



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"> • Large paper grocery bag with question marks • Contents for bag: Pencil, Marker, Small ball, Hand puppet, Picture book, Magnifying glass, Animal mask, 2 pairs of 2" foam dice <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"> • Cards printed on cardstock, 1/child • Paper lunch bags, 1/child • Question marks printed on #5160 Avery labels, 6 question marks/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

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

Set Up

The day of class: Fold the cards for Learning Activity #1. Put the pencil, ball, book, magnifying glass, animal mask, animal nose and a marker in the grocery bag and turn the top down so it is sealed.

Incorporation Lg. Group

Activity Stations:

Predictions (Goal: To give the children illustrations of "predictions.")

- **Rolling Dice**

- **Instructions:** Have children predict before they roll the die how many dots 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 die 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.

- **What's In the Bag?**

- **Instructions:** On a table put the sealed paper grocery bag with the question marks. Ask the children if they can predict what's in the bag. Allow the children one by one to put their hand in the bag and pull out an item until the bag is empty. Have fun with each item as they pull it out. If children would like, they can put on the mask and the nose. Ask the children if there is any way they could have known what was in the bag. They could have known what was in the bag only if they had put the things in the bag, if they had decided what was to go in the bag, if they had watched the things put in the bag or if someone told them what was in the bag.

Introduction Lg. Group

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to know exactly what was going to happen tomorrow, the next day, or the next day? When we tell what is going to happen, we predict. Some of you predicted how many dots would come up on the die and some of you predicted what was in the mystery bag. Were you right when you predicted how many dots would turn up on the die? Did any of you predict exactly what was in the bag? (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 exactly what will happen and exactly how it will happen. But there is someone who knows everything and what He tells us always happens exactly the way He says it will. That someone is God.

Lesson Lg. Group

Today we are going to learn about prophets. A long, long time ago God used people called prophets to tell His people what was going to happen. Isaiah was a prophet of God (put up laminated picture of Isaiah). God gave Isaiah a very special message to tell His people, the Israelites (put up picture of Israelites). Listen to what Isaiah told the Israelites and see if you can figure out who Isaiah was talking about.

Lesson Continued

Isaiah wrote in the Bible 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 because they would not believe His words. They would beat Him up (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 sins of everyone in the world.

Can you imagine loving someone who was really mean to you and really hurt you? Would you be able to love someone who beat you up and was very mean to you?

Isaiah (point to Isaiah picture) said that the people would hate Him (point to Jesus picture) even though He never, ever did anything wrong. They would hate this man so much that they would kill Him. Even though He would know that they would kill Him, He would not say anything. He would be quiet even though He knew that He would die! He loved them so much that He would even die for their sins!

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 sins of everyone in the world? Isaiah told the people that this was definitely going to happen because God had told him that it would. But the people still would not listen.

Let's get into small groups to talk about this person.

The man Isaiah wrote about was Jesus! God knew that He was going to send Jesus to earth a long, long time before He actually came. God knew it because He 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 sins of everyone in the world (put up picture of Jesus on the cross). But many people chose not to believe Isaiah's special message.

- Is it hard for you to believe something when you don't see it happening? How about if your mommy or daddy would tell you that you were going to move. What would you think of that, especially if you never saw the neighborhood you were moving to? Isaiah's message was something like that. He told people about things they had never seen or even believed could happen.
- Many people decided not to believe Isaiah because they couldn't understand how that could happen. Why might some people have a hard time believing Isaiah's message that Jesus came to die for the sins of everyone in the world?

Transition

Learning Activity#1 Sm. Groups

Learning Activity#1 Continued

Transition

Let's pray now. Our Bible verse today is, "Jesus was wounded for the wrong 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.

Let's make a small bag like our mystery bag. You can play the mystery game at home with your friends and family. You can also make a card that will remind you of Isaiah's special message. Isaiah wrote God's special message in the Bible for us to read. You can put this special card in your bag for someone to pull out and read or you can give it to someone to tell them that Jesus loves them and "Jesus was wounded for the wrong things we did" (Isaiah 53:5).

Learning Activity# 2 Lg. Group

Craft – Mystery Bag & Greeting Card

Instructions: Give each child a lunch bag to color and decorate with markers and stickers. Also give each child a card to color. Discuss with the children the message on the card. What is Isaiah's special message to us?

Learning Activity# 3 Lg. Group

Mystery Bag

Instructions: Have children put things in their mystery bags so other children can predict what is in their bag.