



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for January 30, 2011
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"Jesus Took Our Punishment"

Lesson Text: Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12

Background Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-31

Memory Verse: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:5).

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4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that we should have been punished for choosing our way instead of God's but that Jesus took that punishment for us.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

- 1.** We all have chosen to please ourselves rather than God.
- 2.** In God's world, doing wrong brings punishment.
- 3.** Jesus has already taken our punishment in our place.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Beginning the Lesson, take a creation scene and a picture of a present-day crowd and a boy and girl.

For Telling the Lesson, you need a picture of a flock of sheep and a cross. Bring the creation scene and crowd from Beginning the Lesson.

For Helping to Remember, draw a cross on red construction paper for each student. Provide crayons and safety scissors (blunt tip).

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

TEACHERS' NOTES:

Time: about 700-695 B.C.

Place: Jerusalem

It is difficult to approach a lesson from Isaiah 53 without sensing we are about to deal with something inexpressibly holy.

We are taken into the very counsel of the Trinity before time began. We catch a glimpse of what He saw before the foundation of the world: a beloved race, created by His hand, yet self-willed. They were beloved, but they were destined to suffer the just consequences of rebellion. How could He justify His beloved ones and still be a just God (Rom. 4:5-7)?

The answer is spelled J-E-S-U-S. The Son of God would pay the debt Himself. So we have those profound words describing what would happen: "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6).

It has been done. Whether or not we ever believe what God says, it has been done. But the person who does believe that it was done and that it was done "for me" receives not only forgiveness but also God's gift of everlasting life.

A teacher can only be blessed by setting these truths before boys and girls.

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

Suppose you want to draw a beautiful picture for the school bulletin board. You get out your best crayons. You work hard. When your picture turns out just the way you wanted it, you say, "Good!"

Well, the Bible says God made something beautiful. He made the world, with its mountains and rivers and trees. (Show creation scene.) He made every animal. Best of all, He made people. And when God looked at what He had made, He saw it all was very good. Everything was just the way He wanted it.

After Adam and Eve sinned, however, God saw that things were not good anymore, because people were not the way He had made them. They looked the same on the outside, but something had made them crooked and spoiled inside. You see, the people God made decided that what they wanted to do was better than what God wanted. And what they wanted was not to listen to Him but to please themselves. I am sorry to tell you the Bible says all of us are like that. (Show present-day crowd.)

Now, suppose someday you decide you will not listen to Dad and Mom anymore. (Show boy and girl.) You will do only what you want. That would not make a happy home, and you know what would happen. Dad and Mom would still love you, but they would have to punish you to make things right.

That is a little like what happened with God and the people He made.

TELLING THE LESSON:

The Bible says all of us are like sheep that have walked away from their shepherd. (Show sheep.) "All we like sheep have gone astray" (Isa. 53:6). The Lord wanted to take care of His

people the way a good shepherd takes care of his sheep. But nobody stayed with Him, not even one. Now, most people do not say no out loud to God. They just do not think about Him and what He wants. That is wrong. And whenever people do wrong, what always has to happen? Somebody must be punished. That is the way it is in God's world.

God did not want to punish the people He had made. (Show crowd.) He loved them. And He knew what He would do. You see, even before there was a world with people on it, God knew people would go away from Him. (Show creation scene.) He knew even then what He would do. God the Son, the One who would later be called Jesus, was going to go down to earth as a man. When He died, *He* would take the people's punishment so that God would not need to punish them. Jesus did not have to do this for us. He wanted to.

That is what happened when God the Son was on the cross. (Show cross.) He let God put on Him every bit of wrongdoing each of us has ever done. So today, because Jesus was punished instead of us, we do not have to be punished for choosing our own way. We need to turn away from sin and believe He did that extra special thing for us.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

When somebody does something for you, what do you say? You say thank you. Are there boys and girls here who believe Jesus did that extra special thing for them and want to thank Him? (After such a lesson, it is likely several will respond. Allow each volunteer to pray.)

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Tell the children they are about to make something important to display on the refrigerator at home. Have them print a column of words on the upright piece: "It was for me." Then they may cut out their crosses.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:5).

The verse says we all wanted our own way instead of God's. We should have been punished for that, but Jesus was punished instead of us when He died on the cross. We all chose to do wrong things and were not what God made us to be. We should have been punished for that, but Jesus took our place.

CONCLUSION:

Jesus took our punishment so that we can be forgiven. He suffered in order to give us what we needed. Christ died in our place. He willingly died on the cross so that we would have victory over wrong doings.

PRAYER:

Father in Heaven, we thank You for giving Your Son to die in our place. Thank You for sending Jesus to suffer in our place so that we might be forgiven. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "**Jesus Is the Messiah**" and teaches that Jesus is the Savior that God promised to send. Study Mark 8:27-9:1.

WORD SEARCH

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Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

JESUS
CROSS
SHEEP

PUNISHMENT
WRONG
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