



UNIT 14 | SESSION 2

ISAIAH WARNED OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

ISAIAH 22; 48

CHRIST CONNECTION: Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be safe from judgment.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Turn away from your wrong choices. Acts 3:19

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God's people made a wrong choice.
- God wants His people to listen and obey.
- Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be safe from judgment.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

In a dream, Isaiah saw what was going to happen to Jerusalem, a city in Judah. God's people made a wrong choice. They had turned away from God to worship idols and false gods. Isaiah told God's people to turn away from their sin and turn back to God. Isaiah said that God was going to judge. Isaiah saw that God's people ignored his warning. Even though Isaiah warned them that they would be punished for their sin, Isaiah shared a message of hope. One day they would be free. God wanted His people to listen and obey.



BABIES ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Isaiah 22. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A HYMN

Sing the chorus of “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy.” If you are unfamiliar with the tune, listen to it online before the session.

“I will rise and go to Jesus!
He will save me from my sin.
By the riches of His merit,
There is joy and life in Him.”

SAY “ God’s people made a wrong choice. They turned away from God to worship idols. Isaiah told the people to repent, or to turn back to God. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be safe from judgment. ”

2 MAKE GOD ART

Before the session, use painter’s tape to spell GOD on heavyweight paper for each baby. Place the paper in a ziplock bag with a few squirts of gold and silver glitter paint. Seal the bag with tape. Invite babies to squish the bag to spread the paint. Remove the art and set it aside to dry. When dry, remove the tape letters on the art. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY “ God’s people made a wrong choice to turn away from Him. God wants His people to listen and obey. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be safe from judgment. ”

3 BREAK CHAINS

Wrap favorite toys with plastic teething links. Encourage babies to remove the chains. You may also make links of three chains for babies to shake. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY “ God wants His people to listen and obey, but God’s people did not repent. Isaiah saw that they would be punished and taken far away, but God would set them free. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be safe from judgment. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Isaiah 22. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 MAKE LISTENING EARS

Cut simple ear shapes from construction paper. Use a marker to draw details of the ear. Cut strips of paper for toddlers to decorate a headband. Write the second gospel gem across the headband, and glue to the ears. Measure and bobby pin or tape to fit each child's head.

SAY “ God’s people made a wrong choice to worship idols. God sent Isaiah to tell them to turn back to God. God wants His people to listen and obey. ”

3 FOLLOW PATTERNS

Cut three or four sheets of red and yellow construction paper to resemble stop signs and railroad crossing signs (octagons and circles). Space the signs apart on the floor and tape in a red-yellow pattern. Invite toddlers to line up and walk the pattern. At each red sign, allow toddlers to stop and make car sounds. At each circle, allow them to stop and make train sounds. Play several rounds as time allows.

SAY “ Stop signs and railroad crossing signs are warnings to keep us safe. God’s people made a wrong choice, so God sent Isaiah to warn them. God wants His people to listen and obey. ”

4 LISTEN CAREFULLY

Gather three glass jars with lids. Fill jars $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$ with water. Seal the jars shut. Provide craft sticks and metal spoons for toddlers to tap the sides of the jars. Monitor closely to ensure safety. Discuss the different sounds the jars make. Retell the Bible story.

SAY “ Great job listening to our experiment! God wants His people to listen and obey His words. In our Bible story, God’s people made a wrong choice to worship idols. God said He would punish them if they did not turn back to God. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be safe from judgment. ”

5 KNOCK DOWN IDOLS

Wrap two or three empty 2-liter bottles with construction paper. Draw simple faces on the construction paper. Set up the bottles and invite toddlers to toss beanbags at the bottles to knock them down. Retell the Bible story.

SAY “ Idols can be statues like these bottles. God’s people made a wrong choice to worship idols. God sent Isaiah to tell them to repent. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be safe from judgment. ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: PLAY A LISTENING GAME

Invite toddlers to sit down and close their eyes. Make familiar animal noises or play sound effects from an electronic device. Encourage toddlers to call out the sounds they hear. Consider recording the key passage phrase before the session and play it during the final round. Review the Bible story.

SAY “ God’s people made a wrong choice. They turned away from God to worship idols, statues made with their own hands. God sent the prophet Isaiah to tell God’s people to repent, or turn back to Him. God wants His people to listen and obey. ”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “B-I-N-G-O.”

“God sent His Son to rescue us,

To save us from our sin.

J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S!

Repent and turn to Jesus!”

3 MAKE BLOCKS FALL

Help toddlers stand thin rectangular blocks on the shortest end about half an inch apart. Line up at least five to ten blocks. Invite a toddler to gently tap the first block and watch all of them fall. Play again, helping toddlers set up a curved or zigzag line. Make sure each toddler has a turn to start the chain reaction. Retell the Bible story.

SAY “ God’s people made a wrong choice to worship idols instead of God. God wants His people to listen and obey. The people did not listen, and they were punished. God still gave them hope. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be safe from judgment. ”

4 PLAY OUT ASLEEP AND AWAKE

Invite toddlers to spread out in the room and lie down. When you say, “Sweet dreams,” children should close their eyes and pretend to sleep. When you say, “Wake up,” children should sit up and stretch. Play several times, varying the speed of play.

SAY “ God wants His people to listen and obey, so God gave Isaiah a message in a dream. God’s message to Isaiah was sad news for God’s people, but it also gave hope. God will punish sin, but everyone who trusts in Jesus will be safe from judgment. ”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.