

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)

BRITE Idea

God is holy.

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

HE

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

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.

ME

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

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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

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Bible TEACHING

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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.

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.

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!'"

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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.

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Review

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.

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