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3RD-6TH**

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ISAIAH'S VISION

Isaiah 6:1-8

Key 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

The Point:

God calls imperfect people to do God’s work.

Making Connections:

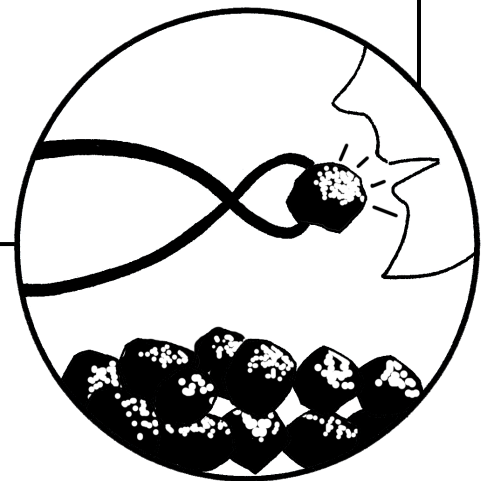
God Sightings

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

The Temple

Spiritual Practice:

Service



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

We have seen several “God sightings” where God instructs, enables, and guides people for God’s purposes. Solomon saw God’s glory in the new temple. The widow in Zarephath saw God in the miracles of flour and oil. Jonah at first refused to preach God’s message to Nineveh but was given a second chance. Today we see how God used an ordinary person like Isaiah to receive God’s prophetic messages and pass them along to the people.

Story Summary:

Isaiah’s Vision

Isaiah was a man who served God. One day, he was drawn into the temple where he saw God. When he saw God and all of God’s glory, he realized how magnificent and perfect God is. He also realized his own imperfections next to a holy God. “Woe is me!” he said.

A seraph (a type of angel) touched Isaiah’s lips with coal and told him that his sins were forgiven. God asked who to send with an important message, and Isaiah said, “Here I am, send me!” At first, Isaiah did not feel adequate to do anything for God. Then God showed Isaiah that God can speak through him.

The Point

God calls imperfect people to do God’s work.

As we read through the Bible, we see the stories of people who followed God’s ways, but who also had flaws. God called these people and worked through them in mighty ways just as God calls and works through us.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

The Temple

After years of wandering in the wilderness with a portable tent of worship (tabernacle), the Israelites constructed a permanent temple under Solomon’s direction. The most important room within the temple was the Holy of Holies, God’s special dwelling place, where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. The Ark of the Covenant held the Ten Commandments and was thought of as God’s throne on earth. Once a year on the Day of Atonement, a high priest entered the Holy of Holies and prayed for Israel. Otherwise, no one could enter the Holy of Holies—God’s presence—without dying. People brought animal sacrifices to the temple priests as atonement for sin and as special offerings. Upon Jesus’ death on the cross, his ultimate sacrifice replaced the need for regular temple sacrifices, and the veil closing off the Holy of Holies tore in half, making God available to all people everywhere.

Spiritual Practice: Service

Isaiah felt inadequate to serve a holy God. Consider the feelings of inadequacy that you may have when asked to do something or even in your current role of service. Do you believe that God can use anyone with a willing and humble heart? When God gives you an opportunity to serve, you can say with conviction, “Here I am! Send me!”



THE PROPHET ISAIAH

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God will help His people.

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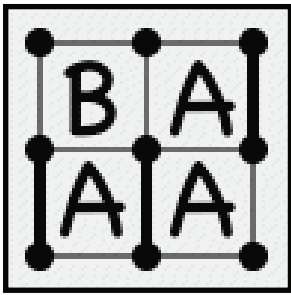
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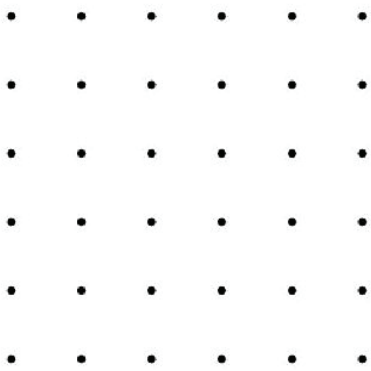




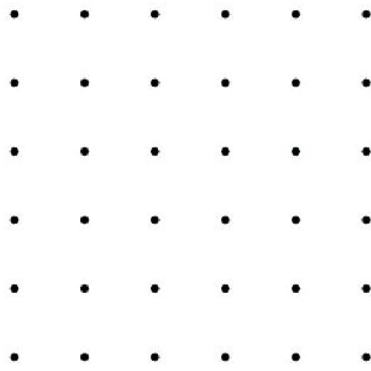
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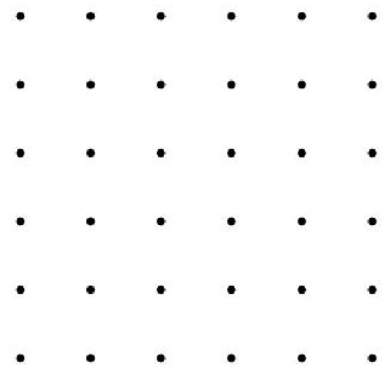
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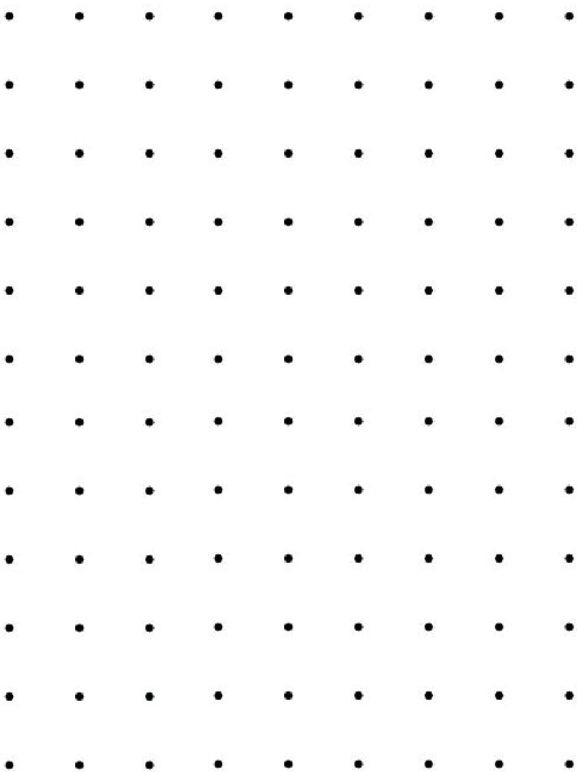
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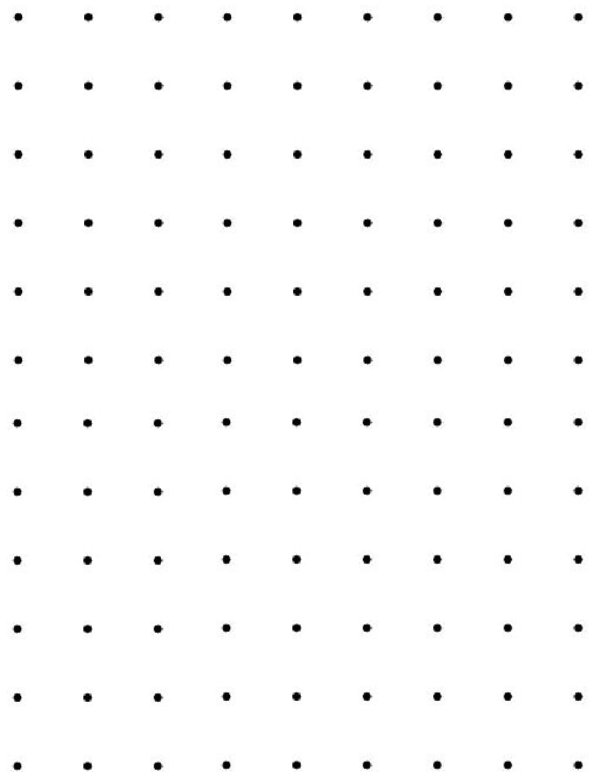
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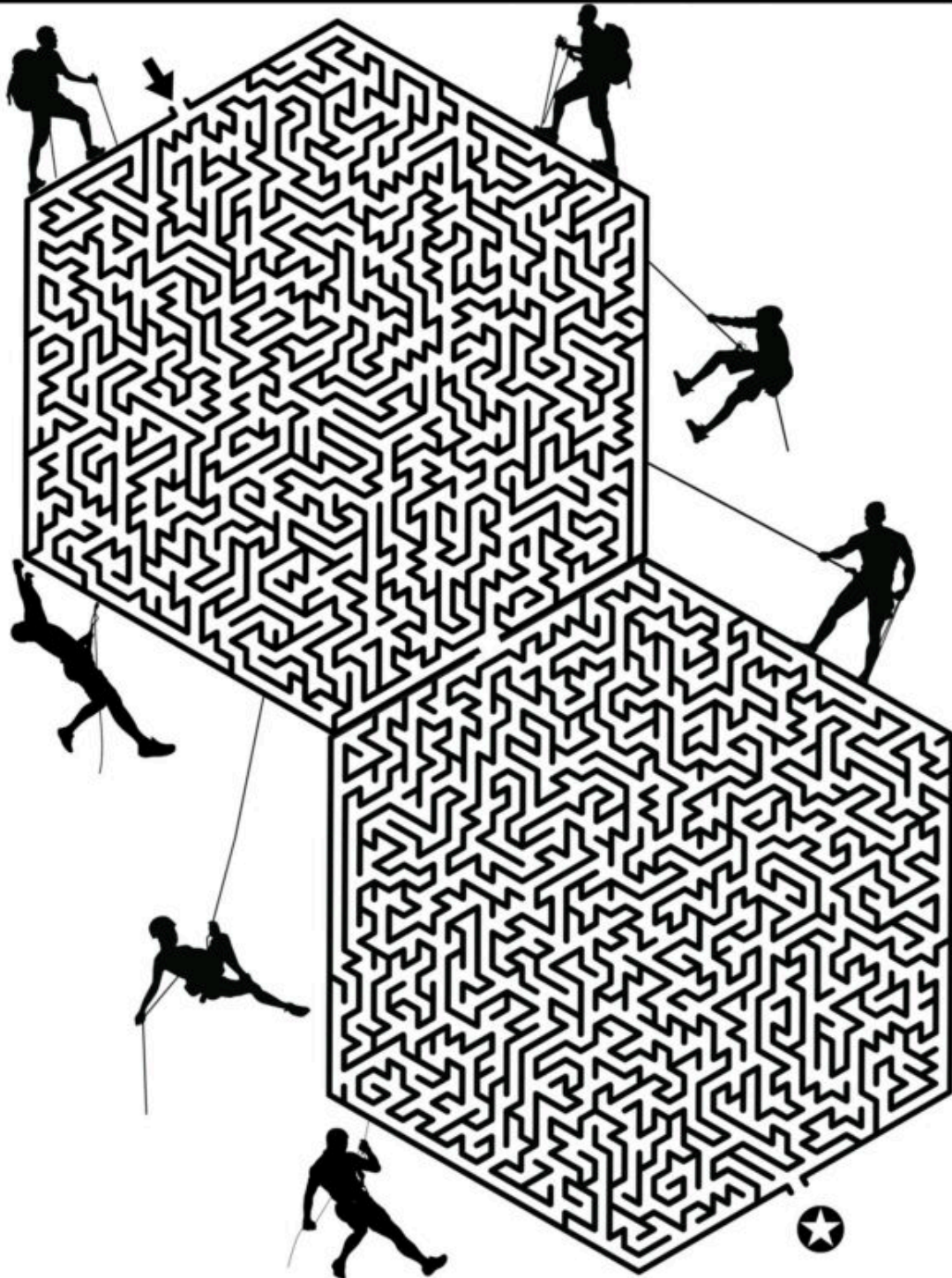


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CAN YOU CLIMB THIS MOUNTAIN?





THE STORY @ HOME

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

Lesson #3-11
Isaiah 6:1-8

LAST WEEK

Jonah was a prophet whose job was to tell the people of Nineveh to turn towards God and repent (Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; [4:1-11]).

THIS WEEK

God calls Isaiah to be a prophet in a dramatic and frightening vision in the temple, but, unlike Jonah, he accepts the call (Isaiah 6:1-8).

THE POINT

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BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

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STORY SUMMARY

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PRACTICE SERVICE

When Isaiah was called into service for God, he felt inadequate before a holy God. Do you believe that God can use anyone with a willing and humble heart? As a family, pray and ask God to show you something that you can do to serve others. Then say together, with conviction, "Here I am! Send me!"

NEXT WEEK

The prophet Jeremiah has a message calling an unfaithful people to repentance with promises of forgiveness. The king burns the prophecy, but the prophet just writes it again (Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34).

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✝ What do you think God's plans are for you for right now?
- ✝ What do you hope God has planned for you when you get older?
- ✝ What did God do in this reading that shows God's love for people?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah saw a vision of God in the temple. When God called Isaiah to be a prophet, Isaiah had a willing heart. Place your fingers on your lips. Ask God to use you as you are.

Monday—Read Isaiah 11:1-9

Isaiah told of the coming Messiah who would bring harmony to the world. The Messiah would be wise, righteous, and faithful. Hold hands and sit quietly. Think about God, love, and peace. Enjoy the quiet together.

Tuesday—Read Isaiah 25:1-10

Rejoice and praise God for the Messiah who delivers people from oppression. Give thanks for God's strength and comfort. Sit in a circle and give each person a chance to say something they are thankful for.

Wednesday—Read Isaiah 38:1-8

King Hezekiah was deathly ill. God heard his prayer and promised him fifteen more years of life. Make "bucket lists." What are your dreams for all of the things that you want to do in your lifetime?

Thursday—Read Isaiah 44:1-8

Isaiah said God gives water to the thirsty and blesses those who say that God is their God. Drink a glass of water and thank God for quenching your physical thirst as well as your spiritual thirst.

Friday—Read Jeremiah 1:4-10

Jeremiah thought he was too young to be God's messenger. Line up by age. Play Telephone with the oldest family member starting first. When the message reaches them, the youngest person calls out the message.

Saturday—Read 2 Kings 23:1-3, 21-25

King Josiah destroyed all the idols, following God. The people followed his example. List the family's schedule for the coming week. What can you remove to slow down and spend more time with God and each other?