



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for January 2, 2011
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"God Never Forgets"

Lesson Text: Isaiah 44:21-26

Background Scripture: Isaiah 44:1-28

Memory Verse: "Return unto me; for I have redeemed thee" (Isaiah 44:22).

Isaiah 44:21–26

21 Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

24 Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

25 That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;

26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that God never forgets to do all He has promised.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. God will not forget who belongs to Him.
2. God will not forget He has made His people His servants.
3. God will not forget He has forgiven our sins.
4. God will not forget to keep His promises.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Telling the Lesson, have a picture of Isaiah and one of a Bible-time crowd. Make signs that say "You belong to Me," "You are My servant," "Your sins are blotted out," and "God keeps His promises."

For Helping to Remember, provide for each child half a sheet of white art paper, four different-colored (include red) 2-by-4-inch blocks of construction paper, crayons, and glue.

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

TEACHER'S NOTES:

Time: about 700 B.C.

Place: Jerusalem

One of the Lord's most comforting attributes has to be His reliability. What He has promised, He will do. What He has promised, He never forgets. Do we feel deserted in the midst of great problems? Paul put it well when he said, "Perplexed...but not forsaken" (2 Cor. 4:8,9).

Using a message God once sent to Israel, "Thou shalt not be forgotten" (Isa. 44:21). This lesson points to some specific things He will never forget concerning any of His people.

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

Amy was halfway to school one morning when all at once she stopped and said, "Oh, no. I forgot my lunch!" She had to go all the way back home to get it.

Have you ever forgotten something you were supposed to remember? People forget things, but God does not. He never forgets. And that is what our lesson is about today - some things God never forgets.

TELLING THE LESSON:

One day God told Isaiah to tell His people He would never forget them. (Show Isaiah.) The Bible book called Isaiah talks about that, and here it is. (Show Isaiah in your Bible.)

"You are My servant," the Lord said to the Israelites. (Show crowd.) In a way He was saying, "You belong to Me." (Show "You belong to Me.") They were His. That was one thing He would never forget.

Here is some good news for you too.

If you believe Jesus died for you, He is saying to you, "You belong to Me." (Show "You belong to Me. ") You are His boy or His girl, and He will never forget you belong to Him.

The Israelites were His servants. (Show "You are My servant.") A servant works for somebody else, and God had given His people the work of showing the rest of the world how good He is. Could God forget they had that special job? He would never forget.

People who belong to Jesus today are His servants too. (Show "You are My servant.") If you belong to Him, He has given you the work of letting others know

how good He is. Did you know that? He will never forget that that is your job, and He wants you not to forget, either.

Then God told His people something wonderful. He said, "I have blotted out your wrongdoing." (Show "Your sins are blotted out.")

Sometimes when you make a mistake writing something, you rub your pencil eraser over the mistake until you cannot see it anymore. You blot out what you did wrong. You erase it so that it does not spoil your paper.

God said He had blotted out all the sins that spoiled His people's friendship with Him. He was not looking at those wrong things anymore. He had hidden them from Himself! It was as if a big cloud was over them. Only God can erase sin, and He had. Their sins were covered. And that was something He would never forget.

There was still something else the Lord would not forget. He would never forget to do everything He said He would do. (Show "God keeps His promises.") When God promises to do a thing, you can be sure that He will, every time, because God keeps His promises. People sometimes forget their promises, but not God.

In a way, all those things that the Lord will not forget make us think of what He will remember. He will always remember who belongs to Him. (Show "You belong to Me.") He will always remember we are His servants. (Show "You are My servant. ") He will always remember that our sins are gone. Jesus did it. (Show "Your sins are blotted out.") And God will always remember to keep His promises. (Show "God keeps His promises.")

All that was good news for God's people long ago, and it is good news for us.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

The Bible says that if you belong to Jesus, your sins are blotted out. They are gone forever. God has said, "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Heb. 10: 17).

If you are not sure your sins are gone, talk to me after class. We shall find out what the Bible says you should do.

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Tell the children they will build a **Things God Never Forgets** tower. Have them print "God Keeps His Promises" on the red block and then "You Belong to Me," "You Are My Servant," and "Your Sins Are Blotted Out" on the others. Let them glue the blocks on their papers in tower form, using the red block as a base and keeping "Your Sins Are Blotted Out" for the top. Above the tower, have them print "What God Never Forgets," They can draw grass and flowers around the tower's base.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"Return unto me; for I have redeemed thee" (Isaiah 44:22).

God was talking to His people Israel. He said He had covered up their sins the way a cloud covers something. He was not looking at those sins anymore. He had bought them. They were His now. So He said, "Turn away from doing wrong, and turn back to Me."

CONCLUSION:

God will always keep His promises. Included in this is His promise to forgive us our sins. While it is true that God punishes sin and hates sin, He still wants to redeem us and forgive us. God's purpose is to draw us back to Himself. God does not

want us to run away. He wants to have a relationship with us. God loves us and wants to forgive us. It is not because of who we are but because of who He is!

PRAYER:

Dear Father in Heaven, we love You and thank You and for who You are. We are grateful that You never forget Your Word and always keep Your promises. Help us to serve You each day, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "God Saves" and reminds us that only God is able to save people from sin. It is, therefore, foolish to worship anyone or anything else. Study Isaiah 45:1-25.

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WORD SEARCH

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Find the following keywords from the lesson:

FORGIVEN	ERASE	PEOPLE	CLOUD
ISAIAH	NEVER FORGET	REMEMBER	BLOTTED OUT
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