



**Materials I Need:**

**Memory Verse:**

For to 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. (NIV)  
Isaiah 9:6

**Review**

Stop doing wrong, learn to do right!

Isaiah 1:16& 17

<i>The Prophet</i>	<i>Isaiah (Yahweh is Salvation)</i>
<i>The People</i>	<i>Judah, the Israelites who live around Jerusalem</i>
<i>The Prophecy</i>	<i>Your Sin, Your Savior</i>
<i>The Principle</i>	<i>The Savior is Coming</i>

**Aim Questions:**

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**Hook:**

**WOULD YOU/COULD YOU.** Help the Bible students fill out the survey. Debrief: This will tell how much the Bible student is willing to suffer or be embarrassed for money or cash. Jesus suffered for us, He volunteered (no one forced Him) & He did it for **no selfish gain!** Go through the survey again with the Bible students. How many of the **WOULD YOU/COULD YOU'S** do, if only your neighbor benefited from your good deed and you receive **no** money? Student page reference number **3ISA14JR.GF1**

**HEROES.** Discussion: What is a hero? What characteristics do they share? What great deeds have they accomplished? Today we will learn about the greatest hero in history. People were looking for a "King" not a baby in a stable.

**SHEEP PEEP.** Invite a farmer to come to your class and give a peep view into the life of a sheep. Special questions for the farmer: How do you care for sheep, where do they live, so sheep stray, what does a sheep do when it is sheared etc.?

**Suffering.** For the most part, most of us do not know what real suffering is like. We all may suffer through short times of sorrow and discouragement, but have no way of knowing terrible suffering.

Before teaching the Bible Adventure, ask your students to share brief one sentence definitions of suffering. As a class, answer the following questions:

1. In America today, what things do we suffer for or from?
2. Is there more suffering in your life today than say 100 years ago? Explain what you think?
3. The Apostle Peter said that we are to be prepared to suffer for doing good like Jesus did. (1 Peter 2:19-22) How do people that you know suffer for doing good? How did Jesus suffer for doing good?



**Book:**

**Presentation Ideas -**



**Heroes** - Bring in pictures of famous men. Why are they famous? What makes them famous?



**Suffering Servant** - Draw a grid like the one depicted below. Allow students a minute to read all of the words in your grid. Today, there are two words in this grid that when placed together give a title of what Isaiah spoke about in our lesson. See if you can figure out the correct combination to make the title. One guess per student. After all of them have shared their guesses, reveal the correct answer. Everyone who guessed correctly gets to give his/her seat to someone else in the class.

<b>RUNNING</b>	<b>SERVANT</b>	<b>FATHER</b>
<b>KING</b>	<b>LOVING</b>	<b>LORD</b>
<b>GIVING</b>	<b>MESSIAH</b>	<b>SUFFERING</b>

**Bible Adventure -**

You have often heard us say here at Bible school that the Bible is the Word of God. How do we know that? One of the ways we can know is to look at the prophecies found in the Old Testament. Most of those prophecies are about Jesus Christ. God's prophets wrote about Jesus hundreds of years before He appeared on this earth, and they did so with 100 percent accuracy. In Isaiah's case it was 700 years before Christ's birth that he predicted some amazing things about God's Son. Let's take a look at some of those predictions today.

In Isaiah chapters 52 and 53, Isaiah describes many details about Jesus. Many people refer to these words as the description of God's suffering servant. In the days when Isaiah spoke, many of the Jews thought that the words found in chapters 52 & 53 were about Israel as a people. For instance, in Isaiah 52:13 God says, "Behold, my servant will prosper." Many of the Jews thought that their nation was God's servant, but as you should know by now, the prophecies of Isaiah were blasting the people because they had done such a poor job obeying God. In verses 14 Isaiah goes on to describe terrible suffering. He predicts that this servant of God would have his appearance marred. Think...how was it that Jesus had His looks messed up? Is you remember the account of His crucifixion at all, you will remember how much Jesus was beaten and cut.

Isaiah says something in verse 15 that only makes sense if you understand the Jewish sacrificial system. Jesus' awful death, partially described in verse 14, will "SPRINKLE" the nations. Does that mean that Jesus will give showers or water people's yards. Definitely not. Every year, when the Jewish High Priest would go to the Temple to offer sacrifice for the sins of the people, he would sprinkle the blood of the goat or calf that had been offered on the people as a sign that God was not going to hold the sins of the people against them. When Isaiah says that the servant who is mentioned in 52:13 will sprinkle the nations, he is referring to the future fact that Jesus' death would atone for the sins of both Jew and Gentile. Jesus did not offer the blood of an animal, He offered His own blood for your and my sin.

Chapter 53 tells all about Jesus 700 years before He came to earth as a baby. Look at chapter 53:1-3. It tells that Jesus was not a man that people sought after like a Hollywood model. He was not attractive. Verse three says that Jesus was well acquainted with sorrow and grief. He came as God's Son, but the people refused to honor Him because He did not do what they wanted Him to do. Even today, people still refuse to give honor to Jesus because the things that He taught are not easy. Jesus' words and deeds pointed to God, and not toward giving glory to men.

Verses 4-6 show how Jesus took the punishment that you deserve. Isaiah paints a picture of Jesus being whipped and even stabbed in the side. All of this was because of you and me. It is because we refuse to

follow God, and desire to follow our own way, our own sinful path. Isaiah tells about Jesus being pierced, crushed and beaten with a whip. He writes that Jesus would be treated so cruelly that people would not want to even look at Him. We know that all these things happened to Jesus. In Chapter 53, verse 9, Isaiah even predicts where Jesus would be buried. Though He died a criminal's death, Jesus' grave would be the grave of a rich man. This came true when Joseph of Arimathea, a rich Jewish man, took Jesus' body and placed it in his own tomb. You can read about it in Matthew 27:57-60.

Isaiah writes "in all of His suffering," Jesus would remain silent before those who arrested him and accused him. Jesus would be like a sheep that is totally quiet while its wool is being sheared. If you have ever watched sheep being sheared, you know they can be noisy. It was a very unusual thing for Jesus to go through the suffering He did, saying nothing. (See Matthew 27:12-14)

These are very detailed prophecies recorded by Isaiah. The Jews of Jesus' time knew of them. How then could they miss the fact that Isaiah was writing about Jesus? The answer is that the Jews were looking for a different kind of Messiah, a rich and powerful king or prince perhaps. Jesus did not fit their picture. Isaiah writes in Chapter 53, verses 2 and 3, that there was nothing in Jesus' appearance that would cause people to notice Him. He was not like our celebrities or political leaders or royalty of today. His appearance alone did not cause people to flock to Him. However, some people were able to see the truth about Jesus and come to understand that God had sent Him to earth for this very purpose, to suffer and die for our sins. Isaiah was writing that this was God's will. Jesus would be the perfect sacrifice that God would accept as payment for the sins of the world. Jesus' blood would "sprinkle many nations", (Isaiah 52:15) Isaiah wrote, making it possible for Jews and non-Jews to become part of God's family. Isaiah makes it clear to us what it cost Jesus to do this for us. Jesus' obedience to his Father led Him to suffer physical pain, death, and the horror of having the sins of the entire world placed on Him alone. He did that for me, and He did that for you.

But Isaiah did not stop there. Verses 10-12 tells the rest of the story. Jesus offered Himself for our guilt. His death justified believers before God. He took all of our wrong doings on Himself, and because of this, God will raise Him up, and Jesus will be the greatest of the great. Now think...why would God go to all of the trouble of speaking about Jesus 700 years before it happened. Review Isaiah 48:3-9. God spoke of Jesus 700 years before He came as a baby so that when He came, when He did all of the things that Isaiah said He would, when He took our sin and died without a complaint on the cross, we would know that God had done this. Only God, who is not controlled by our clocks or calendars, can look ahead and then bring things to pass at the right time. Jesus came from God. Jesus is all that He claimed to be. Jesus is the Son of God

Have you taken time to consider the sacrifice Jesus made for you, and thanked Him with your whole heart? Have you accepted Jesus' death on the cross as your one and only way to come to God? If you have questions about this, do not leave today without talking to one of your teachers. Isaiah's prophecies should give us confidence that God's Word is true. We can trust what it says. We can trust in God's plans for us.



### Look:



**MATCHING.** Match the Old Testament passage to the corresponding New Testament passage. Answer sheet is provided. **3ISA14JR.GF2**



**CROSSWORD.** Solve the puzzle on an overhead or in small groups. **3ISA14JR.GF3** Utilize as a discussion tool.



**In Words People Could Understand Today.** Using the phrases that are provided, help students to rewrite these phrases out of Isaiah 53 in language that their friends could easily understand, today. When students are finished writing, have them share their modern paraphrases with the class. Student reference page **3ISA14JR.GF4**



## Took:



**FLASH CARDS.** Use the cards from Chart the Prophets map.



### **JUMPIN'4P'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 4P's  
Got'em from Isaiah  
Now it's time to jump out.

[To make into rap, delete the last line and repeat the second to the last line.]



**EYES OPEN/BIBLES CLOSED.** The Bible verse has had some words deleted. When your Bible teacher says "GO", flip your paper over and open your Bible. How quickly can you fill in the blanks? [Review the verse: Why are we compared to sheep? What is iniquity? How can iniquity be laid on someone? Who is all?] **3ISA14JR.GF2**



**In Search Of The Real Jesus.** Isaiah spoke of a Savior that very few Jews ever understood, when Jesus came to them. Most of the Jews believed that the Messiah would come as a conquering king to blast the Roman government, and rule the world with them as His leaders. They totally missed the picture of the suffering servant. Bring several pictures that artists have drawn of Jesus. At the end of your study, view the pictures as a class. If you need, there are some examples on Teacher's Visual page **3ISA14JR.GF5**. Have students share how they think the artists were accurate and inaccurate in their portraits of Jesus. Debrief this activity with the following discussion:

1. What do you think are the most common ideas about who Jesus is, today?
2. Describe what you think Jesus will look and be like when He returns?
3. The Jews missed what Jesus would really do partly because they did not pay attention to Isaiah's words in chapter 53. What would you have said to the Jews back then to show them a more clear picture of who Jesus is and was?
4. What have you heard today about Jesus that was new to you?
5. What have you heard that you already knew?



### **REVIEW AIM QUESTIONS.**

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## WOULD YOU, COULD YOU

### Would You, Could You for \$100

- eat a worm
- do 100 push-ups
- no television and video's for 1 month
- shave your head
- Down 48 cans of Mountain Dew pop in 1 hour.

### Would You, Could You for \$1,000

- blacken teeth to meet favorite media star
- bungee jump
- Give up television and video's for 1 year
- Give up a favorite food for one month.
- Wear a kick me sign for one week.

### Would You, Could You for \$10,000

- Give up chocolate forever
- Don't talk for a week.
- Give up your sight for 1 month.
- Live with a missionary in Africa for 1 year.
- Spend Summer vacation in your house.

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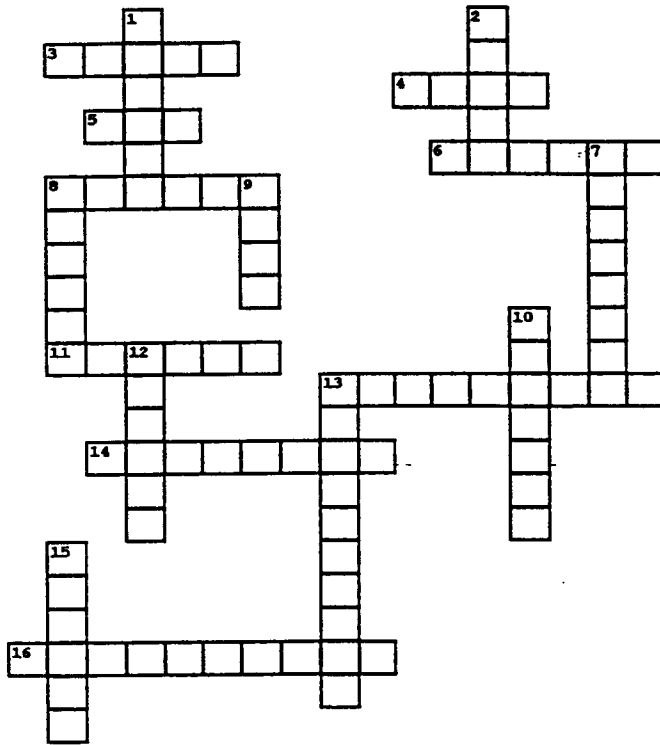
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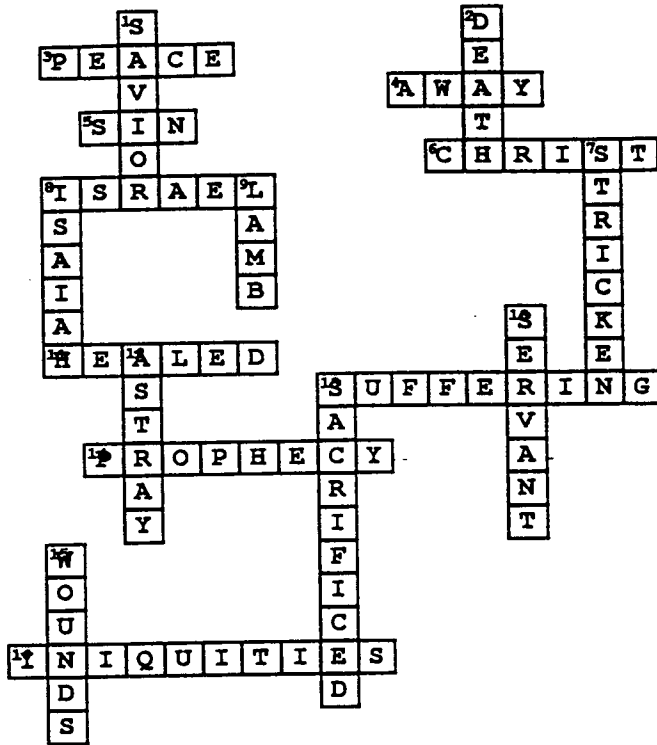
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# *How Would You Say It???*

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<b>He has no stately form or majesty. 53:2</b>	
<b>He was crushed for our iniquities. 53:3</b>	
<b>And by His scourging we are healed. 53:3</b>	
<b>All we like sheep have gone astray. 53:6</b>	
<b>My Servant will justify many. 53:11</b>	
<b>Yet He Himself bore the sins of the many. 53:12</b>	

# Artist's Ideas Of Jesus!

