



LESSON 1 FOR LEADERS

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Calls People to Be His Messengers

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 6

WORD OF WONDER: Hebrews 13:5b

Do you remember when you signed up to lead kids? There must have been something that compelled you to go through a process to be in the position you are today, and there undoubtedly continues to be a reason that you come back to delivering God's message to kids again and again.

It may have been a nudge from the Holy Spirit during a compelling announcement or guilt from a shorthanded staff person. Maybe someone saw something in you and tapped you on the shoulder to serve, and that called out something in you that you had never considered before. Regardless of the specifics, you responded to a call.

Read Isaiah 6. It's a wild scene. But at the heart, it's about God calling a person to be a messenger to the leaders of Jerusalem and Judah. Isaiah accepts the calling to bring hope to these leaders in spite of the painful truth about judgment because he believes in God's promises.

Whatever it was that compelled you to start, God has called you to share His message of love—to believe that God's Word and the promises He has made are true and must be shared with the next generation. Though there are likely weeks when you feel like you're not worthy—or possibly just not prepared—God is with you, and His Holy Spirit will speak through you to deliver His message.

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DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

Isaiah means “Yahweh is salvation.” The prophet was probably born and educated in Jerusalem. There is some indication he was related to King Uzziah since he had access to the court and was deeply concerned with leadership.

WHAT?

King Uzziah died at a difficult time in Israel’s history as they were under threat from foreign invaders. God intervenes and provides His people with a messenger through a vision. He calls Isaiah to speak on His behalf, and Isaiah becomes God’s prophet.

WHERE?

In Isaiah 6:1, we are told that Isaiah’s vision takes place in the “temple.” This may refer to the physical temple in Jerusalem, but it could also refer to Isaiah being transported in his vision to the temple of God in heaven.

WHEN?

Isaiah lived during the eighth century BC. The death of King Uzziah was around 740 BC, and shortly after, Assyria began its assault on the Northern Kingdom of Israel. By 722 BC, the capital city of Israel, Samaria, was conquered by Assyria.

CONNECTING TO GOD’S BIG STORY

Isaiah couldn’t cleanse himself of his sin, so God cleansed him and made him able to stand in the presence of the Holy God. Jesus gave of Himself on the cross to cleanse all who trust in Him so they too can be with God.



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LESSON 1 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Activity: Messenger Horns

SUPPLIES: paper (1 sheet per kid), tape

Roll up each sheet of paper into the shape of a horn with a narrow end and a wider end. Tape the papers in place so they don't unroll. Make one horn per child and set the horns on a table.

Today we're going to see how God called a man named Isaiah to be His messenger. Isaiah got to tell people what God said and what God wanted. We can tell people about God too!

See these horns that I made? You can take one and shout a message into it! Invite the kids to take a horn and either say something into it or make noise into it. Kids may want to sing into them as well.

Leader Tip: To keep kids from passing germs, make sure they don't share horns that they have put their mouths on.

Great job being messengers!

Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD CALLS PEOPLE TO BE HIS MESSENGERS.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD—*Point up.*

CALLS PEOPLE—*Point to yourself.*

TO BE HIS MESSENGERS.—*Cup your hands around your mouth.*



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Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, thank You for knowing and loving us! As we learn from Your Word today, allow Your Holy Spirit to help us understand what You're teaching us so we can be Your messengers too. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

God's Big Story

Pull out the Bible

Ask: What is this called? The Bible

Ask: Why is the Bible special? Because it is God's word. Everything in it is true. It really happened.

Tell the Bible Story

The Big Picture Bible, page 112

Isaiah

Word of Wonder

WORD OF WONDER

God has said, "I will never leave you."

—Hebrews 13:5b

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **How does it make you feel to know that God will never leave you?**
- **Can we share the message that God will never leave us? Who can we share it with?**