



ISAIAH PREDICTS CHRIST

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Concept

Jesus died for the bad choices of everyone in the world.

Goal

Children will learn that God chose Isaiah to predict the coming of Jesus to this world. They will learn what it means to accept Jesus' forgiveness and spread the good news that He came to die for the sins of everyone in the world.

Passage

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Key Verse: "Jesus was wounded for the wrong things we did." Isaiah 53:5

Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
<p>Activity Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 soft vinyl blocks w/pictures <p>Lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Laminated, magnet-backed color pictures of:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ <i>Isaiah</i>◦ <i>Israelites</i>◦ <i>Baby Jesus</i>◦ <i>Young Jesus</i>◦ <i>Grown Jesus</i>◦ <i>2 men w/whips</i>◦ <i>Jesus on cross</i>	<p>Learning Activity #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isaiah, Jesus as a baby, Jesus as a child & Jesus on the cross printed on 2 sides of paper, 1/child• Heart stickers, 3/child• Markers

*TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE

For clarity, the italicized areas in the Planning Ahead section indicate supplies that are in—and should be returned to—your classroom SHARED SUPPLY bag.

Background Information/Teacher Helps

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During the time of the divided kingdoms God spoke to His people through a succession of prophets. Some prophecies were fulfilled almost immediately; others pointed to events that would take place centuries later. A prophet of God was required to have 100% accuracy or not expect to have a long career (Deut. 18:18-22)!

Isaiah was a prophet to the southern kingdom, Judah, during the reigns of kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah—approximately 750-680 BC. His voice was heard during the troubled time of the Assyrian invasion that resulted in the fall of Samaria, ending the Northern Kingdom's existence. He called the people to trust in God for their protection, rather than treaties with other nations. He warned them to turn to God with their hearts but they did not accept his message. They chose go their own way and were carried away to exile by Babylon, a then insignificant kingdom. Yet in the midst of that devastating news, God gave Isaiah a promise that would serve to comfort him along with those who would be taken captive.

“Of all the prophetic books of the OT, Isaiah is the most messianic...Only the Psalms contain a larger number of messianic predictions. Every glory of our Lord and every aspect of His life on the Earth are set forth in this great evangelical prophesy: His deity, eternity, pre-existence, creatorship, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, incomparableness (40:12-18; 51:13); His incarnation (9:6; 7:14, cf Mt 1:23); His lowliness and youth in Nazareth (7:15;9:1,2; 11:1; 53:2); His appearance as the Servant of the Lord, anointed as such (11:2); and chosen and delighted in as such (42:1); His mild manner (42:2); His tender ministering kindness (42:3; Mt 12:18-20); His obedience (50:5); His message (61:1-2); His miracles (35:5-6); His sufferings (50:6); His sufferings as the gateway to His exaltation (52:13-15); His rejection by the Jewish nation (53:3); His shame - struck, wounded, bruised (53:4-6); His vicarious death (53:8) and burial (53:9); His resurrection (53:10); His ascension (52:13); His spiritual progeny (53:10) and present high priestly ministry (53:12); His future glory (53:12; 52:13 cf. Phil 2:9-11).”¹

God's promised redeemer was coming—and He would be God Himself! This is the awesome news God gave Isaiah. God's promises gradually narrowed down to the person who would fulfill them. That person is Jesus our Lord. God fulfills His prophecies perfectly.

¹ The New Ungers Bible Handbook, Merrill F. Unger, 1984, Moody Press, Chicago, p. 242.

Set Up

Incorporation Lg. Group

Introduction Lg. Group

Lesson Lg. Group

The day of class: fold the cards for Learning Activity #1.

Activity Station:

• Predictions - Which Side Will Turn Up?

- **Instructions:** Explain that the word “predict” means to know what will happen before it actually happens. Give a couple examples if necessary. Have the children predict before they toss the blocks which picture will turn up. Reinforce the idea that they are predicting an outcome. Ask them if there is any way they can predict for sure before they throw the block how they will land. Do they think that anyone can always predict for sure how they will land each time? There is only one person who always predicts perfectly – God.

When we tell what is going to happen, we predict. Some of you predicted what pictures would come up on the block. Were you right when you predicted which pictures would turn up on the block? (Have the children give some of their specific answers.) It's fun to play those games, isn't it? But we can't always predict what will happen. Sometimes we are surprised. Do you know that there is someone who knows everything? He is never surprised. Do you know who that someone is? (It is God.)

Today we are going to learn that a long, long time ago God used people called prophets to tell what was going to happen.

This is Isaiah (post laminated picture of Isaiah). He was God's prophet. God gave Isaiah a very special message to tell His people (put up picture of Israelites). Isaiah told the people that a special baby would be born (put up picture of baby Jesus). This baby would grow and become a boy (put up picture of young Jesus) who was just like you and me. He wouldn't be real tall or real short. He wouldn't run real fast or real slow. Isaiah said that when He grew up and became a man (put up picture of grown Jesus), most people would hate Him and would not believe His words. They would beat Him up and whip Him (put up picture of people with whips). They would hurt Him so badly that He could not walk or run. And even though people would hate Him and be mean to Him, He would love them anyway. He would love them so much that He would die for the bad choices of everyone in the world.

Could you ever love someone who was really mean to you and wanted to really hurt you? Jesus loved them so much that He would even die for their bad choices!

When the people heard what Isaiah said, they did not believe that it would happen. How would it be possible for a man to die for the bad choices of everyone in the world? Isaiah told the people that this was really going to happen because God had told him that it would. But the people still would not listen.

Lesson Continued

Who was the man that Isaiah wrote about? It was Jesus! God knew that Jesus was going to come to earth a long, long time before He actually came. God actually planned for Jesus to come to earth to die for all the bad choices we make. He told Isaiah to predict that this man would die for the bad choices of everyone in the world (put up picture of Jesus on the cross). But many people didn't want to believe Isaiah's special message. Do you believe Isaiah's message? Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross for your bad choices? God wants you to believe Isaiah's message. He wants you to thank Jesus for dying on the cross for your bad choices and ask Him into your heart so you can become His friend.

Let's pray now. Our Bible verse today is, "Jesus was hurt for the bad things we did" (Isaiah 53:5). Let's thank God for sending His son Jesus to die for our bad choices. Let's also pray for all of our friends who do not know Jesus.

Transition

Let's make a card that will remind us of Isaiah's special message. You can give this special card to someone to tell them "Jesus was hurt for the bad things we did" (Isaiah 53:5) and that Jesus loves them.

Learning Activity#1 Lg. Group

Craft – Greeting Card

Instructions: Give each child a card to color. Fold the card so that Isaiah is on the front and Jesus on the cross on back. They can put the heart stickers wherever they like. Discuss with the children the message of the card— Isaiah predicted that Jesus would come to earth. Jesus was born as a baby, just like they were. As Jesus grew up He loved God and when He was all grown up He died on the cross to pay for our bad choices. Maybe they have a friend or family member they would like to give this card to help them know about Jesus.