



ISAIAH'S CALL

BIBLE PASSAGE: Isaiah 6

FOCUS VERSES: Exodus 15:11; Revelation 4:8b; 15:4;
Romans 3:23

Summary: God gave Isaiah a vision of the heavenly temple. He saw God on His throne, high and lifted up. Angels called, "Holy, holy, holy!" The temple shook, and smoke filled the room. Isaiah realized he was sinful and said his lips were unclean. A seraph touched a coal to his lips, showing he was forgiven. Then God asked who He could send with His message. Isaiah said, "Here I am! Send me!" God chose Isaiah to be His prophet.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.*

(PSALM 145:3)



God is holy.



We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:



WHAT MAKES GOD HOLY?
God is completely perfect and right. He is only good and has no bad in Him.



ARE PEOPLE HOLY?
We all sin and are separated from God's holiness. Only when we believe in Jesus can we be forgiven and made holy.



HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?
Kids will reflect and respond to the truth they learned about God.

Leader TRAINING

LEADER TRAINING TOPIC: BEING RESPECTFUL DURING PRAYER

Until we begin to understand who God is, we can't grasp how respectful we should be as we approach Him in prayer.

- **Who You Are Praying To.** Before you pray, take time to list things you know about God on the board in your space (e.g., "He is holy," "Creator," "kind," "perfect," etc.). Ask kids how they would react to their pastor, the U.S. president or a famous person if they walked into the room. Explain to kids that God is greater than any of those people and He deserves our respect. While we may not see Him, He sees us, hears us and knows our every thought.
- **Prayer Positions.** Practice different prayer positions to demonstrate how we can approach a holy God. Start by having kids close their eyes and grasp their hands together to minimize distractions. Invite kids to lift their hands in praise as they praise God. Challenge kids to get down on their knees as they silently confess their sins to God. Lead kids to pray with their hands open as they pray for themselves.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: RIGHT AND WRONG

Over half of American adults say that the situation can determine what is right or what is wrong.* Most people in today's world don't view right or wrong as absolute. However, the Bible is clear that right and wrong are decided by God. You may have kids in your group who have learned that it is judgmental to suggest that some behavior is right or wrong. It is important to help kids understand that we are called to live by God's standards, not the world's. Because He alone is holy, He is the One who determines right and wrong, not individuals. Because God loves us, He teaches us what sin is, but even more importantly, He gave us a Savior to forgive us of our sin.

*For more resources on this topic, check out:
britecurriculum.com/resources

ELEMENTARY GLOSSARY

Holy: set apart; perfect

Omnipotent: having unlimited power; stronger than anything

Sin: anything we think, say, or do that disobeys God

Temple: the holy place where God's people went to worship Him

Large Group ROADMAP

1**WELCOME****(8 MINUTES)**

SUPPLIES: Video player, Intro Video, teaching slides, 3 sets of tongs, 3 bags of mini marshmallows (10- to 12-ounce bags), 3 bowls, timer, 3 plastic cups

2**FIND IT IN
THE BIBLE****(2 MINUTES)**

SUPPLIES: Bibles, teaching slides

3**BIBLE
TEACHING****(10 MINUTES)****ISAIAH'S CALL
(ISAIAH 6)**

SUPPLIES: Bible, teaching slides, printable page, scissors

4**REVIEW****(8 MINUTES)**

SUPPLIES: Video player, Bible Review Video, teaching slides

5**LARGE GROUP
WRAP-UP****(5 MINUTES)**

SUPPLIES: Video player, Memory Verse Video, teaching slides

Welcome



Select three teams of two to come to the front. Give one player from each team a pair of tongs and a bowl of marshmallows. Have the other player stand several feet away with a plastic cup.

Give the teams 30 seconds for one player to use the tongs to toss marshmallows to their partner, who will try to catch it in their cups. Players may only use the tongs. The team with the most successful catches wins.

Say: Who here would want someone to place a marshmallow in your mouth using tongs? What if instead of a marshmallow, it was a fiery hot coal? In our story today, a hot coal really touched a pair of lips. Standing in God's presence, it was exactly what he needed! It might sound strange now, but it will make sense as we go.

SUPPLIES:

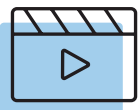
Video player, Intro Video, teaching slides, 3 sets of tongs, 3 bags of marshmallows (10- to 12-ounce bags), 3 bowls, timer, 3 plastic cups

PREP:

Empty a bag of marshmallows into each bowl.

LEADER TIP:

Make sure you encourage kids to cheer for all three teams.



INTRO VIDEO

Play Intro Video then transition into discussion.

Say: It's amazing to think that the moon, even though it looks so bright in the night sky, doesn't produce any light of its own.

Discuss: What's the clearest, brightest night sky you've ever seen?

Say: The moon may shine, but its light comes from the sun. In a much greater way, God alone is perfectly holy, and we are not. Today's Brite Idea is: God is holy.

Show teaching slide: Brite Idea

Show teaching slide: He/We/Me Questions

TODAY WE WILL ANSWER THESE TWO QUESTIONS:

HE What makes God holy?

WE Are people holy?

AT THE END OF OUR TIME TODAY, THE QUESTION YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER IS:

ME How is God inviting me to respond?

FIND IT
IN THE

Bible

WHAT IS GOD'S BIGGER STORY?

Show teaching slide: God's Big Story

Say: The Bible is real and true. God gave us the Bible so we could know Him. The Bible is filled with many books and stories, but they are all a part of one BIG story — God's story.

Creation: God is the one true God and He has always existed. He is the Creator of all things, including you and me. He is good, He loves us, and we are made in His image.

Fall: Adam and Eve sinned and disobeyed God. Sin broke the world, and people were separated from God. People could not fix their sin problem on their own.

Redemption: God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross, to take the punishment for our sins, and to rise from the dead to conquer death. When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, our relationship with God is made right again through His grace, and He gives us new life.

Restoration: When we walk with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit and learn God's Word, He renews us. One day, Jesus will return to renew all things.

WHERE IS TODAY'S BIBLE STORY?

Show teaching illustration: Fire Falls on the Mountain.

Say: Two weeks ago we heard about Elijah and Mount Carmel and learned that the Lord is the one true God.

Show teaching illustration: Jonah Swallowed by the Fish.

Say: Last week we studied Jonah and discovered together that God gives grace.

Show teaching slide: Books of the Bible.

Say: This week's story comes from the book of Isaiah. Isaiah can be found between Song of Solomon and Jeremiah.

Show teaching slide: Find It in the Bible Timeline.

Say: This story falls in the "Times of Trouble" period of the Bible. Today's true story tells us what happened when a prophet received an incredible vision from God.

Show teaching slide: Biblical Theme.

Say: This month we are focusing on the truth that God is greater than anything. Nothing on Earth or in the sky can match God's awesome power and might.

Say: This week we are learning that God is holy.

LET'S FIND IT IN OUR BIBLES!

Open your Bible and show the kids the title page for the book of Isaiah. Help kids turn in their Bibles to today's Bible passage (Isaiah 6).

Bible TEACHING

ISAIAH'S CALL ISAIAH 6



PRAY: God, You are good and holy. Isaiah saw You and knew You are holy and he was not. Help us know You and ourselves better through Your Word. Amen.

SUPPLIES:

Bible, teaching slides, printable page, scissors

PREP:

Print the printable page and cut out.

LEADER TIP:

Choose confident readers as volunteers and encourage each to speak boldly.

Pass out the Bible verse strips to volunteers.

Say: Today we need some bold volunteers. If you're holding a verse strip, listen closely. When I reach your verse, stand up, say, "Here I am!" and read your verse from Isaiah 6 for us. Let's get started.

Say: The nation of Israel was divided in two—the northern kingdom called Israel and the southern kingdom called Judah. King Uzziah was a beloved king of Judah who followed God. After he died, God gave a man named Isaiah a spectacular vision. The very first verse in Isaiah 6 lets us know just how spectacular that vision was. I'm looking for someone to read Isaiah 6:1.

The first volunteer should boldly declare, "Here I am!" and read Isaiah 6:1 off the strip of paper: "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple."

Show teaching illustration: God's Throne and Robe Fills the Temple.

Say: Wow! Isaiah could see the heavenly temple. He saw God seated on the throne, high and lifted up. That must have been amazing to see.

Say: There were seraphim above Him. These special angels had six wings, and they called back and forth to each other. I am looking for someone to tell us what they said in Isaiah 6:3.

The second volunteer should boldly declare, "Here I am!" and then read Isaiah 6:3 off the strip of paper: "And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!'"

Bible TEACHING CONTINUED

Say: When the seraphim said this, the whole building shook and was filled with smoke. Isaiah realized he was in the presence of the Lord. He knew right away how awesome God is. Isaiah recognized that God is holy and that he himself was not. I am looking for someone to read what Isaiah said next in Isaiah 6:5.

The third volunteer should boldly declare, "Here I am!" and then read Isaiah 6:5 off the strip of paper: "And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'"

Say: Immediately, one of the angels flew to Isaiah and did something unusual. This time I will read about what happened in Isaiah 6:6–7.

Read Isaiah 6:6–7 directly from the Bible: *Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."*

Say: Wow! The seraphim told Isaiah that his guilt was gone and his sins were completely forgiven!

Say: Then Isaiah heard another voice. This time it was the Lord. "Whom should I send as a messenger to My people? Who will go?" I am looking for a volunteer to read Isaiah's reply in Isaiah 6:8.

The fourth volunteer should boldly declare, "Here I am!" and then read Isaiah 6:8 off the strip of paper: "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'"

Show teaching illustration: Isaiah Proclaims "Here I Am!"

Say: God did send him! Isaiah became a great prophet of God. He warned the people in the southern kingdom of Judah that they would be taken captive by the Babylonians because of their disobedience to God. Isaiah had seen God's holiness and spent the rest of His life encouraging God's people to follow the Lord.

Show teaching slide: Point to Jesus.

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Bible TEACHING CONTINUED



POINT TO JESUS

Say: In God's presence, Isaiah immediately realized that he was unholy. He knew he had done wrong things. God is holy; Isaiah was not. Everyone sins. We all think, say or do things that disobey God. This sin separates us from God because He is perfect. God's Son, Jesus, is also perfect and holy, but He chose to take the punishment for our sin. He died on the cross and rose again, making it possible for us to be forgiven. Like Isaiah, we can live our lives to serve Him, recognizing His holiness and living in gratitude for His forgiveness.



BIBLE REVIEW VIDEO

Play Bible Review Video. Play the game below using teaching slides: Review Game

SUPPLIES:

Video player, Bible Review Video, teaching slides

PREP:

None

INSTRUCTIONS: Have kids partner up and stand back-to-back. Kids will hold up one finger or two fingers to indicate their answer, then turn to show their partner. Swap partners for each question.

1. Where was God in Isaiah's vision?

1. High and lifted up on a throne
2. Pacing nervously on a battlefield

2. What did the seraphim call back and forth?

1. Holy, holy, holy!
2. Hark! What light through yonder window breaks?

The special angels cried out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

3. What did Isaiah realize about himself in God's holy presence?

1. Isaiah was a pretty good person.
2. Isaiah was not holy.

4. How did Isaiah respond to God's question, "Whom should I send?"

1. Isaiah said, "Let me stay here with You!"
2. Isaiah said, "Here I am! Send me."

5. What makes God holy?

1. God is perfect and right.

2. God has been forgiven of sins. God is completely perfect and right. He is only good and has no bad in Him.

6. Are people holy?

1. Never.
2. Believing in Jesus makes us holy.

We all sin and are separated from God's holiness. Only when we believe in Jesus can we be forgiven and made holy.



Wrap – Up

Show teaching slide: Brite Idea



SUPPLIES:

Video player, Memory Verse Video, teaching slides

PREP:

None

Show teaching slide: He Question and Answer

HE

What makes God holy?

God is completely perfect and right.
He is only good and has no bad in Him.

Show teaching slide: We Question and Answer

WE

Are people holy?

We all sin and are separated from God's holiness. Only when we believe in Jesus can we be forgiven and made holy.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

Choose an older kid to look up the verse and read it aloud to the group. Have the whole group repeat it together.

Show teaching slide: Memory Verse

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

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VERSE VIDEO

Play Memory Verse Video
after the verse is read.



PRAY: You are perfectly holy, God. Everything about You is right and good. Thank You for forgiving us and making us holy through Jesus. This week, help us tell others they can be made holy through Jesus too. Amen.