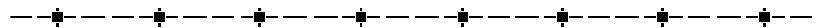


Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part Two



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Isaiah Prophecies the Birth of Jesus

Isaiah 9:1-7

Memory Verse

Life was in Him,
and that life was the light
for all people.
(John 1:4 NIRV)

Goals

1. Understand that Isaiah prophesied Jesus' birth.
2. Recognize that Isaiah said Israel was in darkness.
3. Learn that Isaiah talked about the names of Jesus.
4. Understand that God kept His promise to send Jesus.

Last week we learned that when Isaiah saw the Lord, he realized he was unclean because of his sin. Then he heard God speaking, asking him to give the people God's message. Isaiah responded to God's call and was faithful to do what God asked him to do.

Read the Bible

READ: Isaiah 9:1-7 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Begin with Prayer

In chapter 7, verse 14, Isaiah tells the people an important message about the future. "The Lord himself will give you a miraculous sign. The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14 NIRV) God was going to bring a child into the world and name him Immanuel. Guess what—it happened!

In Matthew 1:23, we read that Jesus was born. "All of this took place to bring about what the Lord had said would happen.... The name Immanuel means 'God with us.'" (Matthew 1:22-23 NIRV)

Isaiah 9 teaches us about something that was going to happen in the future. Isaiah says that Israel is without God. Isaiah says, "The people who are now living in darkness will see a great light." (Isaiah 9:2 NIRV) The prophecy (what Isaiah said about the future) is that they will see a great light. The great light is Jesus. "Life was in Him, and that life was the light for all people." (John 1:4 NIRV) Jesus would come to let the people know that there is a way out of the darkness of sin. He is the way. (John 14:6)

Isaiah talked about the birth of Jesus 700 years before He was born. "A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us." Isaiah talks about the names of Jesus. "He will be called, "Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace." (Isaiah 9:6-7 NIRV)

Isaiah described Jesus as a Wonderful, Adviser. We need a counselor to guide us, to help us through difficult or hard times. We need a counselor to guide us to make good decisions. God sent Jesus so that we can have that "Wonderful Counselor."

Isaiah Prophecies— Bible Facts

1. Israel was in darkness.
2. God would send a great light.
3. Jesus would be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
4. God kept His promise and sent Jesus.

Next, Isaiah described Jesus as the “Mighty God.” God is all-powerful. There is nothing that He cannot do. We do not have to fear when the “mighty God” is on our side.

Then Isaiah described Jesus as the “Everlasting Father.” We have a heavenly Father to whom we can cry out whatever our need may be. We can tell Him about all our Problems, big or small. We have a heavenly Father who cares. (1 Peter 5:7)

In Matthew 2:2 we read that God’s promise is kept. Visitors come to find Jesus, “who is the King of the Jews.”

Isaiah said, “He is the Prince of Peace. The peace He brings will never end.... His rule will be based on what is fair and right. It will last forever.” (Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV)

Isaiah 11:10-11 tells us that someone from the family of Jesse would stand for the people and God would bring His people to Himself. Read Matthew 1:6 and 16 and see who is the fulfillment to the promise— One who was in Jesse’s family? (Jesus)

Review

1. What did Isaiah say about Israel? (Israel was in darkness.)
2. What did Isaiah prophesy? (God would send a great light.)
3. What did Isaiah say Jesus would be called? (Jesus would be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.)
4. What did God do? (God kept His promise and sent Jesus.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God kept His promise to send Jesus. He died for ours sins. Jesus rose from the dead. Now He lives in Heaven. If we trust Jesus, we can be in Heaven with Him, (Romans 10:9-10) If you would like to know more, talk to your teacher about it.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus.
3. Ask God to help you know Him better.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to know God.

Application

Isaiah prophesied Jesus’ birth. He said Israel was in darkness. Jesus would come to bring great light. Isaiah said that Jesus would be called “Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty Father, Prince of Peace.” God kept His promise to send Jesus. God wants us to know Him and to live with Him forever.

Planning for Next Week

Hezekiah Becomes Ill — Isaiah 38

Preschool Lesson

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Memory verse for younger children

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Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Create a scroll and write the Bible verse on the scroll.
- **Test your memory** — Make a promise book. Talk about how God keeps His promises.
- **Taste activity** — Bring Dove® brand chocolate Promises candy.
- **Think about it** — Isaiah told Israel that they were in darkness. Talk about how telling people the truth may not always be easy.

Isaiah told Israel that a great light would shine on them. Talk about the hope of knowing Jesus.

- **Touch activity** — Create a scroll and write Isaiah 9:6 on it.

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- **Run and play** — Play “Red Light, Green Light.”

Have the children run until you count to 100. Do this seven times or create seven groups. Remind the children that Isaiah prophesied about Jesus’ birth 700 years before He was born.

- **Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to tell others about Him.

- **Sing** — Sing “Wonderful, Merciful Savior,” “Wonderful Counselor,” or another song related to the story.

- **Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids who did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take scrolls with the Bible verse for them. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

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Word Puzzle

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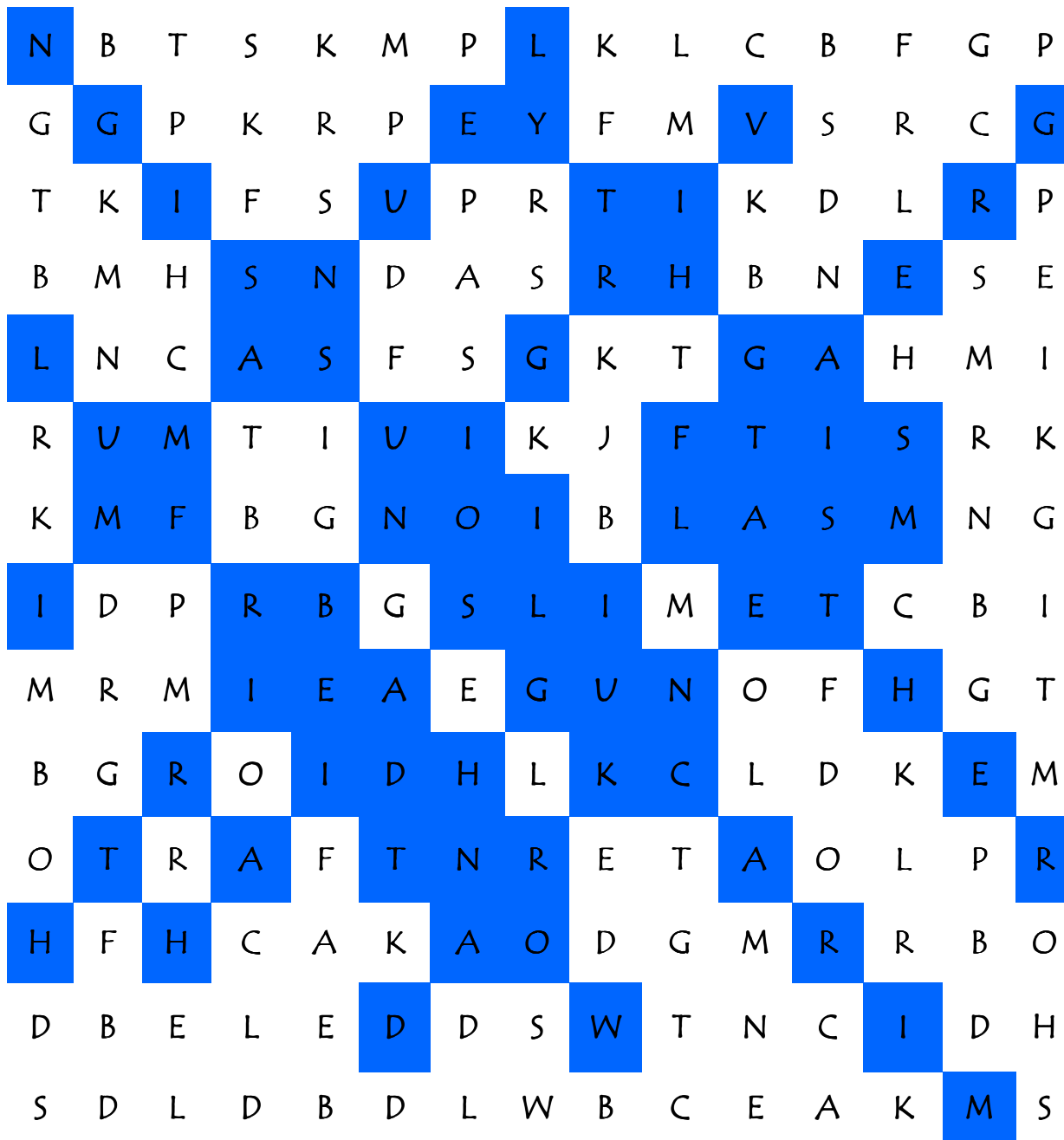
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