

LESSON 1  
ISAIAH

## LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Calls People to Be His Messengers

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 6

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** The prophet Isaiah has a vision of God's throne room. Isaiah recognizes God's holiness and his own sinfulness, but God cleanses him and calls Isaiah to be His messenger.

**WORD OF WONDER:** God will never leave us. —from Hebrews 13:5b

## CURIOSITY

## BELIEF

## FAITH

- Play Stations:
  - Play Dough Wings
  - Messenger Horns
  - Isaiah Coloring Sheet
- Word of Wonder: Hebrews 13:5b
- God's Big Story /Snack
- Circle Time: Hot Coals
- Responding in Worship: Throwing Away Our Sins
- Closing Game: Sharing God's Message



God With Us Preschool Spotify playlist



## LESSON 1 FOR LEADERS

### INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

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Do you remember when you signed up to lead kids? There must have been something that compelled you to go through a process to be in the position you are today, and there undoubtedly continues to be a reason that you come back to delivering God's message to kids again and again.

It may have been a nudge from the Holy Spirit during a compelling announcement or guilt from a shorthanded staff person. Maybe someone saw something in you and tapped you on the shoulder to serve, and that called out something in you that you had never considered before. Regardless of the specifics, you responded to a call.

Read Isaiah 6. It's a wild scene. But at the heart, it's about God calling a person to be a messenger to the leaders of Jerusalem and Judah. Isaiah accepts the calling to bring hope to these leaders in spite of the painful truth about judgment because he believes in God's promises.

Whatever it was that compelled you to start, God has called you to share His message of love—to believe that God's Word and the promises He has made are true and must be shared with the next generation. Though there are likely weeks when you feel like you're not worthy—or possibly just not prepared—God is with you, and His Holy Spirit will speak through you to deliver His message.

—**Courtney Wilson**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS**

**WHO?**

Isaiah means “Yahweh is salvation.” The prophet was probably born and educated in Jerusalem. There is some indication he was related to King Uzziah since he had access to the court and was deeply concerned with leadership.

**WHAT?**

King Uzziah died at a difficult time in Israel’s history as they were under threat from foreign invaders. God intervenes and provides His people with a messenger through a vision. He calls Isaiah to speak on His behalf, and Isaiah becomes God’s prophet.

**WHERE?**

In Isaiah 6:1, we are told that Isaiah’s vision takes place in the “temple.” This may refer to the physical temple in Jerusalem, but it could also refer to Isaiah being transported in his vision to the temple of God in heaven.

**WHEN?**

Isaiah lived during the eighth century BC. The death of King Uzziah was around 740 BC, and shortly after, Assyria began its assault on the Northern Kingdom of Israel. By 722 BC, the capital city of Israel, Samaria, was conquered by Assyria.

**CONNECTING TO GOD’S BIG STORY**

Isaiah couldn’t cleanse himself of his sin, so God cleansed him and made him able to stand in the presence of the Holy God. Jesus gave of Himself on the cross to cleanse all who trust in Him so they too can be with God.



## LESSON 1 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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### Play Stations

**SUPPLIES:** play dough; play dough tools such as spoons, chopsticks, or rolling pins; paper (1 sheet per kid); tape; coloring utensils

**RESOURCES:** [Isaiah Coloring Sheet \(1 per kid\)](#)

Greet kids warmly as they arrive and briefly explain the play stations. Invite them to play at any of the play stations.

**"Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help get ready for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas of what we'll be learning about today?"**

#### Play Station: Play Dough Wings

**Set-up:** Set out play dough on a table, along with play dough tools (spoons, chopsticks, rolling pins, etc.).

**Play:** Encourage the kids to use the play dough to create sets of wings. Discuss what wings are for and what usually has wings.

#### Play Station: Messenger Horns

**Set-up:** Roll up each sheet of paper into the shape of a horn with a narrow end and a wider end. Tape the papers in place so they don't unroll. Make one horn per kid and set them on a table.

**Play:** Invite kids to practice being messengers by shouting greetings through their horns.

#### Play Station: Isaiah Coloring Sheet

**Set-up:** Print one copy per kid of the Coloring Sheet. Set out the Coloring sheets and coloring utensils.

**Play:** Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheet over and draw a picture of wings or a throne.

## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

### WORD OF WONDER

God will never leave us.

—from Hebrews 13:5b

**"Our Word of Wonder talks about how God will never leave us. Let's practice it together! Let's all stand in a line. When I say the first word of the Word of Wonder, the first person in line needs to link arms with the next person. Demonstrate linking arms with a child. When I say the next word, then the second person in line links arms with the next person. We'll keep doing this until we say the whole verse together!"**

Say the Word of Wonder word by word, including the reference. With each word, help the kids link arms with the person next in line. Go through it a few times, having the kids say the verse with you as they link arms.

**Great job learning the Word of Wonder—God will never leave us! Now let's practice the motions to remember it."**

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **GOD WILL**—Point up.
- **NEVER LEAVE US**.—Shake your head.
- **HEBREWS 13:5**—Hold your hands together in front, palms together, as if opening a book.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **How does it make you feel to know that God will never leave you?**
- **Can we share the message that God will never leave us? Who can we share it with?**

## God's Big Story / Snack

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

Hold up a Bible and show the kids. Tell them today's story comes from the book of Isaiah in the Bible. Open a Bible and show them where the story is found.

### Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week before the Bible story to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

**I open my Bible and what do I see?** (Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.)

**God's big story, waiting for me!** (Point to yourself.)

**"Let's hear part of God's big story, which comes from the book of Isaiah in the Bible."**

Read the God's Big Story Script provided or read Isaiah 6:1–8 from an NIV Bible.

**\*Leader Tip \*** Kids can color their Coloring Pages while you read to help with the wiggles!

## Circle Time: Hot Coals

**SUPPLIES:** black construction paper (1 sheet), white crayon, bowl, tongs

Ahead of time, tear the black construction paper into seven pieces (these will be the coals). Use the white crayon to number the pieces 1–7. Crumple each of the papers into balls and place them in the bowl.

Invite the kids to stand in a circle around the bowl of "coals." **Today we learned about how Isaiah had an interesting vision and saw how God cleaned Isaiah from his sin and invited Isaiah to be His messenger. Remember how the seraphim used tongs (hold up the tongs) to bring a coal to Isaiah's lips to clean him from his sin? Let's practice using tongs to grab coal!**

Point out the bowl of coals in the middle of the circle. Invite a child to use the tongs to grab one of the coals and bring it to you. (It's OK if kids need to use two hands to hold the tongs or if they just want to grab the coal with their hands.) She can then unwrap the coal to see which number she drew. Ask her the question with the corresponding number from the discussion questions below. Continue with different kids until all the pieces of "coal" have been taken and all the questions asked.

**Leader Tip:** If a child is unable to answer a question, encourage him with some possible options or invite him to ask a volunteer to answer the question.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Who saw a vision of God?** (Isaiah)
- **What was God sitting on in Isaiah's vision?** (a throne)
- **What did God use to take away Isaiah's sin?** (a piece of coal carried with tongs)
- **Who said he would be God's messenger?** (Isaiah)
- **Whom can we share God's message with?**
- **How does it feel to know that you can share God's messages with people too?**

## Head to Large Group!

### Responding in Worship: Throwing Away Our Sins

**SUPPLIES:** black construction paper (1 sheet per kid), white crayons (1 per kid), trash can

**"God is so holy and good and loving! He cleans us from our sins and calls people to be His messengers.** Give each of the kids a sheet of black construction paper and a white crayon. Encourage them to take some time to draw something on their paper that reminds them of times they know they have sinned. Maybe it's when they've yelled at a sibling or hurt someone or said something unkind.

**All of us have sinned and done things our own way instead of God's. But God loves us so much that He provides the way for our sins to be forgiven through Jesus. Remember the story of Isaiah? God cleaned him from his sin. Let's crumple up our papers to remind us that God takes away our sin!** Invite the kids to crumple up their papers and then throw them in the trash can.

**Leader Tip:** Remind kids that God is always willing to forgive us and that He loves us so much, even though we sin.

**When God takes our sin away, we can share His message of love and forgiveness with the whole world. We can tell other people about God's holiness and His love and how He cleans us from our sin!"**

### Closing Activity: Sharing God's Message

**SUPPLIES:** paper (1 sheet), marker (prep only)

On a sheet of paper, use a marker to write the Wonder Truth: "God Calls People to Be His Messengers."

**God calls people to be His messengers—we can share with others what He has done!** Invite kids to stand in different spots all over the room. Give the paper with the Wonder Truth on it to one of the kids, and invite him to go share the message with someone else who's standing in a different spot. As he gives the paper to another kid, he can say out loud, "I can be His messenger!" The child who just received the paper can then go share it with someone else, saying, "I can be His messenger!" as she hands it off. Continue until everyone in the room has received and said the message.