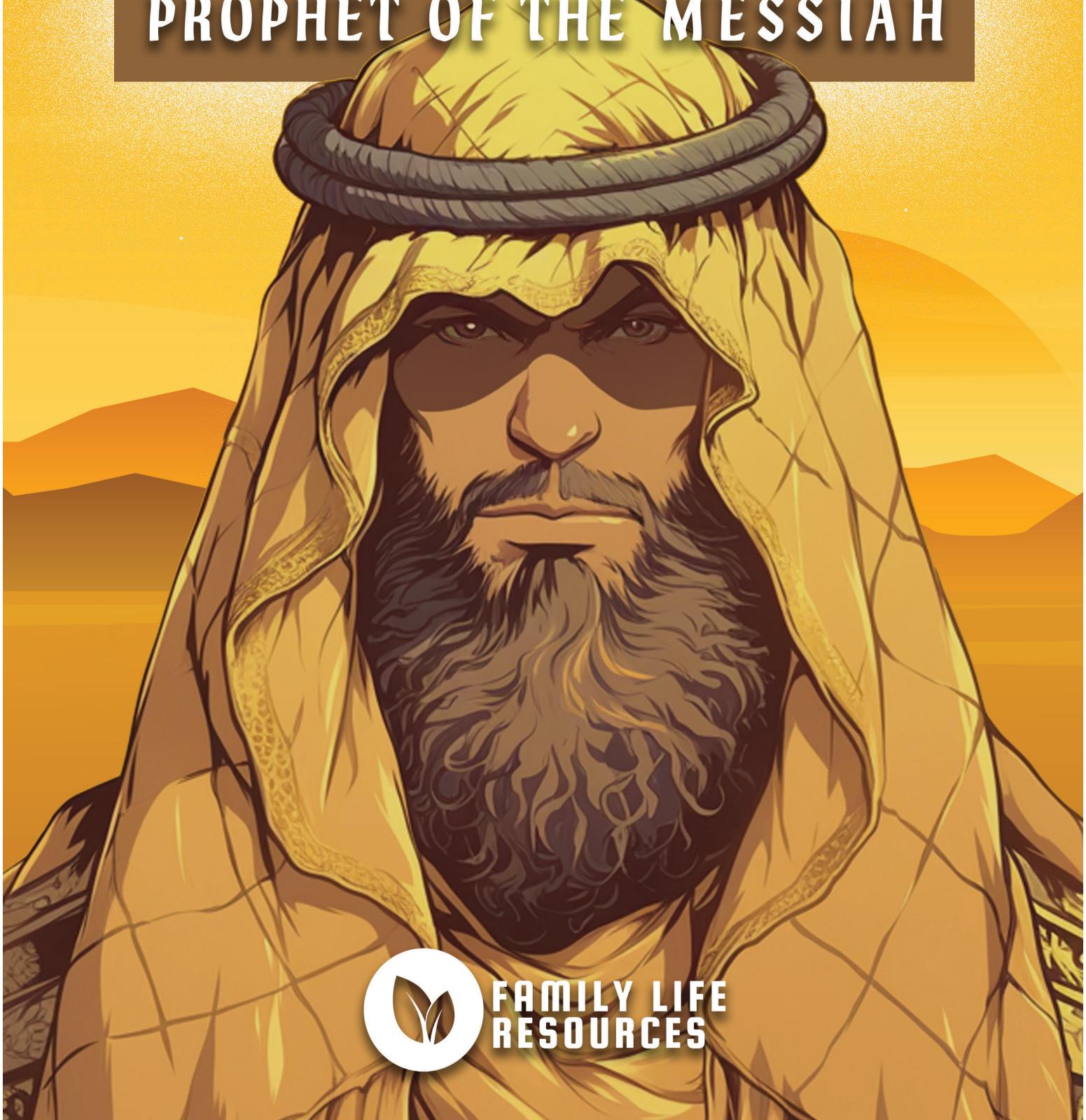


ISAIAH

PROPHET OF THE MESSIAH



FAMILY LIFE
RESOURCES



We understand the challenges of busy schedules at home, which is why we offer resources that support you and your family which are easy to use, relevant and most importantly honor God. We pray these resources for your home along with the classes and services at First Church make an eternal difference in the lives of families like yours.

Blessings,
First Church Open Bible

Colossians 2:6,7

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.



Meeting Jesus in the Old Testament

MARCH	Our Passover (Exodus 12:24-25) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- God Reveals His Plan- The Plan for Freedom- The Exodus- Remember What He Has Done
APRIL	Holy Week with Our Messiah (Zechariah 9:9) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Celebrating Jesus- Praying with Jesus- Remembering Jesus- Jesus Lives!
MAY	Our Good Shepherd (Psalm 23) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Green Pastures/Quiet Waters- He Guides Me- You Prepare a Table- The Loving Kindness of Our Lord.
JUNE	Isaiah, Prophet of the Messiah (Isaiah 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Isaiah - Prophet of God- Jesus in Isaiah

LESSON 1

Isaiah - Prophet of God

Parent's Passage: Isaiah 1:1-20

Family Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Key Verse: Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us settle the matter, says the Lord.

***"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as
crimson, they shall be like wool.***

Introduction:

Isaiah was a prince in Judah. His grandfather was King Joash. Isaiah grew up in the Royal Court. He was a member of the elite of Israel. Yet he answered God's call to warn his people to return to the Lord. He pleaded with them to come to repentance:

"Wash and make yourselves clean.

***Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice."***

***"Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow."***

(Isaiah 1:16-17)

He continued speaking for God during the reign of four kings of Judah. He gave warnings up until the exile of Israel. He groaned for the sins of God's people, and yet he saw the glory of the Lord and the promises of the Messiah who would come.

Isaiah began prophesying during the reign of king Uzziah of Judah around 740 BC. In the year King Uzziah died, Isaiah had a vision that empowered his ministry through 50 more years.

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The Lord commissioned Isaiah by giving him a glimpse of the glory of God. Read Isaiah chapter 6:1-8 together. God himself empowered His servant to speak for Him.

Henrietta Mears, in "What the Bible is All About", describes this vision as the powerful secret of Isaiah's life.

Isaiah's Commission and Vision from Chapter 6

This experience of Isaiah's should be every disciples' experience. The secret of all of Isaiah's power lay in this vision in the temple, "***I saw the Lord!***" (Verse 1)

CONVICTION - "***Woe to me!***"... "***I am ruined!***" was the cry brought on by the sense of sinfulness before God's holiness. (Vs. 5)

CONFESSTION - "***I am a man of unclean lips***" A broken and contrite heart is precious to the Lord. (Vs. 5)

CLEANSING - "***your guilt is taken away***". After confession a flying seraph cleansed his lips with a hot coal off the altar. (Vs. 7)

CONSECRATION - "***Here am I. Send me!***" (Vs. 8)

COMMISSION - "***Go***" God's command. (Vs. 9)

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Isaiah's Prophecies of the Messiah

These verses demonstrate the faithfulness of God to keep his promises. As a family, compare these passages from Isaiah with passages from the New Testament.

Chapter 7:14 "***She will call His name Immanuel***" Matt. 1:23

Chapter 9:1-7 "***The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.***" (vs.2) Matt. 4:15 Luke 1:79
 "***For to us a child is born, to us a son is given***" (vs.6) Luke 2:11

Chapter 11:1-5 "***The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding***" Matt. 3:16 John 1:32

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Isaiah is full of prophecies and promises given to him by the Holy Spirit. This is a small taste of the glorious mystery of the scriptures given to encourage us to study and learn from them.

Promises of Christ, future reign:

Isaiah has many prophecies and promises that don't seem to fit into the life of Christ as recorded in the four gospels. There are so many of these passages that many Jews did not believe that Jesus was the Messiah.

Read a few of these together as a family:

**Chapter Isaiah 2:2-4,
Chapter Isaiah 4:2-6,
Chapter Isaiah 11:6-16**

Talk together about what this future kingdom ruled by Christ will be like. We can only imagine!

In that day you will say:

***"I will praise you, Lord.
Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.***

***"Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.
The Lord, the Lord himself,
is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation."***

***"Sing to the Lord, for he has done
glorious things; let this be
known to all the world. (Isaiah 12:1-2,5)***

Isaiah was so overcome by the vision of what is to come (Isaiah 11:6-16) that he broke out in praise to God. For those of us who believe, **praise and worship** is our best response!

Word Search Activity Page

ISAIAH WORD SEARCH

Find as many of the words listed at the bottom of the page from the book of Isaiah as you can. The words run horizontal, vertical, and diagonal. Have fun!



WONDERFUL
PROMISES
SERAPHIM
PEACE
EARS
VOICE
COUNSELOR

RIGHTEOUSNESS
COAL
MOUTH
ROYALTY
ISRAEL
GOVERNMENT
MESSIAH

JUDAH
JUSTICE
HEARTS
VISION
PRINCE

Answers:



LESSON 2

Jesus in Isaiah

Parent's Passage: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Family Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

Key Verse: Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Our key verse reminds us of how eternal and unchanging Jesus is. Even before Jesus was born on earth, He existed. Remember that ***"All scripture is God-breathed"*** (2 Timothy 3:16), so the Bible, written over a period of approximately 1,500 years reveals to us God's character throughout history (and also what is to come!)

Isaiah is one of those special books in the Bible that although it was written about 700 years before Jesus's birth, it is full of information about Jesus.

- Isaiah was Jesus's birth announcement (only hundreds of years early!):
"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)
- Isaiah also told us a little about what Jesus would look like while He was living:
"... He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him." (Isaiah 53:2)
- Even Jesus's suffering was foretold:

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"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain . . ."
(Isaiah 53:3)

- Isaiah also explained the reason why Jesus suffered and died

" . . . the Lord makes His life an offering for sin . . . After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities." (Isaiah 53:10-11)

For those of us living today, this information is already history. However, there are many parts in Isaiah's prophecy about Jesus that are still yet to come!

"Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever."
(Isaiah 9:7)

"They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."
(Isaiah 11:9)

"The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom."
(Isaiah 35:1)

It's comforting to know that even 700 years before His birth and over 2,000 years after His birth (and beyond!), we can trust in knowing that Jesus is unchanging. We can trust in His promises and rely on His faithfulness.

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,
TO US A SON IS GIVEN,
AND THE GOVERNMENT
WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS.
AND HE WILL BE CALLED
**WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR,
MIGHTY
GOD,
EVERLASTING FATHER,
PRINCE OF PEACE.**

ISAIAH 9:6



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