

Unit 15, Session 1
October 19-20, 2019
4th-5th Lesson

Isaiah, Prophet to Judah

Isaiah 6; 53

Story Point: The prophet
Isaiah told about the Messiah.



Tell the story from the following Bible story script.

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 God's presence! 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 a seraphim touched Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal from the altar and said, “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.”

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, Israel's Savior. The Messiah would be a servant who would suffer and be a sacrifice

to rescue people from sin.

“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. 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 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.

When God's plan happened, the Messiah would see all the good that would come, 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.



Kid Connect

WELCOME TIME

Intro Music

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group. Prompt kids to share details they remember about what they did eight days ago. Are these details hard or easy to remember? Why?

Large Group

CG: Countdown

Large Group Game: Lineup

SFX: Game Intro Music
SFX: VS. Theme Song

This is a mini-game inside of the VS. game on the computer. MOST of the game will be run digitally. Select 2 teams (5 boys and 5 girls) to play. Give each kid a piece of cardstock with a single number on it (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) and have them hold it up in front of them. When you say go, the tech will select START in the game and a random number will appear in a random order on the screen. Teams must arrange themselves in this order and whichever team does so first, gets a point. First to 3 points wins.

NOTE: Not all 5 numbers will necessarily be used each time so if a kid is holding a number that is not in the sequence, they must move out of the way.

Worship

VIDEO: Let it be Known
VIDEO: O Taste and See



Large Group

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues people through His Son, Jesus.

God raised up Isaiah as a prophet at this time to warn God's people that the kingdom of Israel was going to fall and, later, Judah would fall too. Whether this is your first time or your tenth time hearing this story, there is always something new to learn in God's Word.

Tell the Bible Story

CG: Story Picture
CG: Question 1
CG: Question 2

- What does this story teach us about God?

God had a good plan for His people. He called Isaiah to be a prophet to the people of Judah. Isaiah told the people to stop sinning because God's judgment was coming. He shared the bad news—Judah would be overtaken by their enemies, the Babylonians. But Isaiah also brought good news to the people: God would one day rescue those who were faithful to Him.

- What did Isaiah say about God's Servant?

The Servant would suffer and be a sacrifice to rescue people from sin. Isaiah told of how Jesus would be hated. He said Jesus would not argue with those who wanted to kill Him, and His suffering would save us. Jesus would allow these things to happen so that we might live with Him one day.

CHRIST CONNECTION

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Large Group

CG: Big Picture Question

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

How did God plan to fix what sin broke? Before He created the World, God planned to send the Messiah to save sinners.

PRAY

Halloween Costume Announcement!

Leader • Before we head to small groups, I want to let everyone know that KidCity wants you to wear your Halloween costume to church on the weekend of October 26-27. It's going to be a lot fun! Please remember a few things: No masks, nothing scary, and please keep it kid friendly!

THE GOSPEL: GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

The gospel is the good news, the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use Scripture and the guide provided below to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.



GOD RULES. Ask: "Who is in charge at home?" Explain that because God created everything, He is in charge of everything. Read Revelation 4:11.



WE SINNED. Ask: "Have you ever done something wrong?" Tell kids that everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. Read Romans 3:23.



GOD PROVIDED. Explain that God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve. Read John 3:16.



JESUS GIVES. Ask: "What is the best gift you've ever received?" Say that Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life, and He gives us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever! Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.



WE RESPOND. Explain that everyone has a choice to make. Ask: "Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord? You can turn from self and sin and turn to Jesus." Read Romans 10:9-10.



Small Group

Big Picture Question

**How did God plan to fix what sin broke?
Before He created the world, God planned to send the
Messiah to save sinners.**

All along, God had a solution for our sin problem. He didn't even keep it a secret. Long ago, God spoke through the prophets.

- Can kids serve God? Why or why not?
- How can kids serve God?

Distribute Bibles. Guide kids to open their Bibles to Isaiah 53. Choose a volunteer to read aloud Isaiah 53:6. Isaiah's name means "Yahweh saves." He told the people of Judah that God's judgment was coming, and he told them about God's promise to save His people.

Choose another volunteer to read aloud Isaiah 53:6 again. Then lead the group to discuss the following questions.

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

Guide 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.

(Option: Choose a volunteer to read Luke 24:44.)

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

Lead kids to recall that our 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. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Heb. 4:14-16.)

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

Lead kids to identify that God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Kids can encourage others that God is in control. Even when we do not know or understand God's plan, we can trust Him by faith. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Ps. 16:5.)



Small Group

Look and Listen Drawings

Supplies: paper, pencils

Give each kid a piece of paper and a pencil. Explain that you are going to give them instructions for drawing something, but you will not use any words. Kids must pay attention to your gestures. Use body movements and hand motions to prompt kids to draw a picture of a child flying a kite in a park with a dog. Allow kids to draw for a few minutes and then compare their drawings.

Play a second round. This time, explain that you will use words but kids must close their eyes as they draw. Prompt kids to draw a boat on a river with banana trees on the shore and three fish in the water.

- Have you ever heard a message but didn't understand it? What did you do?

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY: Prophecy pairs

Supplies: index cards, Bibles

Before the session, write the following references on separate index cards: *Isaiah 53:1; Isaiah 53:3; Isaiah 53:4; Isaiah 53:5; Isaiah 53:7; Isaiah 53:9a; Isaiah 53:9b; John 12:37-38; Luke 4:28-29; Matthew 8:16-17; Luke 23:33; Matthew 27:12-14; Matthew 27:57-60; John 18:38.*

Make a stack of the Isaiah references, and form teams of two or more kids. Distribute the cards with New Testament references among the teams. Provide Bibles and challenge kids to find and read the New Testament passages.

One at a time, read the description of a prophecy from Isaiah. Kids should find the New Testament match describing each prophecy's fulfillment (how it came true).

Point out how amazing it is that seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah told about the Messiah. The Bible says every one of God's promises is fulfilled in Jesus. [See 2 Cor. 1:20.]

PRAY

Invite volunteers to share prayer requests. Then pray, thanking God for His Word and for His faithfulness. Thank Him for Jesus, the Messiah who came as promised to bring us forgiveness and eternal life