



# ISAIAH - MORE CLUES TO GOD'S PLAN

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## Concept

God perfectly fulfills His prophecies.

## Goal

Students will learn that God always keeps his promises and that he kept his promise to bring the Messiah, Jesus, who died for our sins.

## Passage

Isaiah 6; 7:14, 9:1,2,6,7; 42:5-7; 53; 61; 65:17-25

Key Verse: "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us..." Isaiah 9:6 (NASB)

## Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
<p><b>Activity Station:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>One small ball</i></li></ul> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>"Divided Kingdom" map from Unit 8#1</i></li></ul> <p><b>Learning Activity #1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Microphone (one for 1st-3rd grades combined)</i></li><li>• <i>Costumes for Barbara &amp; Isaiah</i></li><li>• <i>"Camel Stop" sign</i></li></ul> <p><b>Lesson:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>3 sets of pictures and verses of clues to Messiah, copied on yellow, blue and white paper</i></li></ul>	<p><b>Optional Activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>"I Spy Nativity" worksheet, 1/student</i></li></ul>

### \*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, rather than treaties with other nations, for their protection. He warned them to turn to God with their hearts but they did not accept his message. They chose to go their own way and be 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 prophecy..." [1]

"The Lord's kingdom on earth, with its righteous Ruler and his righteous subjects, is the goal toward which the book of Isaiah steadily moves. The restored earth and the restored people will then conform to the divine ideal, and all will result in the praise and glory of the Holy One of Israel for what he has accomplished." [2]

God's promised redeemer was coming—and it 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. As you prepare for this lesson consider the mercy, power and perseverance of our God in His commitment and ability to continue His plan in the midst of a perverse and depraved people. Thank Him for His incomprehensible love and pray that His Spirit will communicate that love through you to the children.

[1] Merrill F. Unger, *The New Unger's Bible Handbook*, ©1984, Moody Press, Chicago, p. 242.

[2] *The NIV Study Bible*, 1985, Zondervan, p. 1015.

## Set Up

- **The week before class:** The 1st-3rd grade teaching teams will combine to do the Introduction and the drama skit. Together you will need to determine who will play which parts, say the Introduction and conclusion.
- **The day of class:** Hide the picture clues for the Scripture Search Game (done in small groups).

## Incorporation Lg. Group

### Activity Stations

- **Game – “Hot Coals”**
  - **Instructions:** Gather the students in a large circle. One teacher will say the key verse while a small ball is passed quickly around the circle. Whoever is holding the ball when the verse is finished is “sent” to the center of the circle. Repeat until there are too many students in the center to be able to pass the ball—or the teacher’s voice gives out!
  - When God called Isaiah to be His prophet to Israel, God actually appeared to Isaiah. Isaiah knew that God is perfect and all people are sinners and that contact with God meant death. So when Isaiah found himself in the presence of God he said, “Oh, no! I will be destroyed. I am not pure, and I live among people who are not pure, but I have seen the King, the Lord All-Powerful.” So God sent an angel with a hot coal to touch Isaiah’s lips as a symbol that his sins were taken away. He was forgiven! So what’s our key verse today? “For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us...” (Isaiah 9:6).
- **Mission Prayer**
  - **Instructions:** Talk about and pray for Oasis Giving campaign.

## Introduction Lg. Group

Last week we learned about the prophet Elijah, who was sent to the Northern Kingdom, Israel (show on map), to call the people away from their idol worship back to the true God. The southern kingdom, Judah (show on map), was having some of the same problems, although at least some of her kings were faithful to God. As God sent Elijah to Israel, He sent the prophet Isaiah to speak to the kings and people of Judah.

What if I were to offer you a job and said, “This is a job that’s not a lot of fun. You will try to tell people things that are important for them to know and understand, but they won’t listen to you. Instead they will be mad at you most of the time. You won’t earn very much money. But it is a really important job!” Would you take the job I offered you?!

Well, when God offered Isaiah the job of prophet, He told Isaiah right from the start that most people in Judah would ignore His message, just like Israel ignored Elijah.

## Introduction Continued

But even though he knew it was going to be a job that he didn't like, Isaiah said yes to God because he knew God. He didn't just know about God. He was God's friend, God, the creator and ruler of the universe had a very important message for the people. It must have been hard for Isaiah to speak to the people when he knew they wouldn't listen. God told Isaiah about the promised child who would come from Abraham's family. That promise is our key verse, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us..." (Isaiah 9:6). God's promised son was coming. He would save the world from sin! God made this promise to Isaiah hundreds of years before this promised son was born.

## Transition

Look over here at our TV studio and meet the prophet Isaiah. We have a special interview to show you today from the new cable TV station TTC—The Time Travel Channel.

## Learning Activity#1 Lg. Group

### Drama

**"Interview with Isaiah"** presented by 2nd & 3rd grade teaching teams.

**Cast:** Isaiah and Barbara Waltowski.

**Setting:** Isaiah is standing at a signpost labeled "Camel Stop," whistling or humming to himself, looking happy. Barbara Waltowski, the interviewer, approaches him.

### "INTERVIEW WITH ISAIAH"

**Barbara:** [Steps forward, microphone in hand] Greetings, everyone! This is your roving reporter Barbara Waltowski for TTC News. We are back in the land of Judah during the time of the prophet Isaiah, hoping to catch him for an interview [Looks over her shoulder] Oh, there he is now! [Walks back a few paces to join Isaiah at the "Camel Stop" sign]

**Barbara:** Excuse me, sir. Aren't you the famous prophet, Isaiah?

**Isaiah:** Yes I am—though some of the idol worshippers around here would more likely call me 'infamous.' What can I do for you? Are you from the Jerusalem Press?

**Barbara:** Sort of. I'm curious, Sir Prophet...

**Isaiah:** Nice to meet you, Curious... just call me Isaiah.

**Barbara:** Uh, Thank you, sir... I mean, Isaiah. Why are you so chipper when the Assyrians have wiped out the northern kingdom, and are threatening Judah?

## Learning Activity#1 Continued

**Isaiah:** Don't worry about the Assyrians! God will handle them. But if you really want to worry, it's the Babylonians who are going to be the big problem for Judah—unless the people turn to God with all their hearts. Battles, captivity, exile—it's not going to be a pretty sight!

**Barbara:** [Shudders] How awful! Then why are you so hopeful?

**Isaiah:** I'm glad you asked! The Lord has given me some wonderful news about the Blessing—the child He promised would come from Abraham's family. God's Plan is going to happen no matter what the Assyrians or Babylonians do.

**Barbara:** What Plan is that, Isaiah?

**Isaiah:** A child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and he will rule the world. He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to His government or to the peace he will bring. We don't know when God will do this, but He has promised it. So a child is sure to come and he will be the promised king. What a wonderful kingdom that will be!

**Barbara:** Wow! That is good news! What do the people think of it?

**Isaiah:** [frowns and sighs] The lazy rich people who have been cheating the poor don't care. I've already warned them of their certain judgment. But the people who fear and trust God have hope, like me. [smiles] They hope that this child will come while they are still alive. They are telling their children the Messiah is coming!

**Barbara:** Messiah?! What is a Messiah?

**Isaiah:** The Messiah is the son of God who will save us from our sins. He will be far more wonderful than our greatest hopes and wishes! [Looks thoughtful and says to himself] I wonder if His people will recognize Him when He comes.

**Barbara:** [glances to the side] Uh oh, here comes a camel

**Isaiah:** [looks too] Good! I have to get home and help my wife with our son, Maher-Shalel-Hash-Baz. He's quite a handful.

**Barbara:** [Aside to the children] Quite a mouthful too! [turns to Isaiah] Thanks for the good news, Isaiah! [Walks to the front of the screen] And thanks to all our viewers on TTC News. This is Barbara Waltowski, signing off.

[Exit]

# Learning Activity#1 Continued

## Transition

## Lesson Lg. Group

### Conclusion

Isaiah longed to see the Messiah—the promised child who would become king forever. And God told him even more things about what the child would do when He grew up. But the Messiah didn't come for another 700 years—and He wasn't quite what the people expected.

Let's go back to our classrooms and divide into small groups to look for clues about how to recognize this child.

### Game - "Scripture Search"

**Instructions:** Divide the students into their small groups: yellow, blue, white. They are to look for 6 clues on the colored pieces of paper. After all 6 clues are found, sit down in your small group and discuss the following questions.

**Introduction to the search:** We are going to search for the clues that God gave Isaiah. There are 6 clues on <<your color>> cards. I want you to search for the clues. When you find a clue, bring it back to me. When we have all six, we will see if we can figure out what they mean.

### Discussion

(Hold up or lay out all the clues so the students can see them.) Look at all these clues. Can you read the words that go with them? Do you know of anyone who might fit the description of all these clues?

Do you think these have anything to do with Isaiah and the promise God made, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us..."? These all describe Jesus and His life on earth. And these are the things that God told Isaiah to tell the people.

- **Baby** – Jesus was born a baby just like we were (Is. 7:14, 9:6)
- **Crown/scepter** – Jesus will rule forever (Is. 9:7)
- **Sheep** – Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (Is. 53:6,7)
- **Angry face** – Jesus was hated and rejected by the people (Is. 53:3)
- **Candle** – Jesus is the light of the world (Is. 42:6)
- **Cross** – Jesus died on the cross for our sins (Is. 53:8,12)

### Good News

God spoke to the people of Israel through His judges and prophets. They taught the people how to live and how to know God better. God told them more and more about His Plan to save them.

God made a very special promise through the prophet Isaiah, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us..." (Isaiah 9:6). This child would be God's own Son. He would be born as a baby and give His life to take away the sins of all people. Those who ask for His forgiveness and invite Him to live in their hearts become God's children. What a great promise!

## **Learning Activity# 2 Sm. Groups**

### **Small Group**

God has also promised that someday Jesus will come back to earth to reign as king. He will rule all nations of the whole world. Since God always keeps His promises, that promise will be kept, too.

- So do you think God kept His promise to Isaiah? (Yes, He sent Jesus.)
- Do you believe Jesus will come back? Why/why not?
- Are you ready for Jesus to come back? How can you get ready? (Accept God's forgiveness through Jesus, invite your friends and family to know Him, get to know him by reading Bible, talk to him, follow him, etc.)
- Do you ever think about Jesus coming back or what it will be like when He comes back?
- Has anything ever happened to you that you were promised, but didn't know what to expect? Is it hard to think about something you can't really imagine?

Let's pray and thank God for keeping His promise to send Jesus to be our savior. Let's ask Him to help us remember that we can always believe what He says because He always keeps His promises.

## **Optional Activity**

### **Activity - I Spy Nativity [1]**

**Instructions:** Give each student an "I Spy Nativity" and have them search for the images in the picture. The number of times each image appears can be found at the bottom of the page.

[1] <https://www.papertraildesign.com/nativity-i-spy-activity/>