



**Mustard Seed Children's Summary for February 22, 2009
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"Answering God's Call"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 6.

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 6:1-8.

MEMORY VERSE: "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

TEACHER'S NOTES

The scene in Isaiah 6 highlights once again two sides of the same coin: God's choice and man's freedom to choose. Did the Lord want Isaiah in particular for a certain task? Obviously He did. He came to him in a vision. Did Isaiah embrace, rather than reject, God's call? Clearly, yes. "Here am I; send me" (v. 8). We want our pupils, young as they are, to develop a yes mind-set as far as God's will is concerned. One cannot start too early.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that God is looking for people who will say yes to His will.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

Unhappy things happen when we choose our own way instead of God's way. When we know what the Lord wants us to do, the correct response is always yes.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Beginning the Lesson, take a flash card: "YES."

For Telling the Lesson, you will need a picture of the temple and a picture of Isaiah. You will need the "YES" flash card as well as a "HOLY" flash card.

For Telling How to Live, you will need the "YES" flash card.

For Helping to Remember, make each child a 9-by-12-inch poster board sign reading "_____will_____for us? Then said I, _____ am I; _____." Provide each student with crayons, safety scissors (blunt tip), paste, and five 3-by-1 -inch paper strips (a different color from the background).

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Mary did it. Elisabeth did it. The shepherds did it. The midwives did it. Samson's mother did it. Nathan did it. Esther did it. They all did the same thing. What was that thing they all did? (Let the children respond.) You are right. All of them said yes to the Lord. (Show "YES.") They did what He wanted them to do. There once was a man named Isaiah. (Show Isaiah.) He said yes too.

TELLING THE LESSON

Isaiah was already one of God's men. The Lord often sent him to tell different people what He wanted them to know or do, but the Bible does not tell us a lot about him. It does say Isaiah lived at a time when most of the people were thinking only about pleasing themselves. They were doing many things, but they were not caring much about what God wanted them to do. They *had* many things too. They were happy just having things and doing what they wanted.

The Lord wanted a man to tell those people that something sad was going to happen if they did not change. Sooner or later something unhappy always happens when people think they know better than God and they do things their way instead of His way. The people needed somebody to tell them that.

So one day the Lord gave His man Isaiah a kind of dream. (Show Isaiah.) In his dream, Isaiah saw a throne in the temple, the people's place of worship. (Show temple.) The Lord Himself was sitting on the throne. He wore a beautiful robe.

Isaiah saw angels in his dream too. They were praising God and saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord" of heaven's armies. (Show "HOLY.") "The whole world shows how special He is!" That word "holy" tells of something special, different, far away from anything that is even a little wrong. And only the Lord God is like that.

The angels' voices made even the door shake. Smoke began filling the temple. Isaiah's dream was showing him how wonderful God is.

Isaiah said, "I am guilty, and I have seen the Lord!" (Show Isaiah.) "He is so great and special, and I am just a man who does wrong things. I live with people who do wrong too. I am not fit to be here where God is."

One of the angels came flying toward him. He was carrying a hot coal, and he touched Isaiah's lips with it. Remember, this was just a dream, so nothing actually burned him. The angel told him what that part of the dream meant. Yes, Isaiah *had* done wrong things, but God had taken his sins away.

Then Isaiah heard another voice. It was not the voice of an angel this time. It was God's voice! The Lord said, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?" Now, the Lord knew whom He wanted to send, but He asked anyway.

Isaiah thought, *I will do what God wants.* (Show Isaiah.) So he said, "Here I am! Send me."

That was just what God wanted to hear. You know how He always likes to hear people say yes to what He wants them to do. (Show "YES.") He told Isaiah

what he should tell the people, and when Isaiah woke up, he went off and did what the Lord had told him to do.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Mary, Elisabeth, the shepherds, the midwives, Samson's mother, Nathan, Esther, Isaiah—can we add your name to the list of people who said, "Yes, we will do what pleases the Lord"? (Show "YES.") Will you tell Him, "Lord, whatever You want me to do, I will do it," and mean what you say?

(Teacher, lead in prayer.) "Lord Jesus, some of these boys and girls would like to say yes to You. They do want to please You in everything they do, and sometimes that is hard. Some of them want to tell You yes right now and ask You to help them. Thank You for listening to them."

Now while your eyes are shut, tell God yes and ask Him to help you do what He wants, *think a prayer*, and He will hear you.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Print on the chalkboard or otherwise show the words "ME," "WHO," "SEND," "HERE," and "GO." Let the children copy these words onto their paper strips and then paste them where they belong in the verse, cutting to fit as needed.

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT

"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

The Lord needed a man to tell His people something for Him. He already knew which man He wanted, but He said, "Whom should We send to do this for Us?" as though He did not know. And Isaiah answered back "I am here! Send me."

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"Answering God's Call" Solution (Isaiah 6:1-8)

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(Over, Down, Direction)

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EARTH (6, 14, NW)
GLORY (12, 10, N)
HOLY (15, 12, S)
ISAIAH (10, 6, W)
LIPS (5, 5, SW)
LORD (8, 2, SE)
SEND (11, 8, W)
SERAPHIMS (1, 12, NE)
SIN (10, 7, N)
SITTING (7, 13, E)
TEMPLE (7, 1, SW)
THRONE (13, 2, S)
UNCLEAN (8, 7, SE)
VOICE (2, 7, NE)
WOE (8, 10, NW)