

God's Story Our Story

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Isaiah is overcome by a fantastical vision of the Lord, sent just for him. He feels bewildered, unworthy, until God's messenger forgives his sin and frees him for the greatest adventure of all.

More resources for being the church at home this week

A meal time prayer: God of abundance, hear our prayer. Give food to those who are hungry. Water to those who are thirsty. And love for all who are in need of your grace and forgiveness. Amen.

More questions for conversation:

Isaiah encountered God in the temple. God asked Isaiah if he would be God's messenger to Israel. Isaiah responded with enthusiasm: "Send me!" Have you ever had to deliver a message for someone? How did you respond? What was the message?

Are there prophets among us today? What prophetic message do you think God sends today?

How does God speak to you? What does God call you to do? What stands in your way of following God's call for your life? What can you do to remove obstacles so that you can continue to move forward?

Ideas for putting faith in action:

By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive.

Make care kits for the car that include a pair of socks, gloves, and a granola bar. When you see someone in need, give them a care kit.

Watch your favorite TV or online news stories. Make a note of which voices speak prophetically. What are they saying? Do you agree? Why or why not?

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5 simple steps to help bring your household closer to God and each other



SHARE
your highs and lows

You may want to light a candle to begin your time. Invite all to share their highs and lows of the day.



READ
a Bible verse or story

A verse for the week: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:6-8

If your household includes younger children you may want to use a children's Bible story book. If the assigned reading is not in your storybook, just choose another.

Sun: *Isaiah's Call and Sending*, Isaiah 6:1-8

Mon: *The Peaceful Kingdom*, Isaiah 11:1-10

Tue: *Impending Judgment on the Earth*, Isaiah 24:1-23

Wed: *God's People Are Comforted*, Isaiah 40:1-31

Thur: *A Hymn of Praise*, Isaiah 42:10-20

Fri: *The Suffering Servant*, Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Sat: *A Promise of Abundant Life*, Isaiah 55:1-13



TALK
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PRAY
for one another's highs and lows

A prayer for the week: Lord, You call us by name and ask us to serve, and to share what we have. Help us to follow your example as we serve, share and love in your name. Amen.



BLESS
one another

Make the sign of the cross on each other's feet and say, "You are loved by God, and wherever these feet go God goes with you."