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God Is the Savior.

Isaiah 13-23

3ISA10PK

Materials I Need:

Memory Work:

The Prophet - *Isaiah*

The Principle - *God gave signs for the Savior's coming.*

The People - *Israelites living around Jerusalem*

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

Aim Questions:

1. What is the name of the prophet with dirty lips? (Isaiah)
2. What were the Israelites doing with their lips that was wrong? (They prayed to idols and got drunk with wine.)
3. What did the sheep do that was smarter than most of the Israelites living around Jerusalem? (They listened to their shepherd's voice and followed him.)
4. How would God help the Israelites get clean lips? (Send a righteous Savior)
5. What would be the signs of His coming? (A virgin would have a son and people would see a great light.)
6. How does God want us to use our lips? (Tell God how great He is in our prayers and songs.)

 Hook:

“Watch For Signs Along the Way” Activity Center: (3ISA10PKGF1) As the children come into the classroom, let them color and cut out their steering wheels. Then seat the children in chairs lined up in a row. Pretend to be driving a bus or car along a street, each with his or her steering wheel. The teacher can lead the kids on an imaginary journey, pointing out street signs as they approach. Signs could be made of cardboard and affixed to paint sticks. (STOP, GO, RAILROAD CROSSING, THE SAVIOR IS COMING, SLOW, etc.) Make appropriate noises (train whistle at the railroad crossing) and body motions (put your foot on the brake as you slow down) as you see the signs. We will hear about signs today in our Bible Adventure.

Listening Game: Listen to a CD or tape of different sounds and let the children guess what they hear. A CD is available from the Children's Department, if requested. Talk about how we use our ears to listen. "Do you think the Israelites will have listening ears?"

Gossip Game and Follow the Leader: First, use a teacher to pass around a message to the child on his or her right. The message could be saying thanks to God for something. Continue around the circle until all children have heard the message. Choose children to be the leader and send a message of thanks also. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that our lips should be used to give thanks to God!

Relay Game: (3ISA10PKGF8) The Israelites living around Samaria got into trouble by worshiping idols. Will the Israelites living in Jerusalem have the same problem? Do people today worship things rather than God? Ask the children how they know when something is an idol. This will be

very difficult for them to answer. Just use the question to start a conversation. Then show them the GF8 pictures of popular "things" that people might have as idols. Divide the class into two teams. Give each an equal number of idol pictures. Have the teams take turns getting all of their idols into the garbage can.



Telephone Activity: Play with telephones talking back and forth. Review the names of the prophets with the person on the other end of the line.



“Get the Wiggles Out” and Transition Activity: Ask 3 children at a time to find a lip or ear that has been hidden in the room and then go find a chair in the circle, sitting on the mouth or ear pictures. After all are seated, the children can share a kind word or a way we use our mouths and ears for good.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -



Use a map of Israel to show that Isaiah was a prophet to the Israelites living around Jerusalem.



Show the picture of Isaiah as you remind the children of who wrote the book of Isaiah.



(3ISA10PKG2) Copy the picture of the signs of the Savior onto white paper. Show the children the black and white picture. Color the picture in front of the children as you tell the story.



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.

Bible Adventure -

Last week, we learned about Isaiah’s vision. Who can tell me what he saw? (The Lord on a throne, high and lifted up, with a long robe that filled the temple) What did Isaiah say when the door shook and the smoke filled the temple? (“I have sinned with my lips. We have all sinned with our lips. Our lips are dirty with sin. I am sorry, God.”) What did the seraph do? (Touched Isaiah’s lips and God made him clean) Who was God going to send to save the people from their sins? (God would come Himself to be the Savior.)

God wanted someone to go tell the Israelites living around Jerusalem that their lips were dirty with sin. God loved these Israelites so much that He was going to send them a Savior who could clean them up. After Isaiah said he was sorry for his sinning, dirty lips, he was ready to obey God and be the prophet to God’s people. It would be a hard job but Isaiah wanted to help the people he loved who needed a Savior.

What do you think the Israelites' lips were saying that God said was wrong? They were using their lips to pray to idols. The Israelites thought they were righteous because they went to the holy hill, the temple, and prayed to God. The wrong thing they were doing was praying to idols also. They were not loyal or faithful to the one true God because they loved idols, too.

When there is something we love that is just as important to us as God, that is an idol. We may not pray to idols but we might worship things if they take all our thoughts and time. What kind of things might be idols to people today? Can a TV be an idol? Could making lots of money or a job be an idol? Are hobbies, toys, games and activities ever idols? God asks us and the Israelites to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deut. 6:5) Were the Israelites living around Jerusalem being obedient? No! Isaiah said, "Stop doing wrong; learn to do right."

The Israelites had another dirty lip sin! They were using their lips to get drunk with wine. God told Isaiah that it is not right to party and just live to have fun. Again, Isaiah said, "Stop doing wrong; learn to do right."

The Israelites had sinful thoughts in their minds, too. They would think only of what they wanted to do and not of what others might want to do or what God wanted them to do. Again, Isaiah said, "Stop doing wrong; learn to do right." Do you know people like this? Yes, sometimes people are selfish and just think of themselves. Maybe they want to go to the park but their friend wants to stay home. If they just do what they want to do, that is selfish. When the Israelites prayed, they told God what they wanted and they wanted it now! It is like saying, "God, I want a new bike and I want it now!" Is that the right thing to do? No way! God wants our lips to tell God what great things He has done for us. Instead of having lips that say, "I want, I want, I want," we are to be saying "Thank you, thank you, thank you, God." When we pray and when we sing, we can tell God, "Thank You for giving me a loving family, a warm house with food to eat and clothes to wear. Thank You for sending a Savior to take away my sins." Every day when we pray, we can use our lips to thank God.

The Israelites didn't use their lips right. They also didn't use their ears right. What do you suppose they did with their ears? They stopped listening to all of God's words. They listened to some of them but not the ones they didn't like. Again, Isaiah said, "Stop doing wrong; learn to do right." Have you ever pretended not to hear your mom call you to come and get ready for bed because you didn't want to hear it? Is that the right thing to do? No! Isaiah said to the people, "When a shepherd calls a sheep by its name, the sheep listens and obeys. The sheep follows the shepherd's voice. The sheep follows the shepherd wherever it leads. You are not as smart as a sheep because you have stopped listening to God's voice. You are listening to the wrong people." Do you know who the Israelites were listening to? They listened to people from Babylon who told them to pray to their idols. They listened to the people from Egypt who told them to pray to their idols. Isaiah said, "Why do you listen to the wrong voices? Stop doing wrong; learn to do right." How do we listen to God today? When we read the Bible, we are listening to God's own words. When you ask Mom or Dad to read you a story in the Bible, you are listening to God's own words. When you come to church, you hear God's words.

Isaiah went on to say, "Why aren't you being loyal and faithful to the true Shepherd God? God is slow to anger and gives mercy but He will punish your sins. He will burn your idols and your treasures. Remember how the Israelites living around Samaria were taken as slaves. God will let that happen to you too unless you stop doing wrong and start doing right. You have been offering animals as a sacrifice to take away your sins. Animals don't take away your sins. God takes away your sins but you're not listening. This is a sad, dark time for you, Israel."

To help the Israelites understand that they could be clean and not dirty anymore, Isaiah gave them a promise from God. Isaiah said, "Listen to me, Israelites. God is sending a way for you to be clean from your sins. God will take that dirt away forever. He won't use a seraph to burn your lips with a coal. He promises to send a Savior, a holy king, a righteous ruler. When the Savior comes, anyone walking in darkness with their dirty lips and hearts can be made clean. First, you will see a great light, a very, very bright star. That will be a sign that the Savior is here. God will give you another sign so you will know for sure the Savior is here. The sign will be a virgin who will have a baby son. He will grow up to be the righteous Savior. He will always listen to God's voice. The holy Savior will clean people's dirty lips and dirty hearts. He will forgive your dirty sins. He will help you live His right way. This is going to be a happy day!"

I can't wait until next week to hear more about what God tells His people.

Prayer: Dear God, Thank You for Your true words in the Bible. Help me really listen to Your words and obey them. Help me stop doing wrong and learn to do right. Thank You for helping me do what is right. Thank You for telling us about these sinning Israelites. You help me understand what I am doing wrong and how You want me to act. Thank You for sending a Savior to save us from our sins. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Look:



"Watch For Signs Along the Way" Craft Center: (3ISA10PKG1) Let the children glue three pictures on their steering wheel. The picture of Isaiah reminds them that Isaiah said there would be signs to show who the Savior would be. The signs are Mary (the virgin) with the baby Jesus in a manger and the bright star. Let the children color the stickers and the wheel. Then let them cut

around the outside of the wheel and glue it to an 8" paper plate. Talk about the Aim Questions as the children work.

Charades Activity Center: Play Charades, acting out sinful mouths and thankful mouths. Ask the children questions about the lessons from Isaiah. "Did the Israelites have sinful mouths or thankful mouths? What did they do that was wrong? Do you want to have a sinful mouth or a thankful mouth?" Then act out sad ears and listening ears. Ask the same questions as above, using sad ears and listening ears.

"Ways to Use Our Mouths" Worksheet: (3ISA10PKGF3) Match the right words to the happy and sad child. Provide a list of words for children to cut out and glue beside the appropriate child. The list could be as follows: I want. I need. I love TV. I love money. I love toys. I love food. Thank you, God. Thank you for sending a Savior. Thanks for forgiving my sins and making me clean. God, you are my Shepherd. I want to listen to your Word, God. I want to use my mouth to pray to God. I want to use my mouth to say thanks to God.

"Mr. Potato Head" Center: (3ISA10PKGF4) Affix happy face stickers, thankful mouths, listening ears, etc., to potatoes to make "Mr. Potato Head." Emphasize our desire to have thankful mouths and listening ears.

Balloon Relay Game: Make a balloon person by affixing a balloon to a cardboard base. The first person could run to their balloon and affix a mouth sticker, the next an ear, the next another ear, then a joyful heart, etc. Talk about how we use our mouths and ears in the right way.

Bible Dot-to-Dot: (3ISA10PKGF5 & 3ISA10PKGF6) Help the children connect the dots to find out how people knew who the Savior was going to be. Talk about the signs of the Savior coming: the virgin would have a Son and the people would see a great light. God sent us special signs too. We learn about God's signs each and every day as we read our Bible. Let the children glue the GF6 signs of the coming Savior onto the front of the completed Bible Dot-to-Dot.

"Calendar Activities" Drawing Center: (3ISA10PKGF7) Let the children color activities on a calendar page that would show how we can develop good words in our mouths and listening ears. Talk about how God will help us learn to do right all day, every day.

Songs:

Thank You Lord, for Saving My Soul
Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me
Thy great salvation, so rich and free.

Jesus Is A Wonderful Savior
Jesus is a wonderful Savior. He will carry you through
Jesus is a wonderful Savior. He will carry you through
Until the battle's done and the victory is won
My Lord will carry you through.

Just Tell God When You Are Wrong (Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")
Just tell God when you are wrong
He will give your heart a song
Don't cover up with another lie
Don't make excuses; don't deny
Just tell God when you are wrong
He will give your heart a song.

Do You Know? (Tune of "London Bridge") Teachers can catch two children in their arms and they can tell something they remember from the story.
Do you know the Bible story, Bible story, Bible story?
Do you know the Bible story that we heard today?

(Second Verse)

Do you know the signs God gave, signs God gave, signs God gave?

Do you know the signs God gave to show the Savior's coming?

This is a good song to use during the Took time.



Took:



Duck, Duck, Goose: Play this game using words like "Ears, Ears, Listen." After each child is chosen and runs to his place, someone can tell one of the signs they heard today in the Bible Adventure. We listen carefully to all of God's words to Isaiah. When God speaks, we listen and obey. As the child is running to his or her place, the children can chant, "God is our Savior."



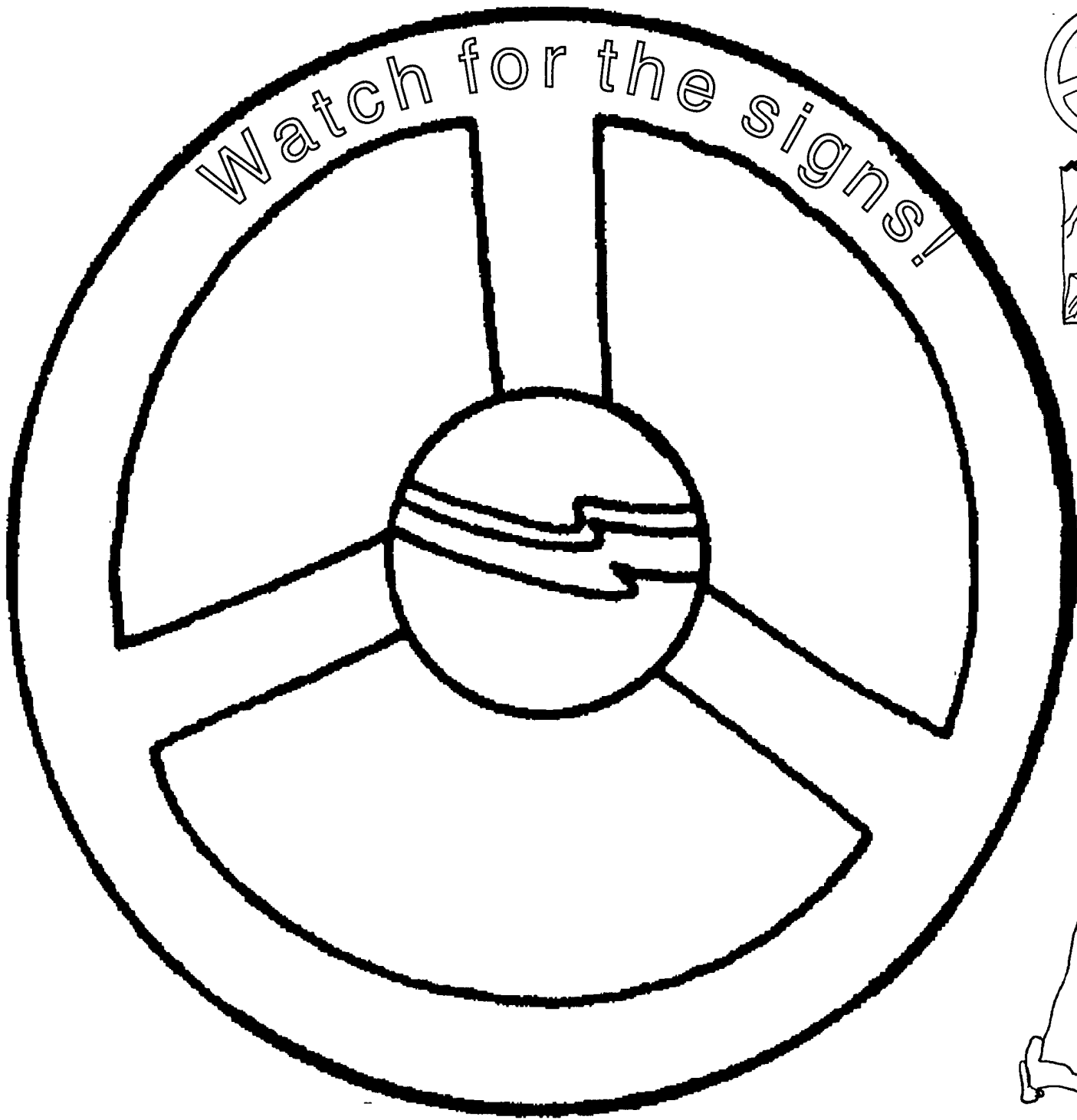
God Is Our Savior" Reminders: (3ISA10PKGF4) Glue a happy mouth and a mad mouth onto craft sticks. Let the children hold the paper mouths in front of their own mouths. "What words might come from these mouths? Who is the Savior Who can take away our mean words?" Use the listening ears cutouts to remind the children to have listening ears. Place a set of paper ears on one child volunteer. As the rest of the children all say, "God is our Savior," the one child with the paper ears will pantomime listening to God's words. Make sure the children understand that Isaiah said God is the Savior.



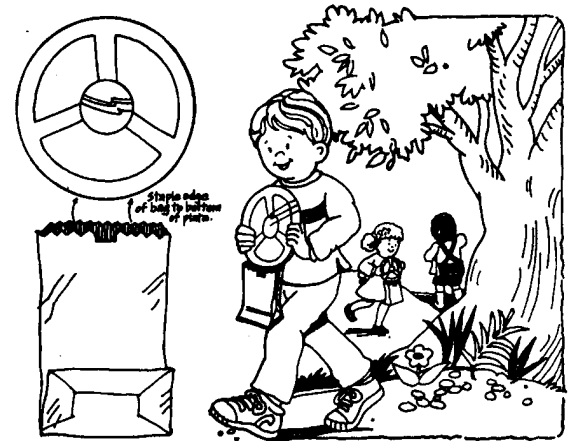
Box of Surprises: (3ISA10PKGF8) Cut out and attach the GF8 pictures to a two foot length of string. Space all the pictures evenly along the string. Loosely wind up the string with the attached pictures and place inside a small cardboard box with the lid closed. Cut a hole in the top of the lid. On class day, let the children take turns pulling a portion of the string out of the hole in the lid. When a child pulls out a picture attached to the string, stop the game momentarily. The child gets to share comments with the rest of the class. If the white mouth picture is drawn out, for example, the child gets to share that God is the Savior. The listening ear picture gets to share the signs of the coming Savior as foretold by Isaiah. Give the children a chance to pray about having kind, thankful words at home this week if the dark mouth or closed ears come up. Thank God for sending Jesus to be our Savior.



Stamp the Right Path to Jesus, the Savior: (3ISA10PKGF6) Let children use a pencil to draw a curving path. Place a sticker of Isaiah at the beginning of the path because he told us to watch for the signs of the Savior along the way. Place a sticker of the baby Jesus and the bright star at the end of the path. Then with stamps of listening ears and thankful mouths (made from Dr. Scholl's foot pads glued to a block of wood or from sponges), let the children put the stamps all along the right path. Let the children pray, thanking God for sending the Savior, Jesus.



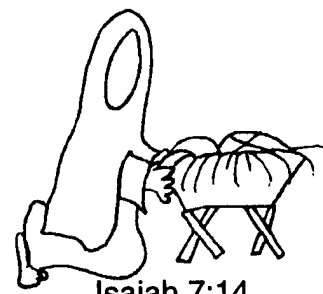
Watch for the signs!



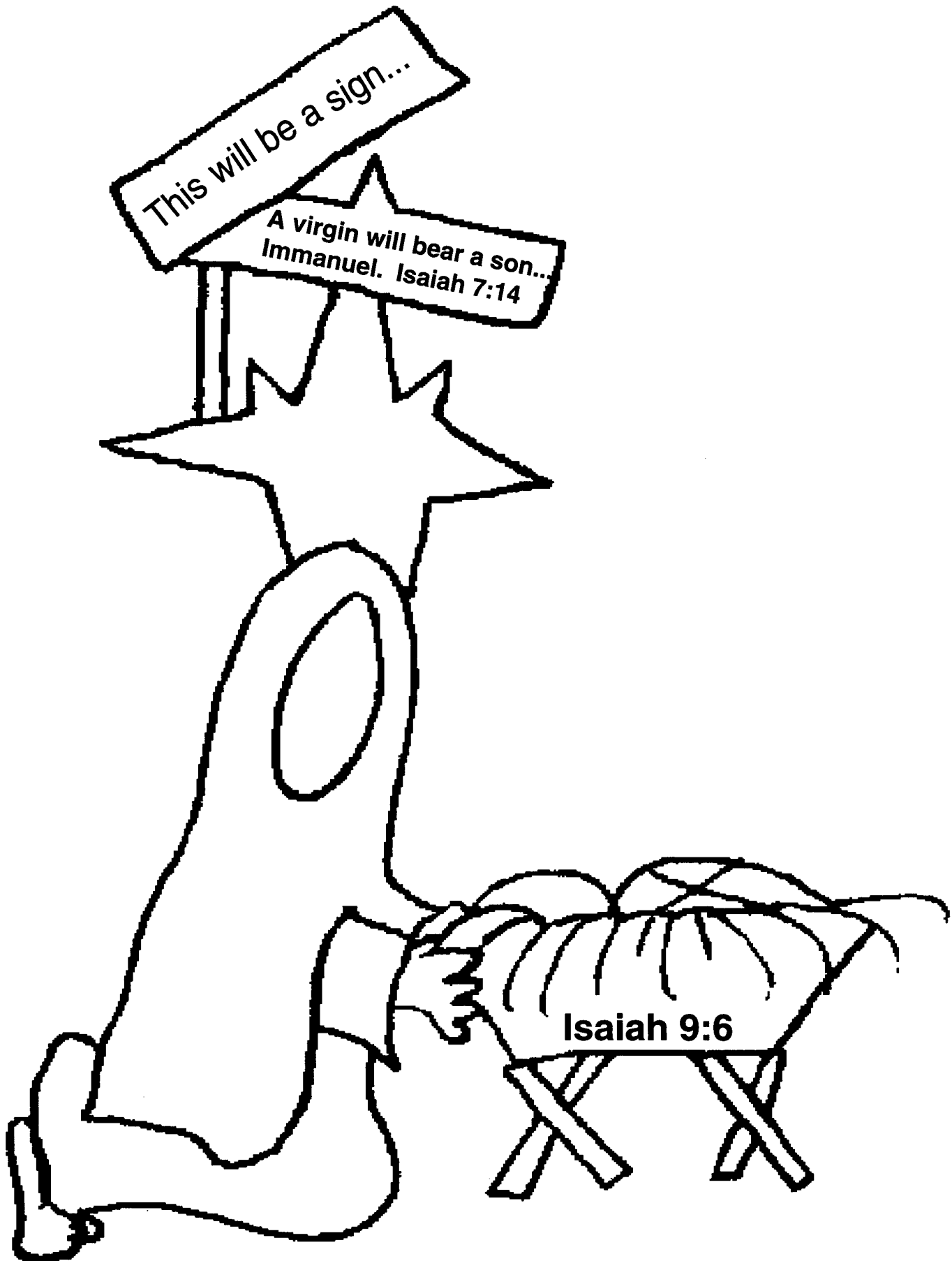
Isaiah



Isaiah 9:2



Isaiah 7:14



This will be a sign...

A virgin will bear a son...
Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 9:6

"Ways to Use Our Mouths" Worksheet

As the teacher reads the words one by one at the bottom of the page, the children can draw an arrow from the words to the appropriate picture.

Isaiah says that God is the Savior who helps change our words to His good words.



I watch TV all day.

I want to listen to the Bible.

I eat junk food all day.

Thank you, God for
sending a Savior.

Thanks for making me clean.

I don't always obey my parents.

God, you are my Shepherd.

I want every toy I see.

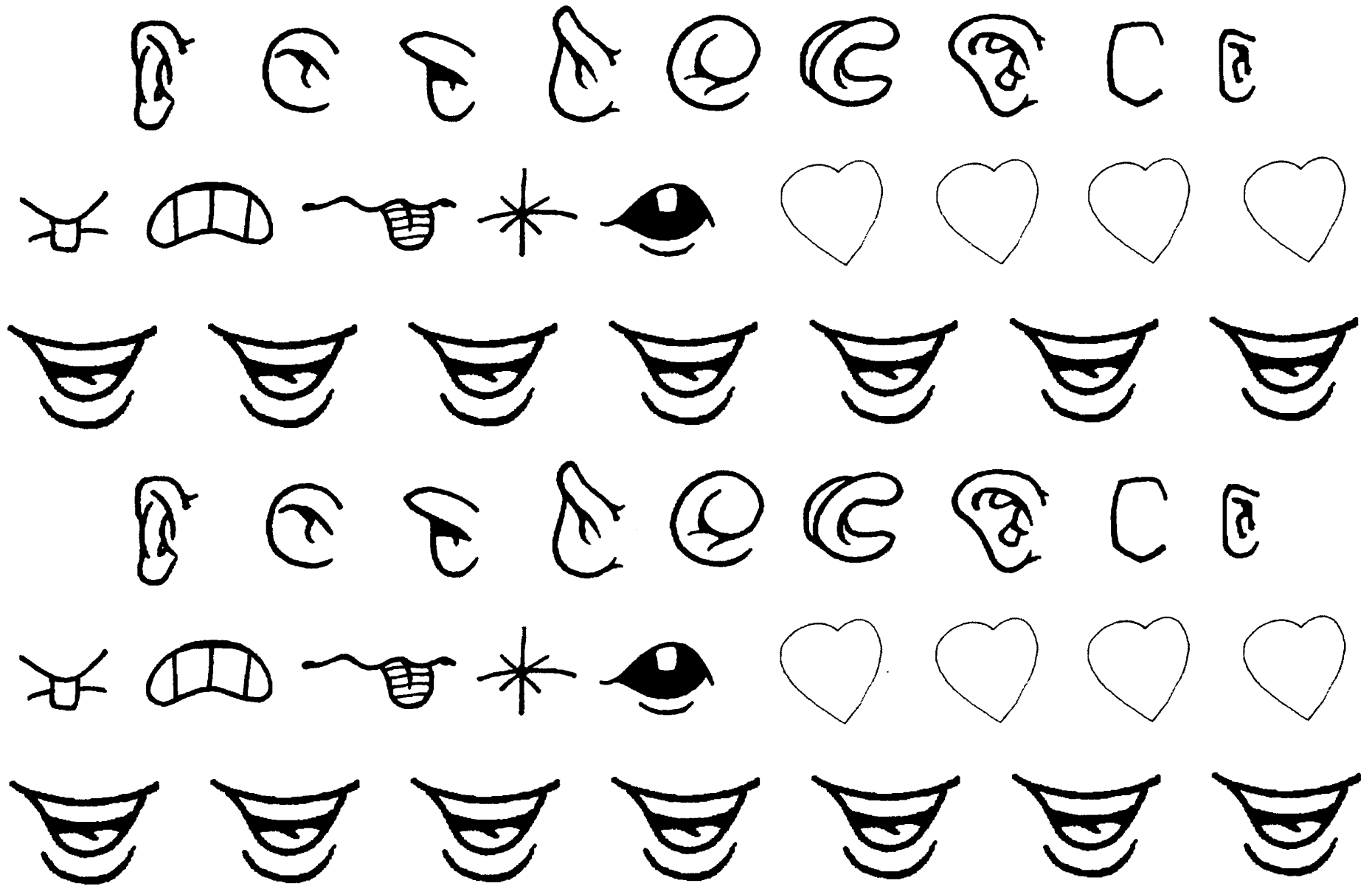
When I get mad,
I say mean words.

I use my mouth to tell God thanks.

I say bad words like the
kids in the neighborhood.

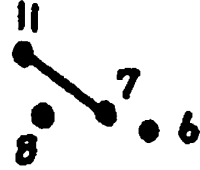
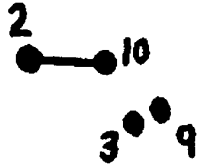
I use my mouth to pray to God.

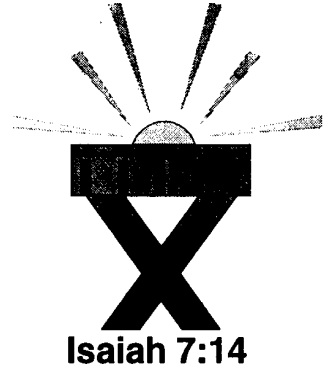
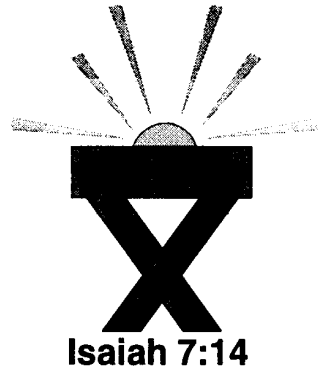
Mr. Potato Head Center: Choose ears and mouths to use for Mr. Potato Head or the Balloon Relay Game.

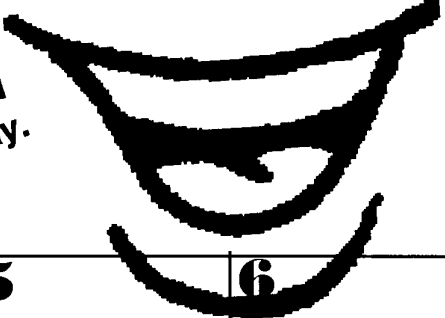

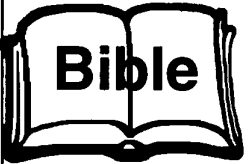
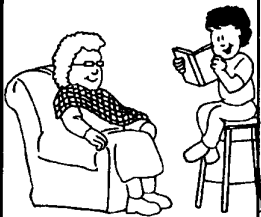





Bible Dot-to-Dot

Connect the dots to find out how we know who God's Savior would be.
Glue on pictures to remember the signs Isaiah gave for the Savior's coming.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Fill my mouth with God's good words every day.</p>				<p>1</p>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	12	13	14		16	17
18	19		21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		31

Fun Things Can Become Like Idols Too!

Draw a circle around the things that people might love more than God.

