

Week of December 6

Bible Story: Isaiah and the Burning Coal (Isaiah 6; 53)

BIG Idea: Jesus is the greatest gift ever, so we can remember and celebrate His birth during Christmas.

Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/KEpSXxL4Nn4>

THE BIG BIBLE STORY

Today we are going to talk about a story that led to the coming of Christ. God had warned the Israelites that having a king would be bad news. And guess what? As always, God was right! After King David died, the kings got worse and worse and worse. The kings raised everyone's taxes. (*Prompt your child to say, "Give me your money!"*) The kings took people's land. (*Prompt your child to say, "Give me your land!"*) But worst of all, the kings led the Israelites into worshipping idols and false gods. Many of the kings were just plain rotten. (*Prompt your child to do an evil laugh.*) CUT! Let's try that laugh again—this time with more evil! (*Prompt child to laugh again.*) The people of Israel were beginning to wander farther and farther from God, but not everyone.

One day, a young man named Isaiah was praying to God in the temple. (*Prompt your child to kneel and pray like they are in a temple.*) While Isaiah was praying, he saw a vision of God sitting on His throne. And all around the throne were Seraphim—angels with 6 wings. (*Prompt your child to flap their "wings."*) Wait a second—that's not enough wings! (*Prompt them to flap their "wings" faster*) Nope—still not enough. (*Prompt them to flap even faster*) That's more like it—keep flapping! There wasn't just one angel, though. The room was filled with angels. In Isaiah's vision, all the angels said, (*Prompt your child to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty*) Isaiah looked shocked. (*Prompt your child to look shocked.*) CUT! Let's try that again—I need more "shock" this time! Isaiah looked shocked. (*Prompt child again.*) Then he said, (*Prompt your child to say, "I'm not worthy. My lips have said sinful things."*)

Immediately, the angel flew over to Isaiah. The angel touched Isaiah's lips with a hot coal and told him that his sins were forgiven. It was as if God had purified him with fire and burned his sins away. Then the voice of the Lord spoke out from His throne and said, (*You say in a loud voice*) "Who should I send to speak to these sinful people?" Isaiah answered God right away. He said, (*Prompt your child to say, "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"*) From that day forward, Isaiah became one of the great prophets for God. As a prophet, Isaiah was like a messenger. God would give a message to Isaiah, and Isaiah would give the message to God's people. Through the prophets, God was able to steer his people back to Him and to give them a hope for the future. This would eventually lead to Jesus who is our hope and our future!

BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

- What does this story teach you about God?
- How do you think the people will react when the prophets tell them to stop doing bad things? Why do you think that?

BIG BIBLE STORY ACTIVITIES

Journal: Make a list of things you could do this Christmas to help you remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Art: Draw a picture of the angel with 6 wings from today's story. Give the angel a speech bubble that says, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty."