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God Is the Savior.

Isaiah Chapters 1-12
3ISA09PK

Materials I Need:

Memory Work:

The Prophet - *Isaiah*

The Principle - *God is the Savior.*

The People - *Israelites living around Jerusalem*

God's Attribute - *God is the Savior.*

Aim Questions:

1. What is the job of a prophet? (Take God's word to the people)
2. What prophets have we learned about so far? (Obadiah-Edom-loyal; Jonah-Nineveh-mercy; Nahum-Nineveh-slow to anger; Amos-Israelites around Samaria-righteous; Hosea-faithfulness-Israelites around Samaria; and Joel-God does great things in nature-Israelites around Jerusalem)
3. Who was the prophet we learned about today? (Isaiah)
4. What happened to Isaiah in the vision? (God sent a seraph with a hot coal)
5. What did Isaiah do? (He said how unclean his lips were and God took away his guilt.)
6. What was God's message for the Israelites living around Jerusalem? (God was their Savior. Stop doing wrong. Learn to do right.)
7. Who would come to take away their sins? (A Savior)

 Hook:

- Do dirty and clean activities. Let the children use finger paints and provide a dish pan of water for cleaning up. Talk about how we get our bodies clean by taking a bath but only God can clean the dirty or hurtful words from our mouths and hearts.
- Using dark colors, have the children color a piece of paper with thick crayon. While each child covers his eyes, place a heart or mouth shape cut from heavy poster board under the colored paper. Using the handle of a plastic spoon, have the children scrape off the color to reveal the shape underneath.
- (3ISA09PKGF1) Make binoculars to look at things around the room. Tape two paper tubes together to make the binoculars. Be sure and look at the pictures of Isaiah and Jerusalem as you begin learning Isaiah's name and the Israelites who received his prophecy. "Later, you will hear about today's prophet who saw something out of the ordinary, something that can't be seen in this room."
- Identify storm and wind sounds on the sound C.D. that can be requested from the Children's Office. There's an earthquake in today's story.
- Let the children unroll a roll of toilet paper around the room to get a picture of how long Jesus' robe is in today's story.



Play Dough Center: Have various dark and light colors of play dough along with angel and lips cookie cutters. Talk about words that come from our mouths. Are the words light and cheerful or are they sometimes dark and angry?



Get the Wiggles Out and Transition Activity: Do actions to "This is the way we wash our selves...when we take a bath." "You look clean, ____, ____, and ____ (children's names)! You can go find a chair in the circle."



Book:

Presentation Ideas -



Review: Using prophet puppets, go over the following: Obadiah prophesied to the children of Esau, the Edomites, that God is loyal to His children; Jonah prophesied to the people of Nineveh that God is merciful; Nahum prophesied to the people of Nineveh that God is slow to anger; Amos prophesied to the Israelites around Samaria that God is righteous; Hosea prophesied to the Israelites around Samaria that God is faithful; and Joel prophesied to the Israelites living around Jerusalem that God does great things in nature.



Place beside you a map and the **3ISA09PKGF1** picture of Isaiah. Show the **3ISA09PKGF2** picture as you talk about God being high and lifted up with His robe filling the temple and the **3ISA09PKGF3** picture of the hot coal touching Isaiah's unclean lips, and the **3ISA09PKGF6** picture of the seraph.

Bible Adventure -

Review: The last few weeks we have been talking about the Israelites living around Samaria. (Show the map.) Amos and Hosea were two of God's prophets who warned God's people. Who remembers what wrong things these people were doing? Yes, they were thinking only of themselves, taking money from needy people and worshiping wood and metal idols rather than the one true God. They were living in houses like palaces with fancy, cushy couches and ivory beds. Today in our Bible Adventure, if we were to visit Samaria, we would find that the Israelites are gone. They have been led by ropes to Nineveh. Their city is smashed and burned. The king's palace and the fancy houses are all ruined. It is a sad day for these Israelites. Did their idols keep them safe? Are they going to turn to God and be loyal and faithful to Him? God knew these people were sinning and sad. God loved and cared for these Israelites very much. There are always consequences for sin just as there are consequences for disobeying at home. When you are asked to pick up your room and you don't do it, you may get the consequence of not being able to go outside to see your friend.

When we get sick, we are full of germs that we need to get rid of before we can get well. These Israelites were full of sin. They were sick with sin that needed to be cured. God wanted to help His people, the Israelites, get clean from their dirty sins. God wanted them to put their faith in Him and do what was right, with clean hearts. God had another prophet for His people living around Jerusalem with another message. Let's listen to him.

In the city of Jerusalem (Show on map) was a man named Isaiah. Say Isaiah with me. (Show the picture of Isaiah.) Isaiah was a scribe or writer. He was content going to work, sitting at a desk and writing each day of the week. Isaiah was happy because he loved and obeyed God. God had different plans for Isaiah. One day God gave Isaiah a vision of God's temple on the holy Jerusalem hill. A vision is like a dream or a movie in a person's mind. The temple was where God's people would come to tell God they were sorry for their sins. If they had lied or said hurtful words, if they had stolen something that belonged to someone else or if they had done any selfish thing, they would walk to the temple and tell God they were sorry. Do we do this today? No, we can tell God we are sorry anytime, anywhere. We don't have to wait or go to church to say we are sorry.

In Isaiah's vision, he saw the Lord God seated on a throne, a beautiful, majestic throne. The throne was high above the temple in Jerusalem. In Isaiah's vision, the Lord was wearing a robe that was very, very long. The bottom of the robe kept going down and around and around until it filled up all the rooms in the whole temple. We couldn't even make such a long robe if we tried. Above the Lord were seated two seraphim, creatures that no one had ever seen. The Bible tells us that they had six wings. Two wings covered their faces, two wings covered their feet and two wings were used for flying. They might have

looked like a little like this. (Show a picture.) The seraphim loved the Lord God and worshiped Him continually. They called to one another, "Holy is the Lord! Holy is the Lord!"

At the same time that Isaiah heard the seraphim, the doors started shaking and the temple filled up with smoke. Wow! What a sight! (Act as though you are in an earthquake.) What was Isaiah thinking about now, do you think? He was probably shaking too. As Isaiah saw the one true, mighty, holy, right and faithful God seated above the temple, he started to feel dirty. He felt terrible, almost sick to his stomach to think of all his sins. He thought about all the bad, wrong things he had said and done to hurt others. He felt terrible inside. He thought about the other Israelites living around Jerusalem. He knew they were dirty in their sin too. Their lips and thoughts were dirty too. "We are all in trouble!" cried Isaiah. "We must get clean from our sins. I have done and said bad, wrong things and I am very sorry."

Just then one of the seraphim flew to Isaiah carrying a blazing hot coal in a tong. (Demonstrate carrying a charcoal with a tong.) The seraph touched the fiery coal to Isaiah's lips and said, "God is your Savior. He has taken the dirty sin from your lips and heart. The Savior has made you clean." Isaiah felt clean all over. He was clean from his dirty sins. It was like he had had a bath inside and out! His heart was filled with joy and thankfulness. He was ready to use his mouth to praise God.

Then God said, "Who will go tell the rest of my people how to be clean?" Immediately, Isaiah's lips said, "I'll go. Send me! I want to help the Israelites." That is exactly what God did with Isaiah. God sent him to tell the Israelites how to be clean from their sin in their heart and lips. If they said they were sorry, God would fill their hearts with right, holy thoughts.

When you are sick and go to the doctor, sometimes he gives you medicine that kills the germs that made your body sick. They help your body be clean of "sick" germs. Soon you feel better. If we are sick with sin, we need to go to God, the sin doctor, and tell Him we are sorry. He will get rid of our dirty, black sins and make our hearts clean. We will feel a lot better!

Isaiah was ready to follow and obey God. He didn't waste any time. He put on his robe and started walking around Jerusalem with God's message for the people. "Stop doing wrong! Learn to do right! God is going to burn up your idols. God can take away your bad words and thoughts if you let Him."

Isaiah said, "God told me a very special secret. He told me He will send a Savior who will take away your sins. We don't know when God will do this but He will show us a sign to let us know when the Savior is coming. The sign will be that a young woman will have a baby, a son. A very bright light will shine. It will be the brightest light ever seen. This baby boy will always do what is right and will love God with all his heart. He will be called the the Mighty God. He is our Savior who will save us from our sins!" Isaiah was excited to share this message. You could hear the excitement in his voice. Did all the people believe him? Not everyone, but God had warned Isaiah that some people wouldn't listen and believe. Did Isaiah get discouraged? No way! All over the countryside you could hear Isaiah, "A Savior is coming! Get ready! Stop doing wrong and learn to do right! Get ready to raise the banner and praise God. A holy king will come to rule in the right way."

The Israelites heard Isaiah's words about his vision. Next week we will find out what they said back to Isaiah.

Prayer: Dear God, Thank You for sending Isaiah with Your warning and answers for right living. Thank You for being the Savior who cleans up our sins. Thank You for helping me have good words coming from my lips rather than bad, hurtful words. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Look:



Magic Slate Center: Request several Magic Slates from the Children's Department. Have the children practice making dirty lips and then erasing them away when they pray for forgiveness. Review one Aim Question each time the children erase the lips.



Science Center: Let the kids kiss microscope slides and then look at their lips under a simple microscope. Talk about our dirty lips and our need to ask Jesus for forgiveness of our sins.

Dirty & Clean Relay: Have the children divide into two teams. Each team should have two laundry baskets, one with clean, white items and the other with the exact same items, only dirty and black. Some examples are a sock, shoe, T-shirt, black balloon, white balloon, cardboard heart, cardboard lips and cardboard hands. The teams will line up. The first child takes a dirty item from the basket and runs to the other end of the room and tries to find the corresponding clean item. They leave the dirty item at that end of the room. The first team to empty their basket wins.

Lips Puppet Center: (3ISA09PKGF3) The children can cut out the dirty and clean lips from the GF3 page and tape or glue them to opposite sides of a paper bag. Review the Aim Questions as the children work. Let them tell about Isaiah's vision with their puppets.

Family Puppet Center: (3ISA09PKGF4) The pictures of the family members can be cut apart and taped to wide craft sticks, making family puppets. Retell the basic essentials of the Bible Adventure using the family puppets. Ask the Aim Questions, using the puppets. Let the children pretend to be members of the family telling each other what they learned today in the Bible Adventure.

Paper Tube Seraph Craft Center: (3ISA09PKGF6) Have the picture of the seraph copied onto white paper and cut out by the Children's Department. Request one toilet paper tube for each child. You should have glue and coloring crayons in your supply bin. Feathers may also be available upon request to decorate the seraph's wings. (Note: Instead of purchasing more expensive craft feathers, buy one feather duster at the Dollar Store and separate the feathers with scissors.)

Snack Center: Make ice cream cones using vanilla and chocolate. See if the kids can figure out which color goes with the dark heart and words and which color might correspond to the clean heart and words. Talk about how when we ask for forgiveness for our sins Jesus promises to make them as white as snow.

Songs:

Jesus Loves Me (third verse)
Jesus loves me, He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let His little child come in.

Does Your Face Have Dirty Lips? (To the tune of "Mary Had A Little Lamb")
Does your face have dirty lips?
Dirty lips, dirty lips?
Does your face have dirty lips?
Black from lots of sin.

God will make your lips so clean,
Lips so clean, lips so clean
God will make your lips so clean
Clean them white as snow.

Isaiah Was a Prophet (Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know it")
Isaiah was a prophet sent from God. (Clap, clap)
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Isaiah was a prophet,
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Isaiah was a prophet sent from God. (Clap, clap)

Isaiah said that God will clean us up! (Clap! clap!)
Isaiah said that God will clean us up! (Clap, clap)
God will take away our sin. He will clean our heart within!
Isaiah said that God will clean us up! (Clap, clap)

If you're happy God's our Savior, clap your hands! (Clap! clap!)

If you're happy God's our Savior, clap your hands! (Clap, clap)
God will take away our sin. He will clean our heart within!
If you're happy God's our Savior, clap your hands! (Clap, clap)



Holy, Holy

Holy, holy. . .holy, holy. . .Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
And we lift our hearts (hands) before You as a token of our love
Holy, holy. . .holy, holy.



Father, I Adore You

Lord God, I adore You,
Lay my life before You,
How I love You.



Praise Him, Praise Him

Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children
God is love; God is love
Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children
God is love; God is love.

Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children
God's our Savior; God's our Savior.
Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children
God saves you; God saves me.



Holy, Holy, Holy (Combination of verses 1 & 2)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning, my song shall rise to Thee.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.



Took:



Play with bubbles with the kids. Talk about how pretty they are for a second and then, pop!, they are gone forever. This is just what happens to our sins when we ask Jesus to forgive them - pop! They are gone forever.



Sing the "Does Your Face Have Dirty Lips" song and act it out with paper bag puppets.



Memory Work Review: The next several lessons will all focus on the prophet Isaiah. He always went to the Israelites in Jerusalem, and he always told them that God is the Savior. Take this time to review the need of the Israelites. They had dirty lips and needed a Savior. Use one of the crafts you made to reinforce the fact that the Israelites needed a Savior. Have the children repeat, "Isaiah said the Israelites needed a Savior." Save this craft to use in the weeks to come.



Let the children glue a picture of Isaiah to the **3ISA09PKGF3** picture. Pray for each other to listen to Isaiah's words about dirty and clean hearts. Encourage the children to talk to their parents about how we ask Jesus to forgive our sins.



The **3ISA09PKGF3** paper bag puppet can show how the words that come from our lips change when God cleans our hearts from wrong thoughts. Let the children take turns saying the kinds of words that might come from dirty lips, such as "No!, Mine!, or Stop it!" The words we use in our families are very important. We want to say helpful, not hurting words. Let the puppet tell the right kinds of words we want to use this week.



Praying Child Coloring Center: (3ISA09PKGF5) Help the children color the picture of the praying child with the colors they are wearing today. Remind them that they can have clean lips if they pray

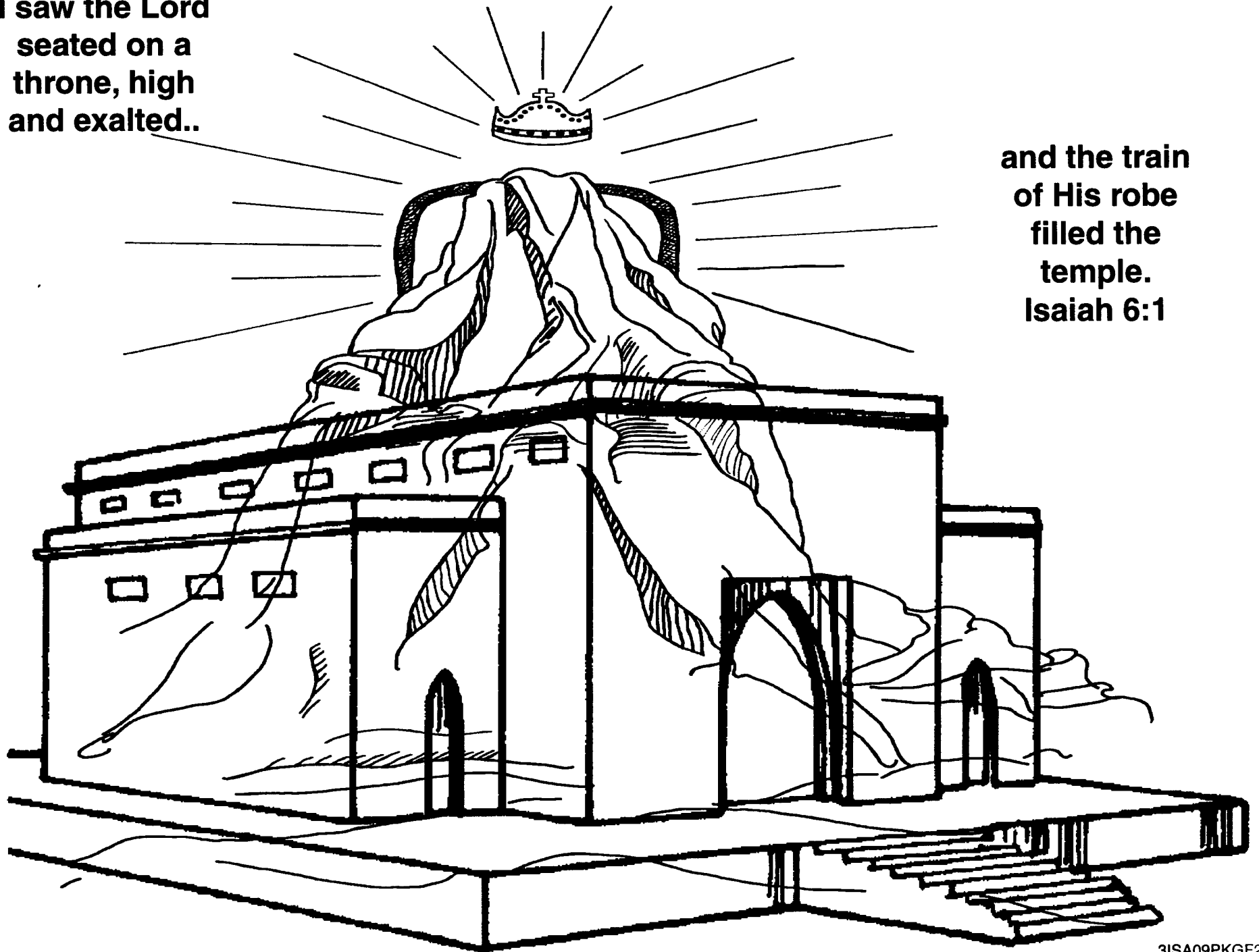
to God for forgiveness. Ask the children if they have used any words this week that were hurtful, unkind or wrong. Pray for each other to have God's good words in our mouths this week.



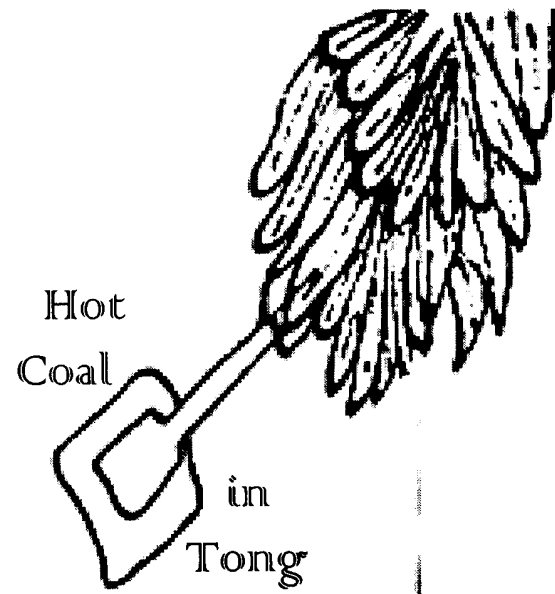
Have the children sit in a circle. Use the GF6 seraph puppet you made during craft time to choose a child to answer an Aim Question. After the child has answered the question, have the child run around the circle of children and back to the starting spot.



**I saw the Lord
seated on a
throne, high
and exalted..**

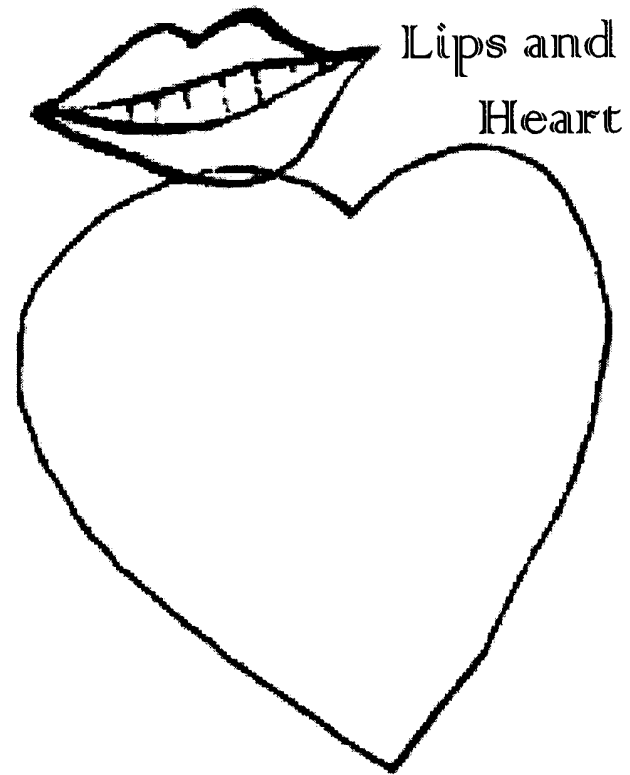


**and the train
of His robe
filled the
temple.
Isaiah 6:1**

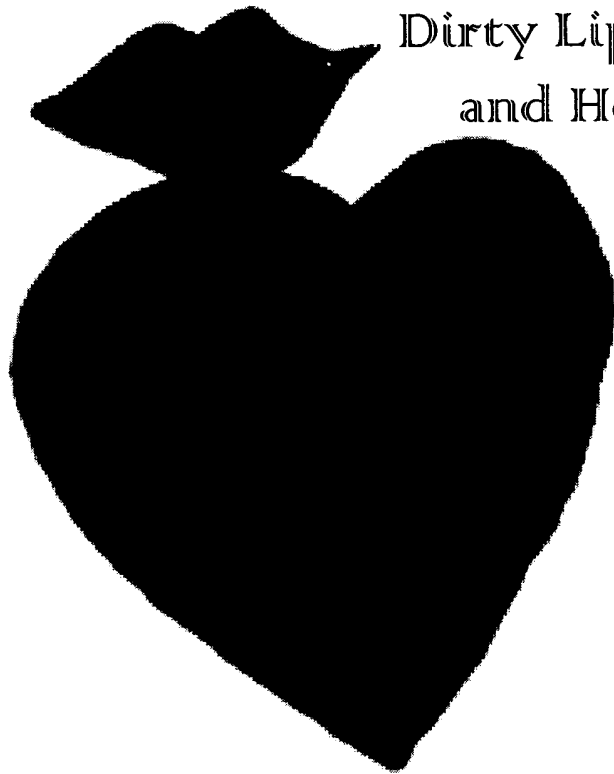


Seraph

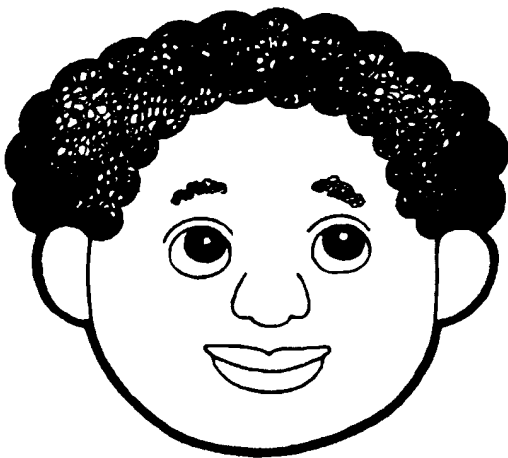
Clean White
Lips and
Heart



Dirty Lips
and Heart



Family Puppet Center





Paper Tube Seraph

Materials you will need: Toilet paper tubes, one per child (white, if available), xeroxed copies of the seraph (cut out), glue or stapler, coloring crayons, feathers, and red pipe cleaners cut in 1/2" pieces (2 per child).

Instructions: Cut out the seraph along the outline. Let the children color the picture and staple or glue the feathers onto the seraph. Then staple or glue the bottom of the skirt around the toilet paper tube lengthwise. Only secure the skirt flush with the paper tube. The arms and wings should remain unstapled so they appear to be "flying." Staple small pieces of red pipe cleaner onto the hand of the puppet illustrating hot tongs. Let the children who are waiting for the teacher to help adhere the red pipe cleaner hold pairs of real tongs. Remind the children that Isaiah's vision was of a winged creature called a seraph who held hot tongs. The seraph was God's way of saying that the Israelites needed a Savior to clean their dirty lips and hearts.

