



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for January 9, 2011
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"God Saves"

Lesson Text: Isaiah 45:18–24a

Background Scripture: Isaiah 45

Memory Verse: "For I am God, and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:22).

Isaiah 45:18–24a

18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord, and there is none else.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24a Surely shall one say, In the Lord have I righteousness and strength.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW

Teach why going to God for help is a wise thing to do.

TRUTHS TO STRESS

1. God wants us to come to Him for all of our needs.
2. God shows us He is equipped to take care of any problems we face.

TEACHER'S NOTES

Time: about 700 – 695 B.C.

Place: Jerusalem

Occasionally someone will comment about "blind faith," as though we were to trust God with no reason for doing so. But you will not hear God talking about

blind faith. His Word encourages faith that is based on the kind of God He is. Our basis for trusting is God's character.

In Isaiah 45, the Lord first told His people why they could trust Him. But notice the change that comes in verse 22: "Look unto me, and be ye saved," not just Israel but "all the ends of the earth." So God invites us too to rely on Him—not blindly, but because of His strength, His wisdom, His righteousness, and His unfailing love.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Beginning the Lesson, bring a picture of Isaiah.

For Telling the Lesson, find pictures of the moon and stars, the world, hills and rivers, children with animals, and Jesus with the disciples. Make flash cards of the numbers 1 through 7 and a large red heart.

For Helping to Remember, for each student provide a 6-inch ruler, a plain small paper plate, and crayons. Also take transparent tape for your own use.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

You know that in the Bible God had a lot to say to His people. But did you know that one day He had His friend Isaiah tell everybody in the world something for Him? (Show Isaiah.) That sounds like it could be something important. Let us go to the Bible and find out what God said. (Open your Bible.)

TELLING THE LESSON

Here it is. (Show Isaiah 45:22.) "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." (Read the words.) That is another way of saying, "Do you want to be free and safe? Then look My way, and I will save you, for I am God."

The Lord wanted all people to know that no trouble is too hard for Him; so He gave some reasons why looking to Him to be saved instead of praying to a wooden idol was the best thing to do. Those reasons are in the same place; so let us see how many reasons we can find. You count, and I shall say the reasons. Ready?

(Let the children count with you as you show each number.) (Show 1.) First, the Lord said, He is strong enough to help. He said to just look up at the sky. He made that sky and all that is in it. (Show moon and stars.) God is strong enough to do anything that needs doing. No one else is that strong. He is certainly strong enough to do anything anybody needs to have done.

(Show 2.) Second, look at all the world around us. (Show world.) He made the earth, the mountains, the rivers, the oceans, and the flat land just the way He wanted them to be. That shows He is strong enough to do something good even with our troubles.

(Show 3.) Third, God is so strong that He can make the world stay just where He put it. He keeps the oceans and the mountains in their places, and He does it all by Himself. (Show hills and rivers.) Do you think He might be strong enough to help you?

(Show 4.) Fourth, God is wise. When He made the earth, He made it just the way it needed to be for people and animals and plants to live on it. (Show children and animals.) He knew we would need water to drink and air to breathe and light to see and good soil to grow fruits and vegetables. So He

made them all. You can see how wise He is. Will He know what is best to do for us too? You know He will.

(Show 5.) Fifth, it is also a good idea to go to the Lord for help, because anything He does is done right. He never makes a mistake. He will never do the wrong thing when you ask Him for help with your trouble. Trusting God for what you need is always a safe thing to do.

(Show 6.) Sixth, why should we go to God for help? We do so because there is no other god like Him to go to. Jesus once asked His friends whether they were going to stay with Him. (Show Jesus and disciples.) Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:68).

And just in case anybody should want any more reasons for going to the Lord for help, there is a seventh reason. (Show 7.) He loves the people He made. He loves them very much, and He wants them to have what is best. (Show heart.)

So now we know why it is such a good idea to let God take care of us and our troubles. He is strong, He is wise, what He does is always right, and He loves us.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Never forget that the help we needed most of all was for someone to die for our sins, and Jesus did that. He is God, but He came down and died to pay for the wrong things we have done. He is saying to people today, "Look unto me, and be ye saved" (Isa. 45:22). If you have not done that yet, you can do it right now.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Have the children print on one side of their plates "Look Unto Me" and on the other side "and Be Saved." They may draw pictures to suggest the different reasons for trusting God. Tape each plate to a ruler as a holder.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

"For I am God, and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:22).

God is saying to people everywhere, "Do you need help? Look My way to be free and safe." He wants people to know that only He is God and that there is no one else like Him.

CONCLUSION

Children can be taught that God is near. God is close to them, and they may reach Him in prayer at any time.

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for saving us from our sins. Help us to serve You, and You alone each day, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

Next week's lesson is "God Reassures Us." God assured the Jews that He will keep His promise to bring His people home and make them prosperous. Study Isaiah 48:14-19,21,22.

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WORD SEARCH

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Find the following keywords from the lesson:

BOW

HEAVENS

LORD

RIGHTEOUSNESS

SEEK

TOLD

WORD

CREATED

IMAGE

NONE

SAVE

SPEAK

TONGUE

EARTH

KNEE

PRAY

SECRET

STRENGTH

WOOD

S T R E N G T H K V I T S N D
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19 words were placed into the puzzle.

SOLUTION TO WORD SEARCH

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(Over, Down, Direction)

BOW (9, 12, SE)

CREATED (15, 8, S)

EARTH (13, 8, NW)

HEAVENS (1, 4, SE)

IMAGE (1, 14, NE)

KNEE (6, 15, W)

LORD (12, 3, E)

NONE (5, 5, N)

PRAY (13, 4, S)

RIGHTEOUSNESS (1, 13, NE)

SAVE (4, 9, SW)

SECRET (12, 8, SW)

SEEK (4, 12, SE)

SPEAK (12, 13, N)

STRENGTH (1, 1, E)

TOLD (12, 5, NW)

TONGUE (7, 5, W)

WOOD (12, 4, NE)

WORD (5, 11, E)