**Partnering With Parents**

**October 20
Isaiah, Prophet to Judah
Isaiah 6; 53**

“[If] my people… turn from their evil ways, then I will… forgive their sin, and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

Dear Parents,

King Uzziah’s death marked the end of an era. His reign had been long and prosperous. Uzziah became king when he was 16, and he reigned over Judah for 52 years. Then Uzziah died. Under Uzziah’s leadership, God’s people had turned away from the promises of God and trusted in the promises of the world around them. God had promised to bless the entire world through Abraham’s family, but God’s people were rebellious. Instead of blessing, they set themselves up to receive God’s judgment.

But God’s plans and promises were not thwarted. God sent the prophet Isaiah to preach a message of hope. Even though God was going to correct His people through judgment, His purpose was one of grace through which God would receive glory. God planned to send a Messiah who would bring salvation to the world.

Isaiah 6 opens with Isaiah’s worshiping in the temple. God gave Isaiah a vision. Isaiah saw God sitting on a throne. The magnitude of God’s holiness made Isaiah realize the magnitude of his own sin. His response? “Woe is me!” God extended His grace to Isaiah. He took away Isaiah’s guilt, and sent him to His people.

Isaiah 53 records the fourth and final Servant song in the Book of Isaiah, describing God’s plan of redemption. We see a vision of the promised Messiah, the innocent substitute who would suffer for the sake of sinners.

Jesus fulfilled Isaiah’s prophecies of a Suffering Servant. People assumed God had cursed the Suffering Servant for His own sins. But no, Jesus was sinless. Isaiah wrote that He was pierced because of our transgressions and crushed because of our iniquities. His punishment is what brought our peace. The Suffering Servant died the death we deserve.

This week, remind your kids that **God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote that this would happen! Jesus is the Servant who suffered so that those who trust in Him would be forgiven.** When we trust in Jesus, our sins are wiped away and His righteousness is credited to us.

Check this session’s Activity Page and Big Picture Card as well as the Gospel Project for Kids Family App for ways to interact with the Bible content this week.

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**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

* God gave the prophet Isaiah a vision of God sitting on a throne.
* Isaiah told the people of Judah about God’s plan.
* Isaiah told about the Messiah who would rescue people from sin.

**KEY PASSAGE:** 2 Chronicles 7:14

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

* How did God plan to fix what sin broke? God planned to send Jesus.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

* Why was Isaiah afraid at first when he saw God in the vision?
* Why would people think the Servant had done wrong?
* Who is the Servant God sent to die to save people from sin?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

* Read Isaiah 53. Make a list of things you learn about the Messiah.
* Serve your neighbors as a family. Deliver a meal. Help with yard work. Run an errand. Offer to care for their children or an elderly family member. Watch for opportunities to tell about the greatest Servant of all.