



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for January 23, 2011
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"God Servant Brings Light"

Lesson Text: Isaiah 49:1-6

Background Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-6

Memory Verse: "I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles" (Isaiah 49:6).

Isaiah 49:1-6

1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

3 And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

4 Then I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God.

5 And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength.

6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Help the children understand how Jesus fits Isaiah's description of the Saviour God promised to send.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

- 1.** God the Father promised to send the Saviour, who would be His Servant.
- 2.** This coming Saviour would show what the Father is like.
- 3.** This coming Saviour would be like light for us.

TEACHER'S NOTES

Isaiah said more about the Person and work of the coming Messiah than any other Old Testament writer. Chapter 53 comes to mind. Isaiah 49 is less well-known, but Christ is there too, talking about Himself. He said He was divinely appointed (v. 1). He would make known the excellencies of the Father (v. 3). He would come as a Servant to carry out God's plan (v. 6). He would be a light for

the Gentiles, those who are not a part of chosen Israel. God would thus make His salvation available to all.

The Light of the entire world is, indeed, Jesus.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Beginning the Lesson, take your picture of Isaiah and a sign reading "Jesus."

For Telling the Lesson, print these signs: "Was sent by God," "Was God's Servant," "Showed what God is like," and "Is like light."

For Helping to Remember, provide half sheets of pale purple construction paper cut lengthwise, crayons, glue, and gold glitter.

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

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

Lynn's mother told her somebody was coming for dinner, but she would not say who. "Somebody is coming. I expect she will have some stories to tell you, or she may teach you how to play a new game. People say she looks like me, and—"

"I know!" Linda shouted. "It will be Aunt Pat!" And it was.

God told His friend Isaiah somebody was coming. (Show Isaiah.) He told Isaiah many things about that someone but not His name. So Isaiah never knew something you know: the somebody God was talking about would be named— (Show "Jesus.")

TELLING THE LESSON:

Somebody was coming. What else did the Lord tell Isaiah?

One thing was that the coming One would not just come; He would be sent. The Lord God was sending Him. (Stand up "Was sent by God.")

Now, when God does anything, He always has a good reason. So why was He sending a special somebody? It was because there was something special He wanted that somebody to do. God knew the people of the world needed to have their sins taken away, and He was sending somebody to do that for them. That somebody would be—Jesus! (Show "Jesus.")

Someone was coming. What else did the Lord tell Isaiah about Him? That somebody would be God's Servant. (Stand up "Was God's Servant.") A good servant tries to please the one who sent him, and God's Servant would always do just what God wanted Him to do (John 5:30). He would say what God wanted Him to say. He would say important things, because His words would really be God's words (17:8).

Somebody was coming who would glorify God. That means He would show people how very good God is. When Jesus was here on earth, He showed what God is like. (Stand up "Showed what God is like.")

If you ever wonder what God is like, just think of what Jesus was like when He was here, and you will know. Jesus was somebody who loved people. He was somebody who wanted people to believe Him. He was somebody who wanted them to do what was right. He was somebody who wanted what was best for them. He was somebody who was wise and strong and could do wonderful things when they needed to be done. God is like that. The somebody God sent did glorify Him. Jesus showed how good God is by the things He did.

Then God said the somebody who was coming who would be like light to people, no matter who they are or where they live. Light does important things. God made our bodies to need light. Without light, we cannot see the way to go. Without light, we cannot do what we need to do. Our bodies need light just to live.

Somebody was coming who would be good for us the way light is good for our bodies. (Show "Is like light.") Somebody was coming who would make us see what God wants us to do. Somebody was coming who would make us see what He has done for us. Somebody was coming who can give us life forever. Did you know Jesus once said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12)?

Yes, the somebody God sent was Jesus. He did what God wanted Him to do. He showed what God is like by the kinds of things He did. He is light for us, showing us that He is the way to God and life forever.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

Our bodies cannot get along without light. We cannot get along without Jesus, either. He is the only one who gives the thing we need most of all—the kind of life that can live in heaven. He will give people that life if they turn away from sin and just ask. It is free. Shall we thank Him that He came to be the Light of the world?

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Tell the children to carefully fold their paper in half lengthwise. On the outside they should print "Somebody Was Coming" and on the inside top "Jesus, the Light of the World." Beneath the words, have them draw a cross, encircle it with a light smear of glue, and add a dusting of glitter to suggest that Jesus is like light for us.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles" (Isaiah 49:6).

Light is a good thing. Light is something we all need so that we can live and see the right way to go. God the Father said here that when He came, Jesus would be like light for people all over the world. That means us. God said He was sending Jesus to be our Saviour too.

PRAYER:

Dear God, we thank You for sending Jesus to be the Light to guide us. Help us in turn bring this Light to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "Jesus Took Our Punishment." Isaiah said that Jesus would suffer and die on a cross to pay for our sins. Study Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12.

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WORD SEARCH

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K L D D S E R L N S D L U O K
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B M O T A R S F I A I S R E P
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CALLED

FORMED

GOD

LIGHT

MOUTH

RESTORE

STRENGTH

WORK

EARTH

GENTILES

ISRAEL

LORD

NAME

SALVATION

WORD

EYES

GLORIFIED

JACOB

MOTHER

RAISE

SERVANT

TRIBES

22 words were placed into the puzzle.

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

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(Over, Down, Direction)

CALLED (14, 10, W)
EARTH (15, 10, N)
EYES (14, 3, S)
FORMED (1, 12, E)
GENTILES (5, 7, SE)
GLORIFIED (11, 9, N)
GOD (3, 9, SW)
ISRAEL (12, 6, N)
JACOB (14, 11, W)
LIGHT (8, 1, SW)
LORD (1, 4, NE)
MOTHER (11, 14, NW)
MOUTH (5, 10, SE)
NAME (6, 6, E)
RAISE (9, 13, NW)
RESTORE (7, 1, SW)
SALVATION (1, 9, NE)
SERVANT (10, 1, S)
STRENGTH (3, 8, E)
SWORD (13, 2, S)
TRIBES (5, 6, NE)
WORK (1, 8, SE)

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