



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for January 16, 2011  
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**"God Reassures Us"**

**Lesson Text:** Isaiah 48:14-19, 21,22

**Background Scripture:** Isaiah 48

**Memory Verse:** "I have called him: I have brought him" (Isaiah 48:15).

**Isaiah 48: 14-19**

<sup>14</sup>All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

<sup>15</sup>I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

<sup>16</sup>Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

<sup>17</sup>Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

<sup>18</sup>O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

<sup>19</sup>Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

**Isaiah 48: 21,22**

<sup>21</sup>And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

<sup>22</sup>There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

**THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Teach that believing God's promises comforts and cheers us.

**TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. God promises good things to those who will listen to Him.
2. God sends the right people to help at the right time.
3. Both what God says and what God does should encourage us in any trouble.

**PLANNING LESSON AIDS:**

For Telling the Lesson, find pictures of a Bible-time crowd and a king. Make a sign saying "God Said So."

For Helping to Remember, for each child draw a large question mark on a half sheet of yellow construction paper. Provide crayons or markers.

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

**BEGINNING THE LESSON:**

Tommy needed cheering up. He fell on the ice and broke his ankle. Now he could not go sledding with the other third-graders. That was bad news!

Just then his mother put down the telephone and said, "Guess what, Tommy? Cousin Jack is on his way over to spend the afternoon."

Well, that was news that did cheer Tommy up. He and Jack could play computer games. Tommy yelled, "Hurray!"

God once had some bad news for His people. Because they had been foolish and had not listened to Him, enemy soldiers would take them to a faraway land and make them stay there. But God also had some news that would cheer them up. The Bible book of Isaiah tell us just what that good news was. (Open your Bible.)

**TELLING THE LESSON:**

First God called His people to come together and think about what He was saying. (Show Bible-time crowd.) "I the Lord am the One who is talking to you," He said. "I am the One who made the earth and the sky."

Now, when the One who made the earth and the sky says something, everybody should pay attention, right? This time God told His people three things that would cheer them up in their trouble.

First, He said a new leader was coming who would help them. (Show king.) The Lord had already picked him out. Another place in the Bible even tells his name. It was Cyrus (Isa. 45:1). He would be a strong soldier-king. He would win battles everywhere, and he would do whatever needed to be done with the enemies of God's people. God said so. (Show "God Said So.") I am sure everyone who believed what God said would feel cheered up by news like that!

The Lord reminded the people again who was making these good promises. "It is I, the Lord your God," He said. A man might make a mistake. A man might lie. But this was God Himself talking—the wise One, the one who showed people what to do and taught them what they needed to know.

No, they had not obeyed Him. Sadly He said, "Oh, if you had just listened to Me, you would not be having all this trouble. I would have given you many good things to enjoy."

(Show "God Said So.")

The problem was that although the people had heard Him say what was right and wrong to do, they did not listen. Now, because they had not obeyed, trouble was coming. Still, God had not forgotten His people, and He wanted to cheer them up. He reminded them who it was who was promising to be good to them when those troubles came. It was the wise, strong Lord God Himself. (Show "God Said So.")

To cheer them even more, God said that someday they would get to go home. When that happened, they would say happily, "The Lord has done it!"

That going home would not happen right away, but it would happen. God said so. (Show "God Said So.") The people who believed what God said were cheered up and comforted. They knew God would do what He said when it was the right time.

### **TELLING HOW TO LIVE:**

When you need to be cheered up, remember what God said. Remember that He said if you belong to Jesus, He is your good Shepherd; and good shepherds always take care of their sheep. So believe Jesus. Thank Him that He knows how to take care of you and that He will. He said so.

### **HELPING TO REMEMBER:**

Have the children "fatten" their question marks by adding many colors. When someone asks what their question mark means, suggest they respond, "It means, 'Why am I happy?' I am happy because Jesus is my good Shepherd. He will always take care of me. He said so."

### **EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:**

**"I have called him: I have brought him" (Isaiah 48:15).**

The Lord was talking about a helper He would send His people Israel. For a long time some enemies would keep them from living in their own land. But God said He had picked out a new leader who would win many battles. This leader would let them go home.

### **PRAYER:**

Dear God, thank You for being my good shepherd and always taking care of me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:**

Next week's lesson is "God's Servant Brings Light" and will show that God promised to send His servant, Jesus, to bring the light of salvation to Gentiles as well as to Jews. Study Isaiah 49:1-6.

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## WORD SEARCH

### "God Reassures Us" (Isaiah 48:14-19, 21,22)

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BABYLON

COMMANDMENTS

HEAR

LORD

PROMISE

SECRET

WICKED

BELIEVE

CYRUS

KING

LOVED

REDEEMER

SRAEL

CHEER

GOD

LISTEN

PEACE

SAND

WATERS

19 words were placed into the puzzle.

## WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

### "God Reassures Us" (Isaiah 48:14-19, 21,22)

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(Over, Down, Direction)

BABYLON (11, 5, S)

BELIEVE (7, 1, SW)

CHEER (6, 1, SE)

COMMANDMENTS (2, 11, E)

CYRUS (13, 2, S)

GOD (12, 2, S)

HEAR (1, 4, N)

KING (2, 5, NE)

LISTEN (7, 9, NW)

LORD (12, 7, E)

LOVED (14, 12, W)

PEACE (8, 13, NW)

PROMISE (7, 14, W)

REDEEMER (7, 8, SE)

SAND (9, 2, SE)

SECRET (9, 8, N)

SRAEL (7, 4, SW)

WATERS (1, 8, NE)

WICKED (1, 12, E)

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