

Family Theme | **The Suffering Savior**      Date | **December 14, 2025**

Study Text | **Isaiah 52:13—53:12**

**Read the Word:** Isaiah 52:13—53:12

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss how we live for Christ and tell the lost how He died on the cross to save us.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



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

**APPLY:** Exalt the Savior no matter what others do.

- Give examples of how we can exalt Jesus today. (Follow and obey Him; graciously share biblical truth and why we hold to it; share the difference Christ makes in our lives; decline to participate with lost people in sinful activities; etc.)

**APPLY:** Tell the lost about the Savior who shed His blood for them.

- How can we get the gospel message to people who need to hear it? (Tell those you come in contact with; participate in your church's outreach efforts; support missionaries and others who take the gospel to others; etc.)
- Why was Jesus rejected by His own people? What are some reasons people reject Jesus today?
- Why did Jesus come as a humble servant and not as a conquering warrior?



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

**APPLY:** Jesus paid the penalty for your sins. Live for Him in return.

- How did Christ's death on the cross pay the penalty we owed? (Jesus took our sins on Himself; it satisfied God's righteous anger against our sins; it provided forgiveness of our sins; it made it possible for His righteousness to be placed on our account; etc.)
- A penalty had to be paid for our sins. How does this counter the mentality that "you are enough" or that we can be worthy on our own?
- What are some appropriate ways to respond to all Christ has done for us? (Thank Him daily; obey His Word; turn away from sin; follow God's will; serve in ministries to advance His kingdom; etc.)

**APPLY:** Follow Jesus' example and give up your rights for the good of others.

- What are some ways we can put others' needs and interests ahead of our own?



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

**APPLY:** Be righteous just as God considers you righteous through your faith in Christ.

- What does it look like for a Christian to practice righteous living?

**APPLY:** Worship Jesus for taking your sins on Himself on the cross.

- *There are some who argue this passage isn't speaking about Jesus. Look back at the entire passage. What evidence proves this passage is prophecy that's focused on Jesus?*
- *How can these verses encourage and motivate you to serve Christ, even when culture pushes back against you?*
- *How can we worship and honor Christ through everyday activities? (Treat others with love and respect; always do the right thing; put others' needs ahead of our own; do what pleases and brings glory to the Lord; etc.)*

**Build a Foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary students.

- How can knowing Jesus faced rejection and suffering encourage you when you experience the same because of your faith?
- Why do you think people today have a hard time believing the story of Jesus' death and resurrection?
- What should your response be to what Jesus did for you on the cross?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Isaiah 9:6**



### **Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

When English Bibles spell LORD with all capital letters, it is a translation of Yahweh or Jehovah, the personal name for God. Yahweh is related to God's statement, "I Am that I Am" (Exodus 3:14) and is used over 6800 times in the Old Testament.

### **Everyday Extras:**

Gather some large rocks, acrylic paint, paintbrushes, and permanent markers. Have family members paint simple pictures (crosses, hearts, smiley faces, etc.) or use the permanent markers to write *Jesus is* and then one of His characteristics from Isaiah 9:6 on the rocks. Hide the rocks around your neighborhood or town for others to find. Pray God will lead the people who need to know the truth about Jesus to find these rocks.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned when Elisha sent a messenger to tell Naaman to dip his body in the Jordan River seven times, Naaman became angry. But his servants talked him into doing what Elisha said. Six times Naaman dipped his body into the Jordan River, and on the seventh time, he was healed. God took care of Naaman and **God Takes Care of Me.**