



ISAIAH THE PROPHET

Isaiah 1,5,6,9,53

Memory Verse

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' ISAIAH 6:8-11

Context/Background

In 742 B.C. Isaiah was called to be a prophet. Isaiah, son of Amoz, who prophesied in Jerusalem, is included among the prophets of the eighth century B.C.E. preachers who boldly proclaimed God's word of judgment against the economic, social, and religious disorders of their time. Isaiah lived during the time when the Assyrians expanded their empire. The Syrians and the northern kingdom tried to pressure the southern kingdom of Judah to help them resist the Assyrians. As a sign of God's faithfulness, Isaiah promised that a child would be born who would be called "Immanuel," which means "God with us." Isaiah told people not to fight because God would protect them. Isaiah's advice was heeded by Hezekiah, who was king late in Isaiah's life. The Assyrians did conquer the northern kingdom and besieged Jerusalem but did not capture it. An outbreak of disease forced the Assyrians to depart. Isaiah's life and message are recounted in the book of Isaiah. (Taken from <https://enterthebible.org/glossary/isaiah>)

Summary

Isaiah was a man who lived at a time when God's people were not listening to what he had to tell them. Isaiah went into the temple of Jerusalem to worship God. It was there that God came to Isaiah in a way that Isaiah could see, hear and feel. Isaiah saw God as a king on a high throne. He could not believe that a person could ever have the chance to see, hear and feel God. God sent a flaming creature to touch Isaiah's lips and tell him his sins were forgiven. Isaiah then heard the voice of God asking who he could send to tell the people about God. Isaiah said, "Here I am, send me." He became a prophet and told people what God wanted them to know. He told the people to put their trust in God and to repent of their bad choices, and that God would send a saviour to rescue them and take the punishment for their sins.

Relevance/Application Themes: love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, courage, hope

Younger students:

- God is holy
- We all make mistakes, but God had a plan to send Jesus to save us.
- God can use you to help his people
- We can trust God
- God gives us hope

Older students:

- God can use anyone to bring about his plan and purposes

- God is holy and our sin (desires and selfish ambition) causes separation between us and God
- The Holy Spirit speaks to his people to give instruction and direction
- Jesus is the One promised that has dealt with our sin
- Isaiah's vision shows what kind of God the Lord Almighty is – a holy God before whom all people must tremble because of their sinfulness, but also a God who has mercy on his people and comes to them to take away their guilt. In Jesus Christ we have been given an even clearer vision of the Lord God.

Christian Studies Framework

Christian Beliefs:

Key Idea 1 Christians believe God is one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Key Idea 2 The person and work of Jesus the Christ is central to Christianity.

Key Idea 3 A Christian worldview is shaped by the biblical teaching of sin and grace.

Christian Living: Key Idea 1 – Christians believe that God creates people to live in a relationship with him and with each other.

Catechism Connections

When we say the words of the Apostles' Creed we are stating what we believe about our Triune God. The first petition starts: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. The second petition: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. The third petition: I believe in the Holy Spirit... There are three parts in the creed. In the first part we talk about the Father who made us. In the second part we talk about the Son (Jesus) who saved us. In the third part we talk about the Holy Spirit who teaches us and helps us to believe in God.

Isaiah's life and prophecies show all these aspects of God at work.

Discussion/Wondering Questions:

Early Years

- What do you think God looks like?
- How does God talk to us?
- Are you afraid of the dark? What helps you feel better? (you may like to use this devotion <https://kidscorner.net/devotions/the-prophets-message-of-hope>)

Primary

- Why did God appear to Isaiah?
- Read Isaiah 6:1-8. What surprised you in this story?
- Read Isaiah 9:1-7. Who do you think God is talking about in this prophecy?
- Read some of Isaiah 58 (you may like to use this devotion: <https://kidscorner.net/devotions/gods-call-for-justice>) and consider how God wants us to act towards others.

Secondary

- Read Isaiah 1. What was Israel like in Isaiah's time? What does God say to the people in Isaiah's vision? What does he want the people to do? What might he want you to do?
 - Read Isaiah 58. What is God calling for people to do? What is justice? What does it look like? How is God just?
 - How would you describe hope to someone who is new to this concept? What is your hope for the world we live in?
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- What are examples where God is working in this world?

Images or objects to spark discussion

- A coal and a pair of tongs



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Telling the Story

Bibles: The Beginner's Bible
The Big Rescue Bible
The NIV Bible

The Jesus Storybook - Operation "No More Tears!" - The Rescuer Will Come: Prophecies from Isaiah

Creative Storytelling:

- Create a video interview with students/staff: act out a situation that requires you to trust in something even though you can't see it helping/benefitting you?
- Demonstrate in a story or through a play what trust can look like in different situations. Socially with friends, having your parents trust you, trusting God.

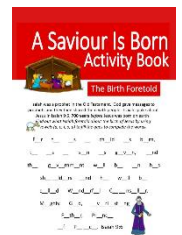
Tracts and Other Resources

Lutheran Tract Mission

[A Saviour is Born Activity Books based on Isaiah 9 \(Junior and Upper Primary versions\)](#)

GROW Ministries

[GrowKids - FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TRINITY \(B\)](#)



Audio Stories/Podcasts

Bible.is - <https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/audio-bible-resources/bible-is>

Audio recordings of the Bible in many different languages and several English translations. All four gospels also available in film versions, searchable by book and chapter. Excellent resource for NESB learners.

Kids Corner – Bible Stories – [The Story of the Prophets](#)

(You will also find several good printable devotions for Primary aged students on this website by searching for Isaiah).

Videos: Early Years / Junior Primary

- [Isaiah | God's Story](#)
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Middle – Upper Primary

- [The Prophet Isaiah-The Book of Isaiah | Sunday School Lesson & Bible Story for Kids | HD | Sharefaith](https://media.sharefaith.com/assets/the-prophet-isaiah-kids-bible-story-238017/) Preview version – pay to download resources at <https://media.sharefaith.com/assets/the-prophet-isaiah-kids-bible-story-238017/>
- [God's Story: Prophets - Crossroads Kids' Club](#) Good context summary of prophets
- [The Prophet Isaiah "Here I am - Send Me" - Hillsong Kids](#)

Secondary/Staff

- [The Bible Project – The Book of Isaiah Summary](#)

Invocation

We gather in the name of God, who is always looking out for us, the Son who died for us, and the Holy Spirit who helps us to trust in him. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God of hosts.

All the earth is filled with his glory. (Isa 6:3)

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Prayers

Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank you that you have a plan for us and this world we live in. Please help us to trust in you even if at times we can't see you at work. Strengthen our faith in you. We thank you that you provide us things to hope for and that ultimately, we can put our hope and faith in you, as an all powerful and everlasting God. Amen.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will tell of your praise. Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for this food and for the hands that prepared it. Bless it to our use, and us to your service. Amen.

Lord Jesus, as we chew and as we swallow,
make us strong to love and follow. Amen.

Blessing

Go in peace. Trust the Lord as you step out boldly.

Thanks be to God.

Encourage participants to bless each other, using the following words (or you can make up your own).

(Name), may God lead you by his Spirit and help you to live as a child of God.

Music

[Isaiah 53:6 - Colin Buchanan](#)

[Isaiah 9:6 - JumpStart3](#)

[Way Maker - Leeland](#)

[Isaiah 9:6-7 - The Corner Room](#)

[Promises never fail – Bethel](#)

[Living Hope – Phil Wickham](#)

[Trust and Obey – Christian Kids Music](#)

[Holy, Holy, Holy - Audrey Assad](#)

Lutheran Hymnal 140 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty

Activities

Early Years:

- Play follow the leader and talk about following Jesus and trusting him.
- Organise a visit from (or to) the police, fire fighters, ambulance, Meals on Wheels or other group which serves the community. Find out about why and how people serve each other (and think about how God wants us to love and serve him and other people).

Primary:

- Blindfold activity on trusting and someone leading you where to go around an obstacle course
- Write a list of the 5 key people you trust in your life
- Come up with one area in your life you can trust God this coming week.
- Organise a visit from a service organisation like Australian Lutheran World Service and find out how they love and serve people overseas in Jesus' name, or invite a pastor, your principal or other person working with the church to find out about how they answered the call from God to serve.

Upper Primary/Secondary:

- Blindfold activity on trusting and someone leading you where to go around an obstacle course
 - Write a list of 5 people you trust in your life
 - Come up with a list of reasons why people may choose to not trust God. Compare this with the verses in Isaiah and the concerns the people had.
 - In Isaiah 6:8 we read of the prophet Isaiah's response to God's question "Whom shall I send?" Today God specifically calls and sends many different people out into the world to tell others about him – including missionaries, pastors, teachers and mentors. Pray this week for people who serve God in these ways. Write a note of encouragement to one such person whom you know.
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