



**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:**

1. Give a brief description of Isaiah's work. What did he do as a prophet of God? Would you like to have a job like that?
2. What did Jesus read in the synagogue, and why was it astonishing to the people who heard?
3. What reasons did people give to not believe in Jesus as the fulfillment of the words He read?
4. Try to put yourself in the temple on the Sabbath with Jesus. How would you have reacted to your neighbor saying he was the fulfillment to the Word of God?
5. Describe God's new heaven and new earth. (Isaiah 65:17-25)

**Hook:**

- EARTH.** Bring in a blow-up earth globe or a blue balloon with continents drawn on it to play the game of volleyball. Divide the class into two teams. Play with the "new earth" for a set amount of time. Debrief: Today, in our Adventure listen for information on the "new heaven" and "new earth."
- He Opened The Scroll.** As students arrive, have them sign in on a scroll. Roll a long sheet up in two sticks or dowels. Students must write with quill and ink like scribes of Jesus' day did.
- WRITING.** Bring in several samples of Hebrew writing. What did it look like? How did the scribes write? Did they use sticks? What did they use for paper? Set up a station to show how scribes worked. Were their tools primitive? How did it ever last? Have a "scribe" at work talking to the Bible students as they arrive.



## Book:

### Presentation Ideas -



**SCROLL.** Pre-make the scroll for a prop during the Adventure time. **3ISA15JR.GF1**

### Bible Adventure -

God's Word is truly amazing! Imagine God telling His messengers, also called Prophets, things that would happen hundreds, or even thousands of years in the future. Although many of those things will happen in the future, many others have come true, to the smallest detail. Only God could predict things with such amazing accuracy, because only He has the ability to cause history to happen.

If you remember last week's lesson, Isaiah had predicted many details about Jesus' suffering and death. We know from reading the New Testament and books about history that all these prophecies came true.

We have been seeing all through Isaiah God's plan to bring a Savior to the earth. This week we will hear about another time when it became obvious that Isaiah's prophecies came directly from God. We will jump forward from Isaiah's time to the time Jesus walked this earth. It was toward the beginning of Jesus' ministry and He had returned to his hometown of Nazareth. Jesus was in the synagogue where it was the custom for several men to be chosen to read from the Scriptures, and then be allowed to comment on what had just been read. The scroll that was handed to Jesus to read was the book of Isaiah. He read these words from the book of Isaiah:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim  
freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind;  
to relieve the oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Following the custom of the synagogue, after Jesus had finished reading he sat down to comment, but no one expected what he said next! Jesus said to the people gathered there, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Did you catch that? Jesus was saying, "I'm the one this Scripture is talking about!" Jesus was at that time a popular teacher, and people were amazed at the things he taught. Even as Jesus made this claim, they still spoke well of him, but they also questioned his right to say such things. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. How could Joseph's son, the boy they saw grow up in their own little town, be the Messiah? Let's look at some of the proofs that Jesus was the Messiah Isaiah had written.

Jesus said, "the Spirit of the Lord is on me." In Luke 3:22 we read about God's Spirit coming down like a dove on Jesus at his baptism. Jesus said, "He (God) has anointed me." Anointing meant setting someone apart for God's purposes. Kings in the Old Testament were anointed to show that God had chosen them to rule over His people (*1Samuel 10&16*). Priests were anointed to be set apart for serving God in the Tabernacle (*Exodus 28*). God set Jesus apart before the people at his baptism for a special ministry that only He could do.

When He read Isaiah to the people, Jesus said he was sent "to preach good news to the poor, proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind," all those things Jesus went on to do. All of those things Jesus did with miracles of healing, with compassion for the poor, and with the miracle of God's grace setting us free from the penalty of sin. Unfortunately, the people refused to believe Jesus and rejected His claim to be the Messiah. They even attempted to kill him. Jesus reminded them that God's people had rejected His prophets in the past. As in Isaiah's time God's people turned their backs on the only way possible to escape disaster. Many times God's people were offered first chance at accepting the good news. When they rejected it, God offered the good news to the Gentiles. We are living in that time right now. God's Church has been opened to us. We have the opportunity to become a part of His family even though we may not be part of the family tree of Abraham.

Jesus did not read all of Isaiah chapter 61. He stopped at an important place because those words were not yet to be fulfilled. The words Jesus did not read have not, yet, been fulfilled, today. Had Jesus continued reading in Isaiah 61, he would have read these words: "...and the day of vengeance of our

God." Jesus was speaking of the Day of the Lord, the last terrible judgment of God upon sin and wickedness. Again we see the gracious love of God as He warns people of the foolishness of going their own way. So many were as a drowning person caught in the swift current of a river. God offers them a sturdy branch to pull themselves out, but they refuse it, thinking they can swim out of danger on their own. By the time they realize the danger it is too late. The river carries them over the falls to certain death below, what foolishness indeed, to ignore God's plan to save us. What do you think about Jesus' claims? Are you willing to listen to Isaiah's message about him? Have you grabbed hold of the branch he offers? If you have, you have a wonderful future to look forward. Isaiah has a lot to say about that future. He describes Jesus' reign on the earth as more peaceful than at any other time of history, evil will no longer control. That means that Jesus will come back and be the King over all. Christians will have a sense of finally being home. Everything will finally be the way God planned. We will be free from sin at last. Does that make you long for heaven? Remember, our time on earth is as a blink of an eye compared to eternity. Be sure to talk to your teacher if you have questions about heaven or if you want to be sure that you will be there when Christ sets up his Kingdom. Make sure you are holding on to Jesus, the only One who can pull you out of that river of destruction.

Remember, when you read Isaiah that you are reading about things that Jesus read. You are reading things that Jesus lived. God loved the whole world, everybody who is living, has lived, and will live. Jesus came to offer us God's grace, to save us. But...remember the words of the prophecy that Jesus did not read. The day is coming in our future, when God will judge the earth. All of those people who rejected Christ will be punished, and Jesus will come again as King to rule over all the earth. Be sure that you are obeying Him before He returns so that you will be glad when you see Him.



### Look:



**SCROLL.** Each student will need 1 brown piece of paper, a copy of the scripture page, jute, gold glitter, glue & stapler. Cut the brown page (landscape) in half vertically. Roll each piece tightly into a tube and staple at each end. Dip the ends of the 2 tubes into glue and then into glitter. Attach one tube to each end of the page with Luke 4:18-21 printed on it. Roll each tube to the center and tie with a piece of jute. **3ISA15JR.GF1**



**CUT-UP's.** **3ISA15JR.GF2.GF3** Use this page as an overhead or have the pages available to each Bible student. Have the Bible students cut around each verse and glue them under the correct heading: **3ISA15JR.GF2.GF2** Your Sin, Your Savior, Your Future.



**WORD SEARCH.** Find the words provided in the word search. What can you identify from today's lesson? What can you remember? **3ISA15JR.GF4**



**MURAL.** Read Isaiah 65:17-25. This is a detailed description of God's new Heaven and new earth. On a large piece of butcher paper, (as a group) draw what the new heaven and new earth might look like. Put the mural up outside the classroom after you have discussed it. An example picture is shown in the following pages.



### Took:



**CUT-UP's.** Use this page for discussion in small groups. What would God say about your sin, your Savior & your future? What does the Lord want you to do about these things? What does the Lord want to do for you? **3ISA15JR.GF2**



**PROPHET PAGE.** This is a half sheet of paper for the Bible students to complete. This sheet will also help with the memory work. If these pages are all saved, the Bible students will have a booklet on the minor prophets that they have put together. These pages will fit in a small binder. **3ISA15JR.GF5**

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**FAMILY FUN SHEET.** In this week's Family Fun Sheet there is reference to a chart title "Track The Prophets Chart." You may wish to use an enlarged version of this chart as a teaching tool. Each prophet has a sticker that can be placed on the maps to help families know of where they spoke.

**JUMPIN 4 P's.**

The Prophet is Isaiah  
The People from Jerusalem  
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 out.

**SCROLL.** Read the scroll in your small groups. How did Christ fulfill the scriptures in Isaiah? Do you think Jesus selected the reading for the day or was it assigned?

**READ IT.** Have the Bible students read Isaiah 61:1-2 & 65:17-25, Luke 4:14-30. Then as a group check out the fulfillment's that are found above the earth on the crossword page. Way cool! If Jesus fulfilled Isaiah 61:1-2 So exactly, what will He do in our future? God is awesome **3ISA15JR.GF4**

**THINK ABOUT IT.** For fun try, answering the four questions found below your crossword puzzle and then use them for discussion starters. **3ISA15JR.GF4**



The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing

Luke 4:18-21

Cut out the verses on 3ISA15JR.GF3 and place them in the correct column on the board.



YOUR SIN

YOUR SAVIOR

YOUR FUTURE

## CUT-UP's

59:7 Their feet rush into  
sin

65:17 I will create a new  
heaven and a new earth.

61:1 The Lord has  
anointed me to preach good  
news to the poor

65:19 The sound of  
weeping and of crying will  
be heard in it nor more.

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61:1 Has sent me to  
bind up the broken  
hearted.

64:6 All of us have  
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unclean and all our  
righteous acts are like  
filthy rags.

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**ISAIAH**  
**ISRAEL**  
**JESUS**  
**KINGDOM**

**LUKE**  
**MESSIAH**  
**PEOPLE**  
**PRINCIPLE**

**PROPHECY**  
**REIGN**  
**REJECTED**  
**REUNION**

**SAVIOR**  
**SCRIPTURE**  
**SIN**  
**SYNAGOGUE**

**THINK ABOUT IT...**

1. How would you describe the reception Jesus got in his hometown?

[a. thunderous applause b. faint praise c. mixed reviews d. a few snickers e. a change in public opinion]

2. Why do you think his hometown had a problem accepting Jesus?

[a. rumors about Mary's pregnancy b. he came from the lower class c. they accepted the notion the "nothing good could come from Nazareth"  
d. spiritual blindness e. they didn't understand prophecy]

3. Why didn't Jesus wow them with a miracle?

[a. he was warned of the temptation by Satan b. they didn't have faith c. he was not a crowd pleaser d. that was not his purpose e. they still would not have believed  
f. he had nothing to prove]

4. Why would Jesus' hometown neighbors be so furious?

[a. he discounted them b. he made them look bad c. he was just a carpenter's son d. he thought he was better than they were e. he would rather go to the non-Jews who would accept them]

We have been seeing glimpses in Isaiah of God's plan to bring a Savior to the earth. Remember Isaiah 53: This week we will read how the Savior, when he came, read Isaiah's words as proof of who He was. Jesus was the Messiah Savior. In His home town, in the synagogue, where he probably grew up, Jesus was selected to read the Scripture for one of the Sabbath services. As custom prescribed, the reader would be allowed to comment on the passage he had read. Jesus sat down to comment, and his comments blew everyone away. He said that Isaiah's words were fulfilled in Him.

1. The Spirit of God was upon Him, we saw it come down like a dove at His baptism (Luke 3:22)
2. He was God's anointed. Jesus was not only a prophet, but a king. God had anointed Him with His own Spirit to do God's work.
3. He would preach the good news of victory over sin and death to the poor. (Luke 4:18)
4. He would release those who were captive and enslaved to the law of sin and death.
5. Those who were blind to the reality of God's work would receive their spiritual sight.
6. Prisoners of Satan could now be children of God.
7. The year of Jubilee, which to a Jew meant forgiveness of all debt, was proclaimed by Jesus.



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