Unit 15 • Session 1 October 19-20, 2019 **2-3's Lesson** Isaiah, Prophet to Judah

> Bible Passage: Isaiah 6; 53

Story Point: Isaiah told about the Savior. Key Passage: 2 Chronicles 7:14

> Kid Connect (30 minutes)

Large Group (15 minutes)

Small Group (15 minutes)

LEADER Bible Study

King Uzziah's death marked the end of an era. His reign had been long and prosperous. Uzziah became king when he was 16, and he reigned over Judah for 52 years. Then Uzziah died. Under Uzziah's leadership, God's people had turned away from the promises of God and trusted in the promises of the world around them. God had promised to bless the entire world through Abraham's family, but God's people were rebellious. Instead of blessing, they set themselves up to receive God's judgment.

But God's plans and promises were not thwarted. God sent the prophet Isaiah to preach a message of hope. Even though God was going to correct His people through judgment, His purpose was one of grace through which God would receive glory. God planned to send a Messiah who would bring salvation to the world.

Isaiah 6 opens with Isaiah's worshiping in the temple. God gave Isaiah a vision. Isaiah saw God sitting on a throne. The magnitude of God's holiness made Isaiah realize the magnitude of his own sin. His response? "Woe is me!" God extended His grace to Isaiah. He took away Isaiah's guilt, and sent him to His people.

Isaiah 53 records the fourth and final Servant song in the Book of Isaiah, describing God's plan of redemption. We see a vision of the promised Messiah, the innocent substitute who would suffer for the sake of sinners.

Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecies of a Suffering Servant. People assumed God had cursed the Suffering Servant for His own sins. But no; Jesus was sinless. Isaiah wrote that He was pierced because of our transgressions and crushed because of our iniquities. His punishment is what brought our peace. The Suffering Servant died the death we deserve.

Isaiah's words came 700 years before Jesus was born. This was God's plan all along! When we trust in Jesus, our sins are wiped away and His righteousness is credited to us.



Isaiah, Prophet to Judah

Isaiah 6; 53

Isaiah was a prophet. One day, when Isaiah was worshiping God in the temple, **God gave Isaiah a vision.** A vision is like a dream, but Isaiah was awake. **Isaiah saw God sitting on a throne.** God was wearing a long robe that filled the temple. **Creatures with wings were standing above God.** They said, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD. His glory fills the whole earth."

Isaiah knew he was with God. He said, "Oh no! I am a sinner. I cannot be with God, or I will die! But I have seen Him!"

Then one of the winged creatures flew to Isaiah. He touched Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal from the altar and said, "Your guilt is gone, and your sin is wiped away."

Then God said, "Who should I send? Who will go for Us?"

Isaiah said, "Here I am! Send me."

God said, "Go."

Isaiah told the people of Judah about God's plan. God was going to send away the people from Judah. Some of the people would come home one day. Those people would be some of the only people left in Abraham's family. Isaiah said that God had a plan to send someone—the Messiah—to rescue people from sin. The Messiah would be a servant of God.

Isaiah said, "God's servant will grow up and look very ordinary. No one will pay attention to Him. They will not want to be His friend.

"We deserve to be punished, but instead of punishing us, God will punish Him! People will think that He is being punished because He had done something wrong, but He will not do anything wrong! God planned this all along. When the servant dies, He will take away people's guilt. God will look at us and say, 'Not guilty!' God will even say to us, 'You're good!'"

Isaiah explained that God's servant will not stay dead. God will bring Him back to life! God's good servant will see all the people He saved, and He will be happy. "Then God will give Him a reward," Isaiah said. "God will give Him honor for doing the right thing and for saving people from sin."

Christ Connection: God's servant Isaiah wrote about Jesus. God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Many years before Jesus was born, Isaiah wrote these words. Jesus is the Servant who died to save people from sin.

Bible Storytelling Tips

- → **Use props:** Use the props provided at appropriate moments in the story (royal robe, scroll, a simple Jesus figure, a cross, happy faces, and a crown).
- → **Pantomime:** Ask another adult leader ahead of time to act out the role of Isaiah as you tell the Bible story. The leader can pretend to write on a scroll as you tell Isaiah's prophecies.



KID CONNECT

Welcome time

Arrival Music

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow your church's security procedures.

Here I am

Invite preschoolers to scatter around the room. When you call a child's name, she will run to you. Give a high-five and say the story point. <u>SAY</u> • ISAIAH TOLD ABOUT THE SAVIOR. God sent Jesus to be our forever friend.

Transition to Large Group

VIDEO: Countdown

Show the countdown video to gain the attention of all the preschoolers to move them to Large Group.



LARGE GROUP

Worship

Sing the key passage song, "You are Good" and "Return."

VIDEO: You are Good VIDEO: Return

Introduce the Bible story

Bible, Bookmark

CG: Giant Timeline

Place a bookmark at Isaiah 6 or 53 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it. Display the open Bible.

<u>SAY</u> • Our Bible story today comes from the Book of Isaiah. God gave Isaiah these words to write. Since these are God's words, we know they are true!

Point to the Bible story picture on the giant timeline. Remind children that all the stories in the Bible fit together to tell an even bigger story. The Bible tells us the big story of how God rescues people through His Son, Jesus.

Tell the Bible story

Tell the Bible story using the bolded version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

CG: Bible Story Picture CG: Story Point

SAY • Wow! Many years before Jesus was born, Isaiah told about the Savior. God planned all along that Jesus would come and save us. Everything happened exactly like Isaiah said. That proves Isaiah's message was from God! Only God knows everything that will happen in the future. Only God could make such an amazing plan to save people and show His love for them.

Practice the key passage

Bible, Key Passage Marker

CG: Key Passage

Place the key passage marker at 2 Chronicles 7:14. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Use motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage several times. <u>SAY</u> • "If my people (display arms in front) ...turn from their evil ways (turn your body), then I will (point up) ...forgive their sin, and heal their land (cross arms over chest)." 2 Chronicles 7:14 Our key passage was written years before Jesus or Isaiah lived! God said even then that He would send Jesus to be our forever friend and forgive our sin.

Learn the big picture question

CG: Big Picture Question

<u>SAY</u> • Let's ask our big picture question. *How did God plan to fix what sin broke? God planned to send Jesus.* God planned all along that Jesus would come to save us. Jesus is special savior Isaiah wrote about.

Pray and transition to small groups



SMALL GROUP

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Build a throne

blocks

Invite preschoolers to work together to build a throne out of blocks. Comment on what it would be like to see God on His throne as preschoolers work.

<u>SAY</u> • Look at the great job you are doing! Remember we learned that Isaiah had a dream from God. He saw God sitting on a throne like a king. God gave Isaiah a job to do. Isaiah told about the Savior. God planned all along that King Jesus would come.

Sing an action song

Sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes," but instead sing and point to your head, shoulders, chin, and mouth. Talk about the angel touching Isaiah's mouth.

<u>SAY</u> • Isaiah saw God sitting on His throne. Isaiah told people that Jesus was coming with his mouth. Ask children what they think God looks like?

Key Verse with motions

Say the key passage using the motions. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying. "If my people (display arms in front) ...turn from their evil ways (turn your body), then I will (point up) ...forgive their sin and heal their land (cross arms over chest)." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Review

Bible Story Picture Poster

Remind children that **Isaiah told about the Savior**. Jesus wants to be your forever friend. <u>Show</u> the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions. Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

Who did Isaiah say was coming? (Jesus)

Who came to save us? (Jesus)

How will Jesus feel when He sees all the people He saved? (He will be happy.)

Connect with parents/influencers

Big Picture Card

At pickup or drop off, hand this week's Big Picture Card to each child's influencer. Encourage them to discuss the *Big Picture Question & Answer* with their preschooler this week.

