. Without Jesus, we cannot be with God. Jesus came to take away our sin and give us His righteousness. We recognize we are sinful, but we trust in Him. God forgives our sin and gives us eternal life. We look forward to being with Him forever.

3. How could Isaiah's story encourage someone who is nervous about the future?

Lead your kids to identify that seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah told about the Messiah. God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Kids can encourage others that God is in control and working out everything for His glory and our good. Even when we do not know or understand God's plan, we can trust Him with our future.

SAY:

Isaiah's name means "Yahweh saves." He told the people of Judah that God's judgment was coming, and he also told them about God's promise to save His people. How did God plan to fix what sin broke? Before He created the world, God planned to send the Messiah to save sinners.



Discussion & Bible Skills - Younger

Help your kids find Isaiah 6; 53. Explain that Isaiah is part of the Old Testament Major Prophets. Remind kids that the Major Prophets were not more important than the Minor Prophets, but rather the books of the Bible they wrote are longer.

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

1. What did Isaiah say when he saw the Lord?

I am ruined, Isa. 6:5

2. How did God show He had forgiven Isaiah's sin?

One of the seraphim touched a hot coal to Isaiah's lips, Isa. 6:6-8

3. The Suffering Servant would be punished for whose sin?

Everyone's, "the iniquity of us all"; Isa. 53:6

4. How do we know that Isaiah was writing about Jesus?

Guide your kids to see that Isaiah's writings were prophecies—promises from God about the future. We can read the New Testament to see how Jesus died for our sin and understand that Isaiah's prophecy had come true in Jesus.

5. Why do you think Jesus was willing to suffer for us?

Guide your kids to discuss the different parts of this answer. Jesus loves us, so He was willing to die for us. Jesus loves God the Father, so He wanted to obey God's plan to die for us. Jesus hates sin and wanted to eliminate its power over people. God deserves all glory; and Jesus' life, death, and resurrection perfectly glorified God.

6. How can we show sacrificial love to others, like Jesus did?

Discuss different ways kids can sacrifice to help others, such as giving generously, loving those who are mean to us, telling others about Jesus even when it is difficult or scary, or being kind to everyone.



SAY:

The prophet Isaiah told about the Messiah. Isaiah did not know when God would keep His promise to send the Messiah, but he knew God would be faithful. Jesus died for us and rose again, and He has promised to return and fix all that sin has broken.