



Materials I Need:

Memory Work:

Learning the Old Testament books starting with Genesis

The Prophet - Isaiah (Meaning "Yahweh is Salvation")

The People - Judah, the Israelites Who Lived Around Jerusalem

The Prophecy - Your Sin, Your Savior.

The Principle - The Savior Is Coming.

Aim Questions:

1. What happened to Isaiah, when he had a vision of God?
2. What is a seraph? (*a type of heavenly being.*)
3. Why did the seraph touch Isaiah's lips with a live coal?
4. What was God's question, and how did Isaiah respond?
5. Why was Isaiah so afraid of God? Why was he so willing to serve God? How willing are you to serve God?
6. How could Isaiah tell us about Jesus 700 years before He was born?

 **Hook:**

Lipstick Relay. You will need a tube of lipstick & handiwipes. Divide the Bible students into teams of 4 or 5. Have the first person in each row make a fist with their left hand. Place their thumb on the side of their index finger. With a ball-point pen draw two eyes on their index fingers and, with the tube of lipstick, draw beautiful lips. When the teacher says, "GO" the first person in the line turns to the second and with their fist "kisses" their hand. The second turn to the third and so on until the last person in line receives their "kiss." The last person runs to the front of the line and draws two eyes on their index finger. Finished! Debrief: Isaiah **6:5-7** Why are these lips important?

Seraph. Give the students' two or three pieces of construction paper. Read in Chapter **6** about a seraph & try to make one from the construction paper. Use glue, pencils and pens. A seraph is a type of heavenly being with six wings: two cover the face; two cover the feet and two wings are used for flight.

Word With You. Bible students, in our classroom today, anytime you hear the word "GOD," respond by speaking the seraphs' words, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts: the earth is full of His glory." Every time the word God is used, students respond. During the class, ask students why they think the seraphs responded that way when they were in God's presence.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

Isaiah Background. Isaiah wrote during the time the Assyrian empire was expanding and the Northern Kingdom of Israel was in decline. The kings of Aram & Israel were pressuring Ahaz king of Judah into joining them against Assyria. Ahaz instead asks the Emperor of Assyria for aid, and

Isaiah condemns the decision. (1Kings 16:1-7) Assyria eventually conquers Israel, and the Southern Kingdom of Judah is left in a vulnerable position. The king of Assyria then threatens Jerusalem. After earnest prayer, Isaiah states that God would force the Assyrians to withdraw from the city. Isaiah still warns Israel that there will be consequences for her sin. Babylon will take them into captivity. Even though this would not happen for about 120 years, Isaiah makes further predictions. He predicts restoration for the Israelites in captivity. Just as God had rescued His people from Egypt, He would do the same for those in Babylon. Isaiah further predicts the uniting of two groups of people to defeat Babylon, the Medes and the Persians. The Jews would then be able to return home. After about 500 years, Christ would be born, and Isaiah would have given us many clues beginning 700 years prior. Throughout the book God reminds the people of their sin, and leaves hints about their true savior who would be born some 700 years later.

Isaiah Emulates Old & New Testaments. The Old Testament contains 39 books filled with law and warnings to The Israelites who were breaking their covenant with God through disobedience. Chapters 1-39 of Isaiah are similar to Old Testament. At Isaiah chapters 39-66 the tone of the prophet changes. These last 27 chapters of Isaiah speak to God's grace on Israel while revealing more pictures of the Messiah. The 27 books of the New Testament reveal that same message of God's grace and compassion. Through the ages, people commented that Isaiah's prophecies emulate the messages of both Old and New Testaments.

Bible Adventure -

As we begin today, let's look at what we have learned about the prophets of Israel. First of all, these men did not choose to be prophets, God chose them. If God chose a man, he responded to God's call. Think back to the story of Jonah, and what happened when he tried resist God's call. Today we will hear about God's call to the prophet Isaiah. It made such an impression on Isaiah that it totally changed his life.

Isaiah writes that in the year King Uzziah of Judah died, he had a vision of God sitting on His throne in the temple. Isaiah describes the throne as being high and exalted. It was probably more majestic than anything we could ever imagine. The train of God's robe filled the entire temple. Above God Isaiah saw seraphs, a type of heavenly being. These seraphs were covering their eyes and feet, not daring to look directly at God. They were crying out to one another, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts: the earth is full of His glory." In the Bible, when a word is repeated three times like that, it is of the highest importance. Even the door-posts and thresholds in the temple shook at God's presence.

I think you will agree this must have been an awesome sight. Isaiah was overwhelmed. When he realized what he was seeing, he was horrified. His horror came from the realization that he was standing in the presence of the perfect, holy God. Isaiah's eyes were opened to who God is and also to the reality of his own sinfulness. Isaiah knew that sinful men cannot stand in the presence of the perfect God. He began to cry out, "Woe is me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." The word "woe" that Isaiah used is a very interesting word. We usually think of it as being the same as saying, "I'm in trouble." In the Bible it has a different meaning. The word "woe" is an announcement of doom. What Isaiah was really saying was that he was going to die. Isaiah had learned from childhood that to look upon God's face meant certain death. Why did God allow Isaiah this glance of Himself? The answer might be found in the way Isaiah viewed himself, his sin and the sin of the nation of Israel. Isaiah was considered by his countrymen to be a very righteous man. He was respected. Then, suddenly, he was standing in the presence of a holy God. All at once God's standard of perfection was before him, exposing the truth about Isaiah and about God. As long as Isaiah could compare himself to other men, he could feel pretty good about himself. The minute he compared himself to God's perfect standard, he knew there was no way he could ever live up to it. He was doomed to be separated from God forever. Isaiah was seeing the deadly nature of sin clearly for the first time. Isaiah's grief over his own sin and the sin of Israel was almost more than he could bear. However, God did not leave him there, grieving and heartsick. God's desire is always for man to be restored to Him. In this case, God sent one of the seraphim to get a glowing coal and take it to Isaiah. Isaiah's concern over his unclean lips was dealt with as the coal was held to his lips. The coal had come from the altar of God. In the same way fire burns up impurities in metal, the fire from God's altar burns up the impurities of sin in our lives. Isaiah was being cleansed from his mouth to his heart. You see, to be able to serve God, Isaiah needed to be totally cleansed from his sin. Isaiah was so grateful for God's cleansing and forgiveness that when God asks who He should send to take His words to Israel, Isaiah immediately responded, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah was so grateful that God had spared his life that he was eager to respond to God's question. "Send me! Send me!" Isaiah could not wait to tell God that he was ready to serve Him in any way. Have you ever been that willing? Have you ever been grateful to God?

The message Isaiah took to God's people is not so different from the message of the other prophets we have been learning. God reminds them that they are His children. He created them and cared for them. Israel rebelled against God and wanted to go their own way. God said that even animals as oxen and donkeys know who their master is but His own children had turned their backs on Him. God's attempts to bring His rebellious children back to Himself had not worked. His children refused to respond to Him, so God warned them that if they continued to resist and rebel, they would pay for it. Both Judah and Israel were to be laid waste and the rebellious ones destroyed.

Isaiah's prophecies went on for many years, through the reigns of kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah and Manasseh. Through those years, Isaiah spoke God's warnings and His promises. One promise that is repeated in Isaiah is the promise of a future Savior who would bring about the everlasting kingdom of God. Listen to these words from Isaiah 9:

"For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and the government will be on His shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

If you've read your Bible, you know these verses are talking about Jesus Christ. Wait a minute, though. Isaiah wrote this down 700 years before Jesus was born. How could Isaiah have known about Jesus and what He did? Remember, God's prophets spoke God's words, not their own. It is God who plans the course of history and brings it to pass. Isaiah knew that if God said something would happen, it would. Jesus has already become a part of history, but He is also our future if we belong to Him.

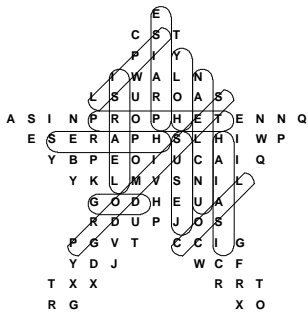
Have you, like Isaiah, come to an understanding of how God looks at the sin in your life? Do you take it seriously enough that it grieves you, making you sick at heart? Do you understand that Jesus is the one and only way to be cleansed from your sin? Remember, God's desire is for His children to be restored to Him. We can be restored by placing our faith and trust in Christ to save us. We can talk to God at any time, admit our sin and be cleansed again. Let's never forget God's holiness as we approach Him. Let's be honest about our sin and serious about dealing with it. God knows our weakness and our struggles. He never turns away one who comes to Him with an honest heart.



Look:



Word Search. Search the star full of letters for important words from Isaiah. Puzzle solution is provided for teachers. **31SA09JR.GF1**



Simply Seraph. Down through history there have been many misconceptions of seraphs. Angels have been portrayed as fat little children, women with long flowing gowns, and cloud sitting harp players. Isaiah chapter six gives us a rare glimpse of the angels that hover around the throne of God. Read Isaiah 6:1-7 out loud. Isaiah called these heavenly creatures Seraphim (Isaiah 6:2). In this lesson you have been provided with two artist's renditions of these angels that Isaiah saw. Look at pages marked **31SA09JR.GF2**. Allow students to look closely at each picture. Do you see the seraph? Discuss the following questions with your students while you view these pictures:

1. How many wings did each seraph have? How did they use their wings?
2. Why do you think they covered their faces? Why did they cover their feet?
3. What was it that these angels continually called out to one another?
4. What other appearances of angels can you think of from the Bible?
5. Read Revelation 4:1-9. Could this be the same place as Isaiah had seen? Why or why not?
6. How are these descriptions of angels different from what you may have pictured an angel to look like?

Praise God. Beside the star word search puzzle you will find the words PRAISE GOD. Write down eight words or more that describes what Isaiah saw in his vision of God. Start each word with the letter at the beginning of each line. Example "P" is for powerful. Try to use all of the letters. Have students share their acrostics with others in the class. **31SA09JR.GF1**

Names For The Messiah. After Isaiah had seen the vision of God, been cleansed by the burning coal and accepted his call to serve God he delivered a prophecy about Jesus. Read Isaiah 9:6&7 out loud. Count the names that are given to Jesus in this passage. What are some other descriptive names that you and your class can think of? Write them down on the chalk board until you have at least as many as Isaiah had.



Took:

Prophet Page. Introduce the four "P's" of Isaiah. Have the children complete this to take home to work on for next week. See **31SA09JR.GF3**

Jumpin' 4-P's. Get a long jump rope and have the Bible students take turns trying to run. When a Bible student jumps in, start saying the Jumpin 4-P's. (*Hint on running in ... listen to the rope hitting the ground. When you hear it hit the ground, run in and JUMP!*) **31SA09JR.GFI**

The Prophet is Isaiah
The People are from Judah
The Prophecy --- Your Son, Your Savior
The Principle --- The Savior is Coming
The Savior is Coming!
These are the 4 P's
Got'em from Isaiah
Now it's time to jump out.

Note to teacher:

1. If your Bible students are unable to jump in, start them next to the rope.
2. Leave off the last line of the Jumpin'4 P's to use as a rap. Simply repeat the second to the last line twice.

Praise Plan. You have been given a praise plan. It contains several questions on it for you to answer. Answer them truthfully. Answer them quickly. Your prayer life is counting on this. This message will not self-destruct in 30 seconds. (*Teachers: Time the Bible students on each question. Give them different amounts of time, 10, 20, 30, 40 seconds. Do not tell the Bible students how long they have on each question. Vary the times!*) **31SA09JR.GF4**

PROPHET SONG. The Family Fun Sheets have been giving verses to the prophet song. It is to the tune of O' Suzanna. Look back at your last three fun sheets, and sing the verses for Obadiah, Jonah, Nahum and Amos together.

Review Isaiah. Using the Prophet Flash Cards, introduce the book of Isaiah. If you would like, request that Prophet faces be enlarged on overhead transparencies. Review is the mortar of long term learning.

The Prophet:	Isaiah
The People:	Southern Kingdom of Judah
The Prophecy:	Your sin, Your Savior.
The Principle:	The Savior is coming.

Will You Answer the Call? If the Lord were to call you to speak to His people, what are some areas of your life you would like to clean up or change? Use the cartoon provided on the work sheet page **31SA09JR.GF5**. Look at the example provided. Mark the areas you need to ask God to help you change.

Missing Words. Divide the class into two teams. Prepare the board with the following blanks:

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Teams take turn guessing letter. Fill in all appropriate blanks for each letter guessed to spell Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Give one point for each time a letter is used. (This game is similar to wheel of Fortune.)

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**JUMPIN
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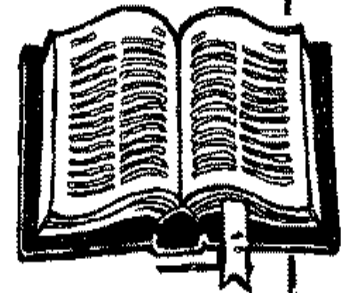
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Woe to Me! I am Ruined. For I am a man of unclean lips, & I live among a people of unclean lips, & my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty



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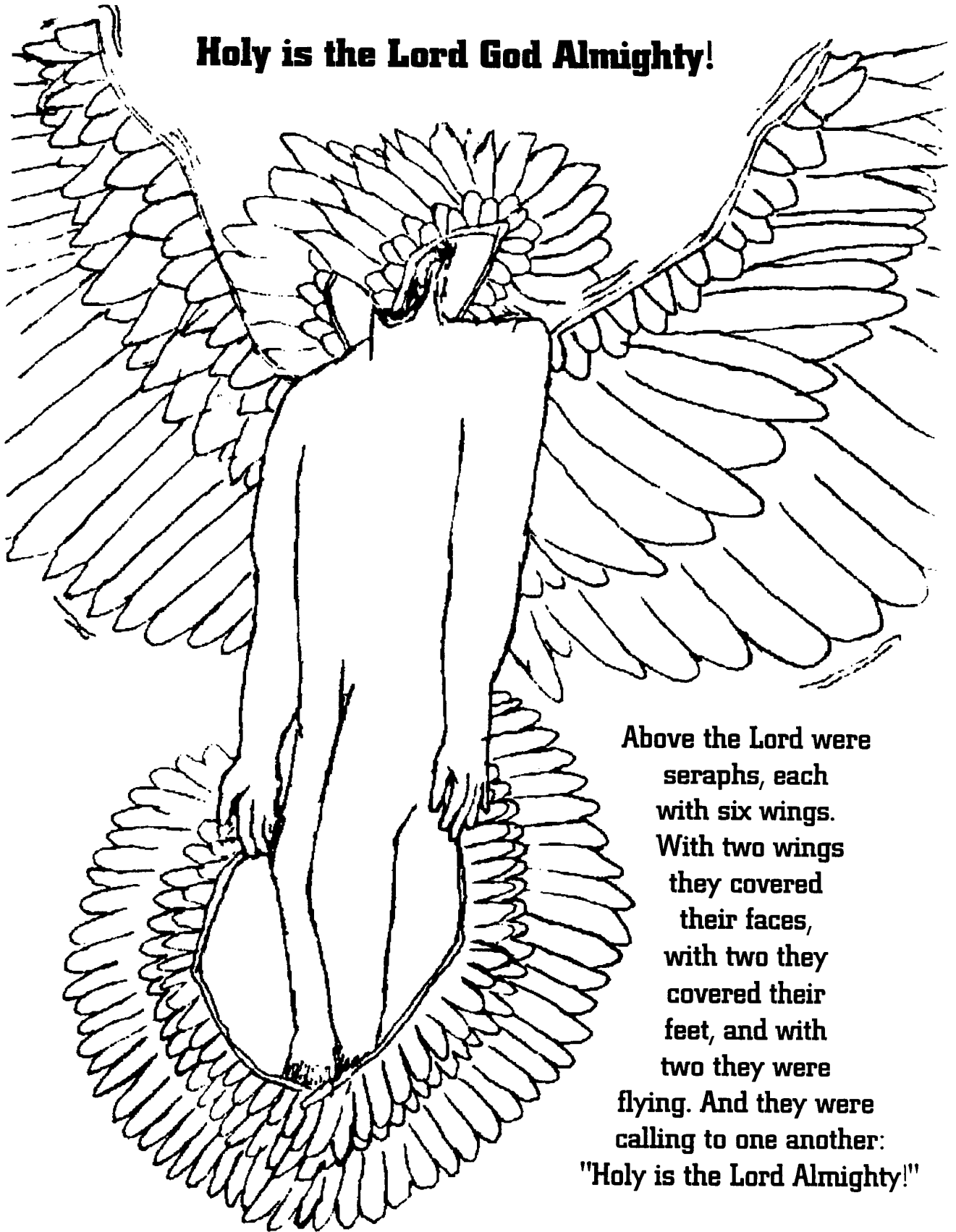
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Holy is the Lord God Almighty!



Above the Lord were seraphs, each with six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy is the Lord Almighty!"



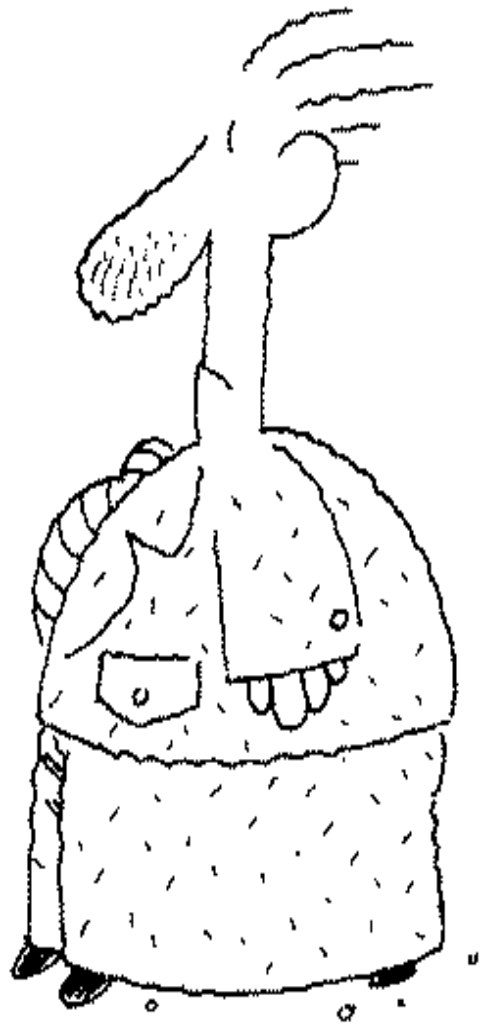
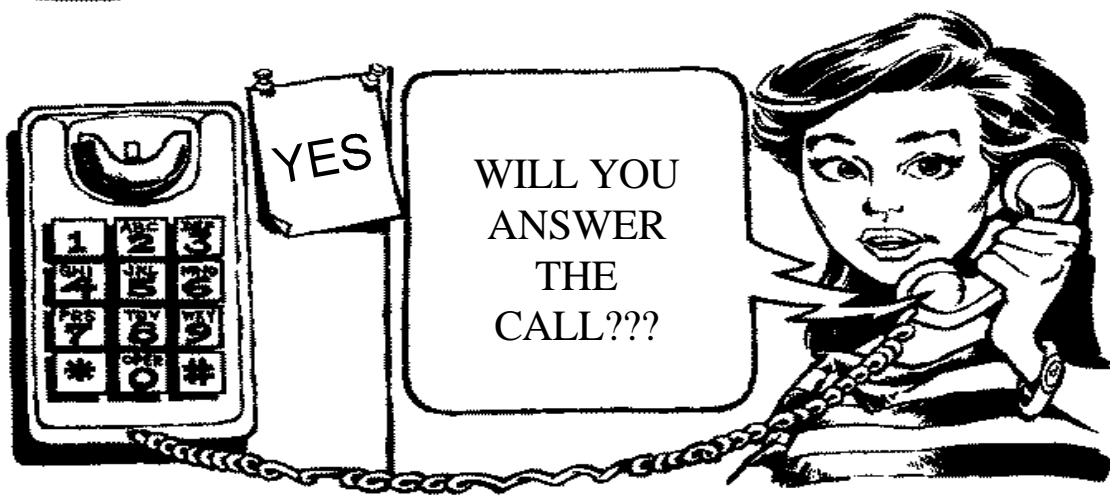
I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted,
and the train of the robe filled the temple. Isaiah 6:1

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P R A I S E P L A N

1. What kind of things do you like to do?
2. Who are you thankful for? (Not including anyone in this room)
3. What things do you like about yourself?
4. What sounds do you appreciate?
5. What things do you enjoy seeing in October and November?
6. What things in Winter cause your nose to think its' in Heaven?
7. What are your top 4 favorite winter events?
8. What are some strong emotions of yours that you like?
9. What amazing things has God shown you this month? In the past week?
10. Because you live in this city, in the US, what are some privileges you have?





GOD: HELLO, IS ANYONE HOME?
ME: HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME!!