

Upper Elementary

Isaiah

All scripture quotations are taken from the World English Bible, 2020.

Checklist

- ☐ large bowl
- ☐ 4–5 cups of rice in the bowl
- ☐ one bead in the rice for each child in the group (don't let them see as you do this)
- ☐ 10–12 piece puzzle with 7 pieces removed
- ☐ Stained clothing (white cloth with red food dye is best)
- ☐ glove

Topic:	Isaiah
Intro:	Show children a 10-12 piece puzzle with seven pieces missing. Ask them to guess what the picture is.
	It is hard to figure it out with only half the pieces in place. Each time you add a piece, you have a better idea of what the whole picture shows.
	What is a prophet? (someone who shares God's message, often about things that haven't happened yet) Isaiah was a prophet who received a message from God about future events. Many Old Testament prophecies are written in a puzzling way. You have to read them very carefully to put the puzzle together and figure out what they are talking about.
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puzzle piece 1	Add a puzzle piece.
	Isaiah had a message for the Israelites. They had forgotten about God. God says that even animals know who their owners are, but the Israelites have forgotten that they are God's people.



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puzzle piece 2	Add a puzzle piece.
stained clothing	Have you ever had an injury and bled all over some nice white clothes? It is very difficult to get the red blood stains out of white clothes. Even bleach won't always work. God warns the Israelites to turn to Him for forgiveness. When they sin, it is like they are covered in blood. But God promises to clean off their sins.
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puzzle piece 3	Add a puzzle piece. God is letting His people know that a time will be coming when everyone will worship Him.



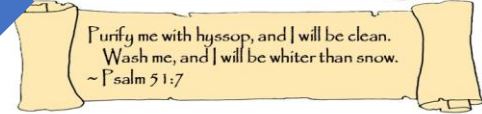
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puzzle piece 4	Add a puzzle piece.
	Isaiah is promising that someone will come to rescue the Israelites. Even when this rescuer is a child, He will be called Wonderful Advisor and Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace. What do each of those titles might mean. What is David's kingdom? (the people of God) What can that mean? Just the Israelites? Can anyone else be God's people? Can a human ruler's power last forever?



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So is Like an Ordinary King

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Doesn't Sound Like an Ordinary King

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puzzle piece 5	Add a puzzle piece. What do you know about leopards? (they are wild, they hunt other animals) What about bears? (they are large and can attack) Lions? Snakes? Can a human king make miracles like this happen?



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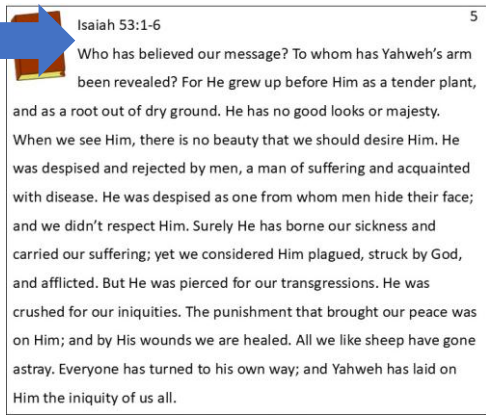
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puzzle piece 6

Add a puzzle piece.

Now Isaiah's prophecy starts to get depressing. He is predicting terrible things happening to this rescuer. What bad things does Isaiah say will happen to Him? (He was despised (hated) and rejected, He suffered great pain for us, He was wounded for our sins) Can you think of a reason for Him to suffer? What does it say at the end? (by taking our punishment, He made us completely well) Does this sound good or bad? Good enough to make up for all the things He suffered? Would any human be okay suffering that much for others?





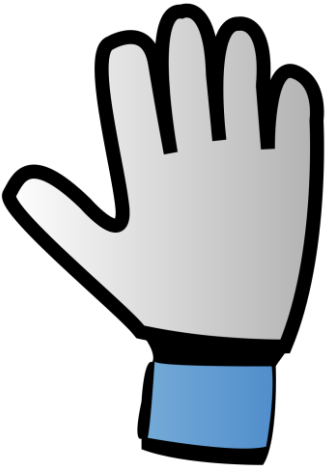
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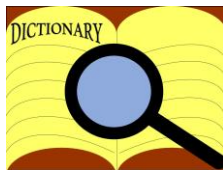
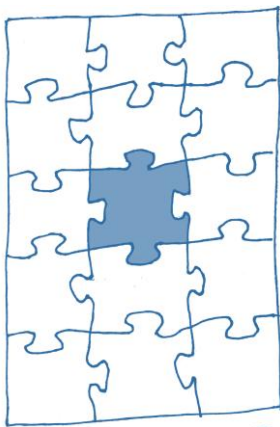
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puzzle piece 7	Discuss all the clues Isaiah gives about the promised rescuer.
	Who is this person? (Jesus)
Closing:	Show children the rice bowl wth beads hidden in it. Hand each child a glove and ask them to take turns trying to find something in the rice (don't tell them what they are looking for). Most won't find anything. Give the children another turn with the glove removed. Now, everyone should be able to find a bead. When people before Jesus read Isaiah's words, it was confusing. They weren't sure exactly what they were looking for. It was like looking for a bead with a gloved hand. Now that we know Jesus has come and fulfilled so many prophecies, it's obvious to us, just like finding the bead with bare hands is so much easier.

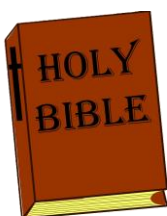


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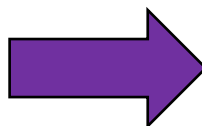
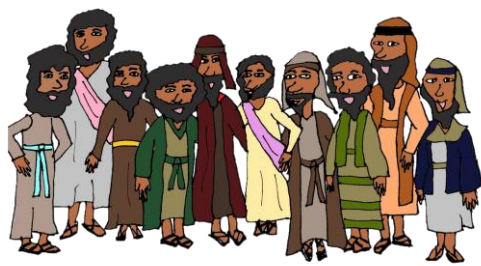
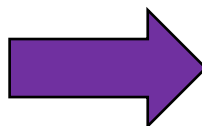
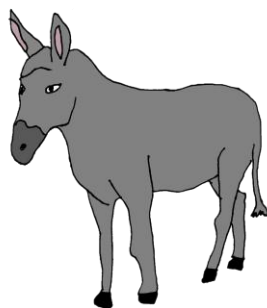
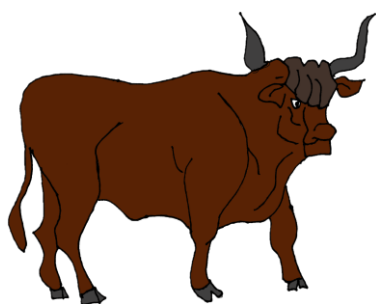
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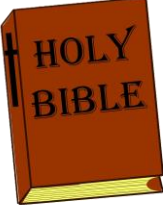
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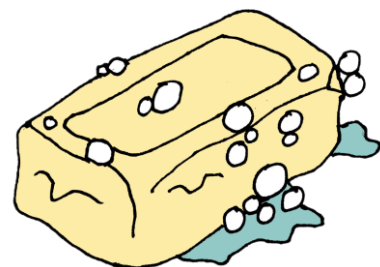


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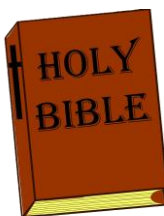
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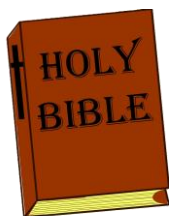


Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean.
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~ Psalm 51:7



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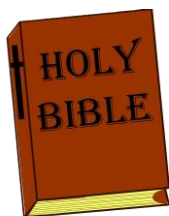
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