

The Story Week 16 -

Isaiah

Overview Card

**Weekly Bible Verse:**

When it is time to save you, I will help you. I will keep you safe. Isaiah 49:8

Bible Point:

God doesn't give up on his people.
God won't give up on me.

Coloring Page:

Isaiah writes God's messages.

Resource:

The Story for Little Ones, Chapter 16:
The Beginning of the End



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Jesus is Coming

What You Need: No supplies necessary

What You Do: Teach the children the song below by replacing the words to “The Farmer and the Dell.”

Isaiah told the people
Isaiah told the people
Hip, hooray, we are glad today
Isaiah told the people

Jesus is Coming
Jesus is Coming
Hip, hooray, we are glad today
Jesus is Coming

The Baby’s in the manger
The Baby’s in the manger
Hip, hooray, we are glad today
The Baby’s in the manger

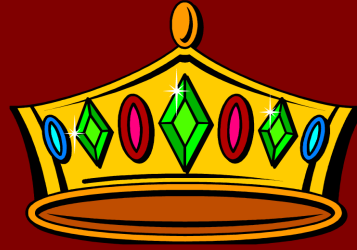


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Manger Hide-and-Seek

What You Need: Pictures of empty manger and masking tape.

What You Do:

Photocopy Empty mangers. Cut out the mangers and hide them around the room (one for each child) and let children search for them. Encourage them to say, "Get Ready, Jesus is Coming," each time they find a manger. After all the mangers have been found, have them count & color the mangers they have collected. As they work, ask them who will lie in the manger? Remind them that Jesus is God's son, who God promised to send long ago.

What You Say:

"Do you remember what a promise is? A promise is when someone tells you they will do something or give you something. Sometimes people don't keep their promises. Today we learned about God's promise. God ALWAYS keeps his promises. Years before Jesus was born, God promised His people that He would send them someone to help them. We know that God kept His promise. Jesus was born! We can always trust God because He always does what He promises."

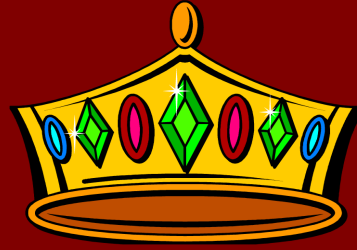


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The Whole Picture

What You Need: Several location images and one Christmas image, construction paper, scissors, stapler and tape

What You Do:

Tape each picture to the wall. Encourage the kids to walk around the room and look at the images. Then ask them to guess what they think the entire picture might be (based on the small portion they see). After they have viewed the images and made a guess for each one, lift up the construction paper to reveal the images. Then take some time to discuss the fact that God sees the big picture even when we don't.

What You Say:

"The Israelites had their own idea about what the Jesus would be like. However, God had his plan in mind from the very beginning - that His Son, Jesus, would be a humble servant born in a stable. Because God knows everything, He could see the bigger picture when the Israelites did not."



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Nativity Relay

What You Need: Nativity figures, piece of cardboard for the barns and bowls

What You Do:

Split the room into teams of five to ten kids and have them line up. Place a bowl full of the Nativity characters in front of the first person in each team line (do not include baby Jesus in the bowl).

When the leader says, "Go!" the first person must dash to the opposite end of the room (to wherever the barns are located), put the first nativity character on the cardboard square barn, and run back. Play continues to the second and third members, and so on, until all of the characters are set up on the cardboard square. Once all of the teams have completed the relay, ask them what is missing from the nativity?

What You Say:

(At the end of the activity): "Ask them, What is missing from the nativity? "You are so right, we are still waiting on baby Jesus. Where could he be? We learned today that years and years before Jesus was born, God promised His people that He would send them someone to help them. In our story time, we learned that God told Isaiah that his son will come. We know that God kept his promise. Jesus was born! We can always trust God because he always does what He promises." Pull out the baby Jesus' and let the children complete the Nativity scenes."



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CRAFT



God Keeps His Promises - Teachers Choice

What You Need: Picture of Stars with “Thank You God for Keeping Your Promises” and paint, dot markers, or markers, etc.

What You Do: Have fun choosing what the children will use to decorate the stars. You can have them paint, dot marker or just use markers as you remind them of how God ALWAYS keeps his promises.

What You Say:

At the end of the activity: “Have you ever PROMISED to help your families at home? It makes our families feel good when you help and keep your promises. We learned today that years and years before Jesus was born, God promised His people that He would send them someone to help them. In our story time, we learned that God told Isaiah that his son will come. We know that God kept his promise. Jesus was born! We can always trust God because he always does what He promises.”



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