



## 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: Playdoh Wings

**SUPPLIES:** play dough, play dough tools such as spoons or rolling pins

Welcome! I am so glad that you're here today! Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church. Come see what we have to play with today. You can use this play dough to create something beautiful. Have you ever seen wings on a bird? Can you make your play dough look like wings?

Invite the children to shape the play dough.

**Leader Tip:** Toddlers may want to use the play dough to create something from their imaginations. Let them get creative!

Today in our story, we will learn how Isaiah, God's messenger, saw some beautiful creatures with wings who were worshiping God!



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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  
God Called 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?**