November 17, 1996 Focus Isaiah Chapter 30
3rd-6th Grades 3ISA11JR
The Savior is Coming

Isaiah

Materials I Need:

Memory Work:
Isaiah 1:16&17 Stop doing wrong, learn to do right!
Learning the Old Testament books of the Bible starting with Genesis
The Prophet Isaiah
The People Judah, the Israelites
The Prophecy Your Sin, Your Savior
The Principle The Savior is Coming

Aim Questions:
1. **What are the 4 P's for Isaiah?**
2. **What nation were the Israelites asking for help instead of God? Why do you think the Israelites quit relying on God?**
3. **God compares Israel's misplaced trust in Egypt to two things in Isaiah 30:13&14 that you could find in your home. What are they? What does God mean by this comparison?**
4. **How do people ignore the truth of God today so that they can have their own spirituality? [This is their own version of Christianity--not necessarily a biblical one!]**
5. **Why do some people pick and choose what they will believe from God's word?**

Hook:

❑ **Maps.** Use the map provided or another to show students where Egypt and Assyria. In Isaiah chapter 30 God condemns the Israelites for trusting in the military strength of Egypt to rescue them from Assyria instead of God. **3ISA11JRGF1**

❑ **BUILDING BLOCKS.** Bring in wood building blocks or several Jenga games. Allow the Bible students to be creative and build! [Debrief: During the Adventure, use what the Bible students have built to demonstrate a cornerstone and without it, showing how the structure collapses. Talk about the crack in the wall. Tell the Bible students there is a crack. Point out what happens to the structure when a piece falls out because of the crack?]

❑ **ROPES.** Bring in a length of climbing rope. Tie a knot in it to make a circle. Have all the Bible students surround the rope and pick it up holding it shoulder length apart.
1. Students grab the rope shoulder length apart and slowly, everyone lean back, stand slowly.
2. Do the same thing, but now with all of your eyes closed. What happened?
3. If you're doing really well, try turning your backs to the middle of the circle, grasping the rope behind you and lean forward.

[DEBRIEF: Do you see any spiritual application? What about trust? Did you have to trust everyone in the group to hold on to the rope? What if one of them let go or fell? What happened when you closed your eyes? What happens when you turned your backs on everyone? What is the rope broke? What happens when you turn your back on God?]

Book:

Presentation Ideas -

- **The focus of this week's Bible Adventure is Isaiah chapter 30!**
- **Cracked Demo.** Bring in a cracked jar [that will leak]. Use as a demonstration during your adventure.
- **Cornerstone Demo.** Demo with a Jenga game that you have pre-built. Pull out blocks as illustrations of what will cause the tower to fall, and what will only weaken it. This is a way to visualize the cornerstone. [You will need to practice at home to assure success.]

Bible Adventure -

Isaiah the prophet had an interesting life. Because he was a prophet of God, he experienced wonderful things. For example, seeing a vision of God on His throne (Isaiah 6), and being used by the Holy Spirit to speak God's message to the people. On the other hand, Isaiah had to endure hardship because the people did not want to hear God's message. They did not like to hear Isaiah say that God was angry because of their sin. They did not enjoy hearing that God was going to destroy their cities and send them as slaves to a foreign country. Being a prophet was both wonderful and difficult. Isaiah knew that he had to obey God and speak whatever God told him to say to the people, even when they did not want to hear.

We remember Isaiah's prophecies by reciting the phrase, "Your Sin, Your Savior." What does that mean? It reminds us that the words God gave Isaiah to tell the people fall into two categories. "Your Sin," refers to all of Isaiah's prophecies condemning the evil that the people were doing. For example, in Isaiah 28:7 we read, "Priests and prophets stagger from beer and are befuddled with wine." Even the religious leaders were drunkards. In Isaiah 29:13 God says, "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." The worship of God's people meant nothing to Him because He knew it was all for show. It was not sincere. They did not love Him enough to be obedient to Him.

Because of their unrepentant sin, God was forced to bring judgment upon the people. Their crops would be destroyed. Foreign nations would attack them, capture their cities, and take their families away in chains. God's blessings would be replaced by His curse because the people were disobedient.

The phrase "Your Savior," reminds us of Isaiah's other prophecies. These prophecies were about God forgiving and saving the people. If you look carefully, some of the prophecies are telling us about Jesus, the Savior who God would send. Listen to these verses: Isaiah 7:14 says, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and she will call his name Immanuel (God with us)." And again in Isaiah 9:6, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us, and the government will rest on his shoulders; and his name will be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." Finally, in Isaiah 28:16, we read, "So this is what the Sovereign Lord says, 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.'" (See Romans 9:33, 10:11 and 1 Peter 2:6 for fulfillment these prophecies.) In a few weeks you will learn of another prophecy that God gave Isaiah about the Savior. It should amaze you how exact it is in describing Jesus' death for our sin's length.

Only God has the right to bring judgment upon people's sins, and only He could send a Savior capable of forgiving that sin. **In Isaiah 26:15&16 God compares rebellious people to a piece of pottery.** How ridiculous it would be for a piece of clay to begin to complain to the master potter. By itself, clay would be a big lump. It is totally dependent upon the potter to mold it into something useful. The people had gotten to the place where they though that they could complain and gripe about God, but instead of obeying Him, they were rebelling. Isaiah was faithful to speak God's words to the people, even when they ignored him and insulted him. He did that because his trust in God was greater than his fear of ridicule. Let's look at a prophecy of Isaiah that has a message of God's judgment against the people's sin, and then speaks of God coming back to them as a Savior.

Isaiah chapter 30 begins with God's condemning of the Israelites for trusting the nation of Egypt for help instead of God. The Israelites had asked Egypt to protect them from the nation of Assyria. Remember, Assyria had already taken the northern tribes into captivity. God's people had tried to leave God out of the picture. They failed to trust Him, and trusted in the nation of Egypt, instead. In verses 1-5 Isaiah

writes, "'Woe to the obstinate children,' declares the Lord, 'to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin; who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh's protection, to Egypt's shade for refuge. But Pharaoh's protection will be to your shame, Egypt's shade will bring you disgrace.....everyone will be put to shame because of a people useless to them, who bring neither help nor advantage, but only shame and disgrace.'"

We can be just like the foolish Israelites. Instead of praying to God and of trusting in His help, we can rush into bad decisions. We can put our trust in people who may let us down, and leave God completely out of the picture. We may not wish to go to God because of sin in our life. Isaiah spoke to people who were very sinful, and their hearts were far from God. Isaiah's words get stronger. Continuing on in chapter 30, verses 6-14, God speaks judgment against Egypt and against His people. The people's sin was so great that this is what they were saying to Isaiah and the other prophets of God: "They say to the seers, 'See no more visions!' and to the prophets, 'Give us no more visions of what is right!" Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!'" The word here for visions is more than what Isaiah saw in chapter six (his vision of God). The word vision here means the revealed truth of God. The people were saying they did not want to hear about God's truth. Now, when we come to the point of totally rejecting God's truth, God has no choice but to judge us. That's what happens to God's people. God says their judgment will come suddenly and unexpectedly, like a high wall, that is weakened by a crack. The wall collapses without warning, shattering into millions of tiny pieces. Sin had weakened it. They had disobeyed God, and therefore, were left vulnerable to punishment. Their sin could bring ruin upon their people. Their sin had made them worthless before God, just as a wall with a crack in it proves to be worthless.

In Isaiah 30:15, God gives His people an answer to their problem. "This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it." (NIV) If they would turn from their sin, they would find salvation in God.

The second half of Isaiah 30 is about the salvation of God's people. The things that God speaks of here are in the future, yes, even our future. The day will come when God's people, the Israelites, will repent and turn to Him. In that day, God promises to immediately come to His people when they cry for help. They will be sensitive to God's Word and really desire God's leading and want to be obedient to Him. They will get rid of their idols--all of those things they tried to replace for God. They will enjoy a time of prosperity and of God's blessing. These verses really reveal to us God's heart. In spite of their rejection of Him for years upon years, God opens His arms and welcomes His people back once they have shown they truly repent of their sin. God will do the same for you, also. Do you trust in other things to be your help in the same way that the Israelites trusted in Egypt rather than God? Is there sin in your life that keeps you from approaching God? Ask your teacher to talk with you about what is true repentance. (Teachers, see II Cor 7.) When we demonstrate true repentance, God will welcome us with open arms.

Look:

❑ **SCRAMBLE/FILL.** Unscramble the letters to find words from Chapter 30 of Isaiah. Copy the letters with numbers under them to the correct spot, and find out what you should do! **3ISA11JRGF2**

❑ **ISAIAH ILLUSTRATED.** This project can be done two ways. **Option #1** Divide your class into 6 groups. Give each group a large piece of paper, a scripture to illustrate, pencils, markers and crayons. Give them 10 minutes to create and have discussion. Assemble the Isaiah 30 Big Book, and review it with class. **Option #2** For individual projects give each Bible student 7 pieces of paper to illustrate the given scriptures. [Selected Scriptures: Isaiah 30:1-5; Isaiah 30:6-7; Isaiah 30:12-14; Isaiah 30:15-18; Isaiah 30:23-26; Isaiah 30:29-32.] Have students explain their drawings to the group, when they have finished. **3ISA11JRGF3**

❑ **Your Sin, Your Savior.** Selected predictions of Jesus have been taken from the first 12 chapters of Isaiah. In today's lesson God is telling the people to trust in Him for salvation. Salvation came 700 years later through Jesus Christ. See if your students can match the prediction of Isaiah with the correct New Testament passage that fulfills it. **3ISA11JRGF4**

❑ **Cracked Pots & Bulging Walls.** Have students read Isaiah 29:15&16; Isaiah 30:13&14 out loud. Use the cartoon found on page **3ISA11JRGF5** to help students understand God's comparison. Have them fill in the cartoon balloons with words that describe the problem they were having. If they want to they may color the cartoons, as well.

Took:

❑ **JUMPIN' 4 P's**

The Prophet is Isaiah
The People are from Judah
The Prophecy---Your Sin, 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!

❑ **FLASHCARDS.** Review the 4 P's for all of the prophets. Be sure to encourage the children to use the cards at home.

❑ **REVIEW.** Tri-fold review page and tape closed so it will stand up on end. Be sure to use this week's memory verse. It is short and simple. Isaiah 1:16&17 "Stop doing wrong, learn to do right!" Take home and place on dining table to review & to start family discussions! **3ISA11JRGF6**

❑ **PRAYER.** Pray specifically for your class missionary. Pray that they will **TRUST GOD!!!**

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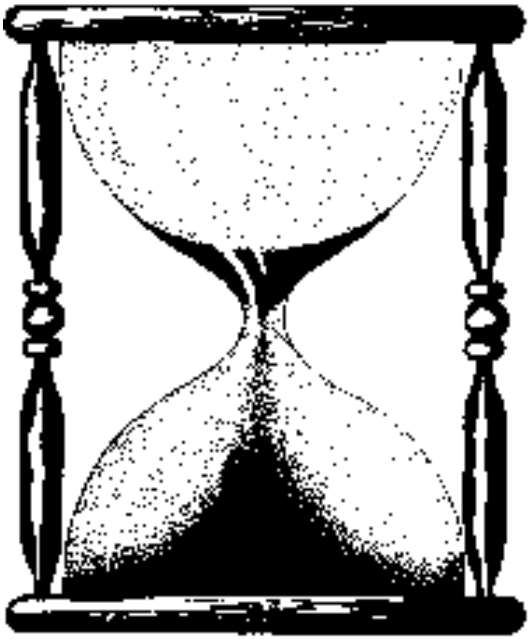

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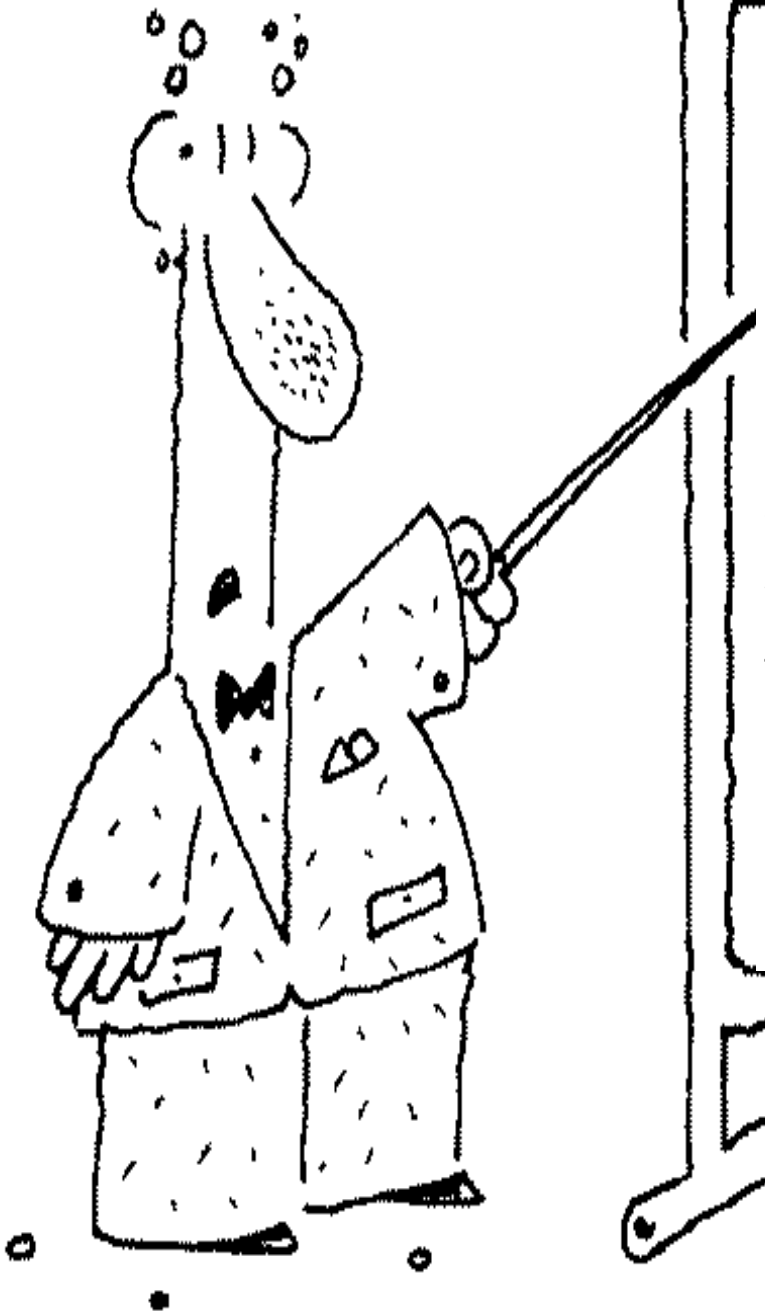

SCRAMBLE/FILL

Unscramble the words and place them in the puzzle below. To find a Bible truth place the numbered letters in the corresponding blanks

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1. Isaiah was a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of God.
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2. Gods chosen people are called _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
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3. The Israelites _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ God.
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4. God speaks _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ on the Israelites.
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Isaiah
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Illustrated

Isaiah 30: 1-5

Isaiah 30: 6-7

Isaiah 30: 12-14

Isaiah 30: 15-18

Isaiah 30: 23-26

Isaiah 30: 29-32

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Match the Promise of a Savior with the Fulfillment in Jesus

1. Isaiah 7:14 The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son and will call Him Immanuel.

2. Isaiah 9:1,2 He will honor Galilee, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on

Isaiah 9:6 And he will be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Isaiah 9:7 Reign on David's throne

5. Isaiah 11:2 Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him - spirit of wisdom and understanding.

6. Isaiah 11:4 With righteousness he will judge the needy with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

- ❑ John 10:30 I and the Father are one.
- ❑ Matt. 22:23 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet; The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son and they will call Him Immanuel, which means "God with us."
- ❑ John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
- ❑ Matt. 13:54 They were amazed "where did this man get t his wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked.
- ❑ John 5:27 And he has given him authority to judge because He is the Son of Man.
- ❑ Matt. 4:15,16 Galilee of the Gentiles - the people living in darkness have seen a great light: on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
- ❑ John 20:28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God."
- ❑ Luke 1:32,33 The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever.

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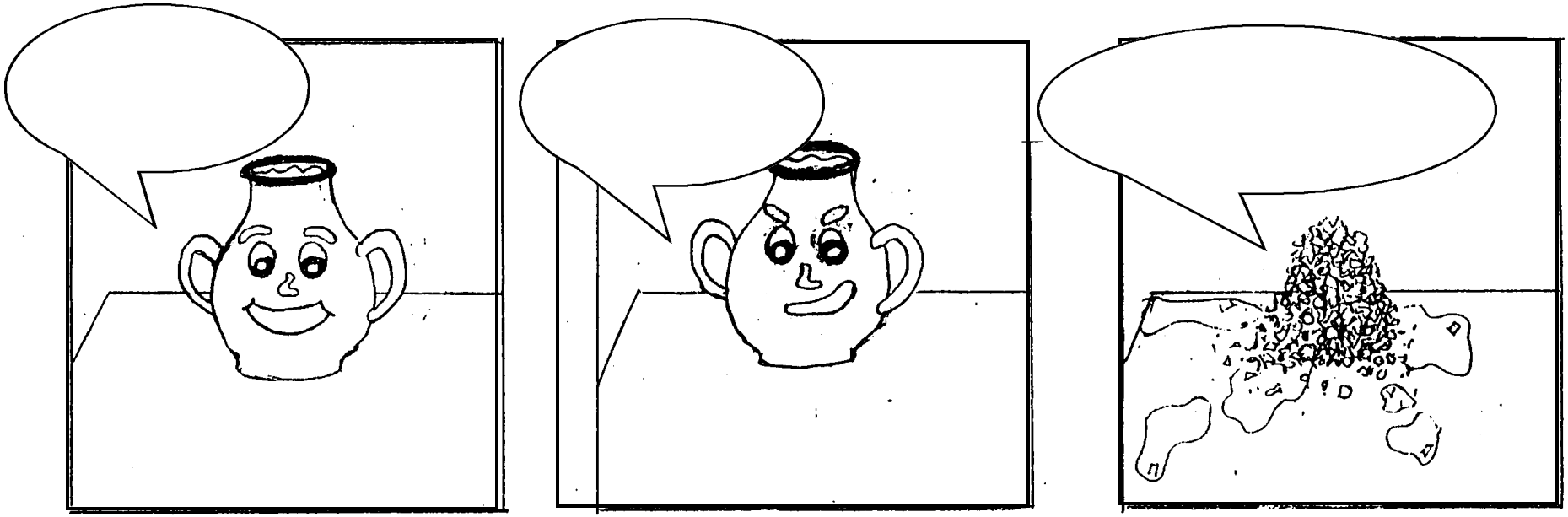
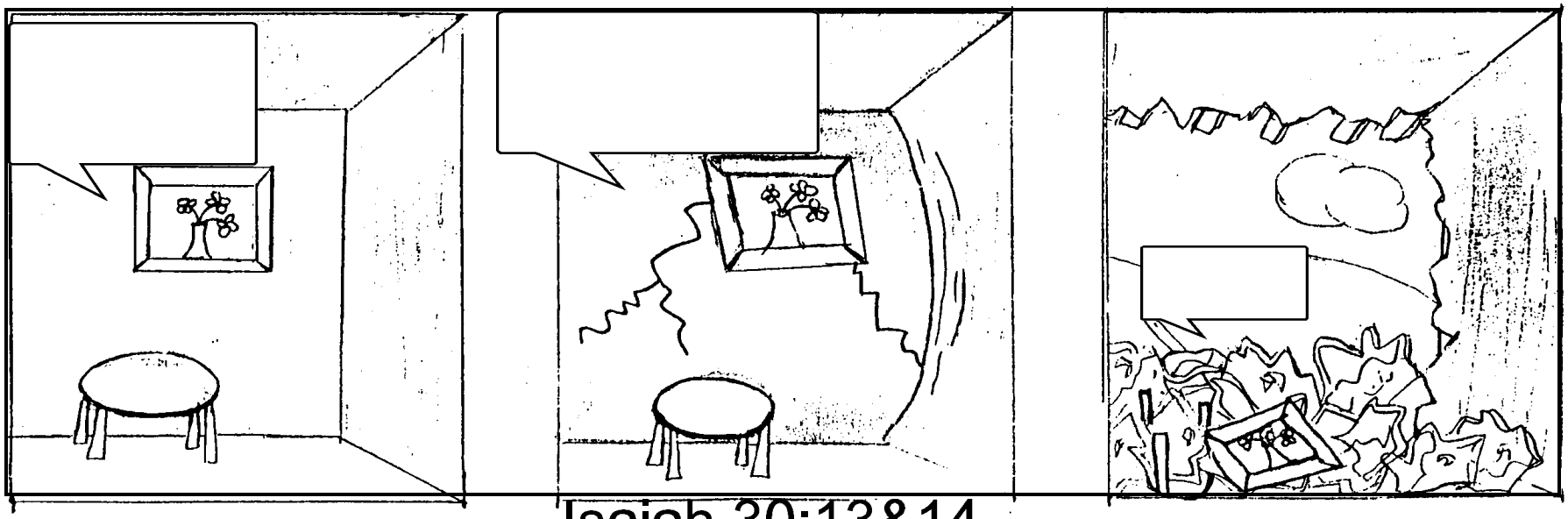


Isaiah 29:15&16



Isaiah 30:13&14

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Books of the Old Testament

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekial
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Isaiah 1:16&17
Stop doing wrong, Learn to do right!

Pray for missionaries to specifically trust God for all of their needs. What areas of their lives do you think the missionaries need to trust God in?

trust God only

AIM QUESTIONS.

1. What are the 4 P's of Isaiah?

2. God's people were not relying on him, they were relying on Egypt. Why do you think the Israelites quit relying on God?

3. How do people ignore the truth of God today and why?

4. Why do some people pick and choose what they will believe from God's word?

5. If you were to trust in anything besides God what do you think would happen?

6. What is the problem with turning to things instead of God?

Be a Nike Christian,
Just Do It
Trust God!

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