

Unit 15 • Session 1

**Isaiah, Prophet to Judah**

Bible Passage: Isaiah 6; 53

Story Point: Isaiah told about the Messiah.

Key Passage: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Big Picture Question: How did God plan to fix what sin broke? God planned to send Jesus.

**The BIBLE Story**

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.***

### **Learn the big picture question**

**Say** • After today's Bible story, you probably already know the answer to our new big picture question ***How did God plan to fix what sin broke? God planned to send Jesus.*** God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Jesus is the Servant who died to save people from sin Isaiah wrote about.

### **Practice the key passage**

Place a bookmark at 2 Chronicles 7:14. Invite your child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. **"If my people...** *(arms held out in front of you, palms up)* **turn from their wicked ways,** *(push hands away from body like trying to push something away)* **then I will... forgive their sin** *(hands placed over heart)* **and heal their land.** *(Spread hands outward, palms down)* **2 Chronicles 7:14"** *(open hands like a book).* Repeat key passage several times.

**Say** • Our key passage was written years before Jesus or Isaiah lived! God said even then that He would forgive sin because God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Let's praise God for His grace through all time!

### **Coloring page**

*What you need: coloring sheet, 1 per child, markers or crayons*

Give your child the coloring/activity page. Invite your child to color the one side. On the other side, guide hm/her to connect the dots to reveal a cross.

**Say** • Connecting the dots revealed a hidden picture of a cross! In our Bible story today, God showed a prophet named Isaiah visions about Jesus a long time before Jesus died on the cross. What do you remember about Isaiah's visions from God?

### **Build a throne**

*What you need: blocks, legos or other building type toys*

Work together with your child to build a throne out of blocks (or other building type toys). Comment on what it would be like to see God on His throne as you work.

**Say** • While he was worshipping God in the temple, Isaiah had a vision from God. He saw God sitting on a throne. God was wearing a long robe that filled the temple. God gave Isaiah a job to do. Many years before Jesus was born, **Isaiah wrote about the Messiah.** Jesus is the Messiah. God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Jesus is the Servant who died to save people from sin.

### **Make cross art**

*What you need: "Isaiah told about Jesus" printable, 1 per child, markers or crayons*

Print the craft page. Show your child how to color the cross according to the guide on the page. Talk about the Bible story.

**Say** • Jesus died on the cross so we do not have to be punished for our sin. Jesus was punished for us. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives us. God's servant **Isaiah told about the Messiah** many years before Jesus was born. God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin.

### **Story review**

In Isaiah's vision of God, one of the winged creatures in the temple touched Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal from the altar. Then God sent Isaiah to tell the people of Judah about God's plan. **Isaiah told about the Messiah**, the One who God would send to rescue people from sin.

Ask the following questions. Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

- Was Isaiah a prophet, priest, or king? (*prophet*)
- Whom did Isaiah write about? (*the Messiah, Jesus*)
- When did Isaiah write about the Messiah: before or after Jesus was born? (*many years before*)
- Who died to save us from sin? (*Jesus*)
- How will Jesus feel when He sees all the people He saved? (*He will be happy.*)
- ***How did God plan to fix what sin broke? God planned to send Jesus.***