

Objective: Family members live for Christ in response to His suffering and dying for us.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: Isaiah ministered and wrote during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. These kings reigned from 767 BC to 686 BC.

Bible Basics: Memorize the names and order of books 28-31 of the Old Testament (Hosea, Joel, Amos, and Obadiah) this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your family about how God inspired Isaiah to write about how Christ would die for us. He did this hundreds of years before it happened. We should thank Jesus for dying for us and live to please Him.



Key Truth: Jesus Was Despised and Rejected by Those He Came to Save (Isaiah 52:13 – 53:3)

- Although He would ultimately be exalted, the Servant (Jesus) would be beaten, marred, and rejected at His crucifixion. The result of this rejection, however, would be His blood shed for people of all nations (verses 13-15).
- People would find no “redeeming qualities” in this Servant. He would not seem special to them. Indeed Jesus was rejected by the authorities and people of His day (53:1-3).



Key Truth: Jesus Paid the Penalty for Our Sins (Isaiah 53:4-9)

- Although many seemed to think God was punishing the Servant for His own wrongdoing, He actually endured the punishment we deserved for our sins. He paid the price for us (verses 4-6).
- The Servant did not try to explain or defend himself against the false charges that the religious leaders brought against Him. Jesus was arrested and tried for something He did not do, and then He was taken away to die on the cross. He willingly gave Himself to die in our place (verses 7-9).



Key Truth: Jesus Is Highly Exalted Because He Suffered to Save Us (Isaiah 53:10-12)

- The Servant’s life was offered as a guilt offering for many. Verse 11 gives a glimpse of the resurrection of the Servant. As proof of His innocence, He would return to life and save many. Because He paid the penalty of their sins, those who believe in Him are counted as righteous in God’s sight (Galatians 3:5-6). Jesus’ saving work would result in His being highly exalted. He is now exalted at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us (verses 10-12).

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- How was Isaiah able to write about things that would happen to Jesus hundreds of years later?
- **What did Jesus come to do for us?**
- **How was He treated?**
- **Why did Jesus have to pay the penalty for our sins?**
- **How do you feel when you think about what Jesus did for you?**
- **How should we respond to Jesus' dying for us on the cross?**

Everyday Extras

Today is a good day to write thank-you notes for the Christmas gifts you received. Write one to Jesus, too, for the greatest gift of all. Isaiah 52 and 53 gave us a description of Jesus' suffering. We feel sad for the way Jesus was treated. He was beaten and mocked and wounded for our sakes. Sometimes, we need to simply "sit with the sad," to acknowledge and mourn what He endured. So find time as a family to shut down all the devices and remember how much Jesus loved you to suffer that way for you. You may want to hold hands and bow your heads together for a moment of silence. Then rejoice together in the New Year because you know His suffering led to your forgiveness. You can sing a song of praise together.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned God wanted everyone to know about Jesus. An angel appeared to shepherds in a field and told them about His birth. They quickly went to see baby Jesus. Wise Men saw a special star that had appeared in the sky. They knew it was a sign that God's Son had been born. They traveled to see Him and brought Him gifts. They knew **Jesus Is a Gift of Love.**