

SEEK THE LORD

Isaiah 55:1-13

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Key Verse:

Seek the Lord while [God] may be found, call upon [God] while [God] is near.
Isaiah 55:6

The Point:

God offers us a gracious, loving relationship.

Making Connections:

God's Presence Brings Life

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Repentance

Spiritual Practice:

Fellowship



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

In last week's lesson, we heard about Ezekiel's vision that God's presence brings life, even to old dry bones. This week, we hear from another Old Testament prophet, Isaiah, who continues to speak the word of promise that God is always with God's people.

Story Summary:

Seek the Lord

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord calls upon Israel to listen to the promise of an everlasting relationship and to seek the Lord. There is nothing that we can do to earn God's love and favor; God has promised to stay by God's people. In response to God's love, we help others instead of hurting them, honor God rather than turning away.

Our God is a loving God. This passage is an invitation rather than a command. The instructions that are found here are encouraging and hopeful, not negative. Those instructions are not those of a demanding God watching from on high, but rather of a loving parent guiding their toddler away from danger.

The concept of "covenant," or promise, was absolutely central to Israel's self-understanding, encompassing God's special relationship with the people. While there are many different covenants in the Hebrew Bible, Isaiah 55:3-4 refers to God's covenant with David (2 Samuel 7:8-17).

The Point

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Isaiah seeks to reassure the people that a relationship with God can be restored because God can do so much more than humans can comprehend and that God's word is utterly dependable. The renewed covenant with God is experienced and grasped when the people seek and call upon the Lord while God is near. Regardless of how far we stray, God will remain in relationship with us and keeps the promise to remain near.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Repentance

Repentance means to return or retrace one's steps. In other words, it is the idea of turning back, retracing one's steps in order to return to the right way. We often find ourselves wandering down a path that is not the way in which God intends for us to go. Repentance is realizing this mistake and returning to God's way.

Spiritual Practice: Fellowship

This journey of faith and repentance is bigger than our ability to do it alone. Our fellow travelers in the church can walk alongside us, helping us to stay on the course and clarifying God's direction. Inviting others to join in this journey is part of our mission as Christians.



THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



THE PROPHET ISAIAH

God will help His people.

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

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"FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER
ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS," DECLARES THE LORD.

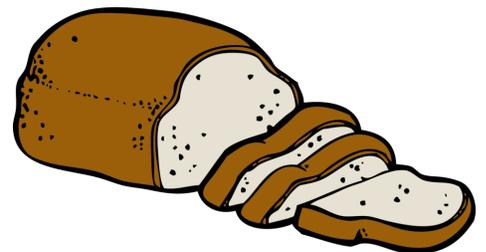
- **Isaiah 55:8**



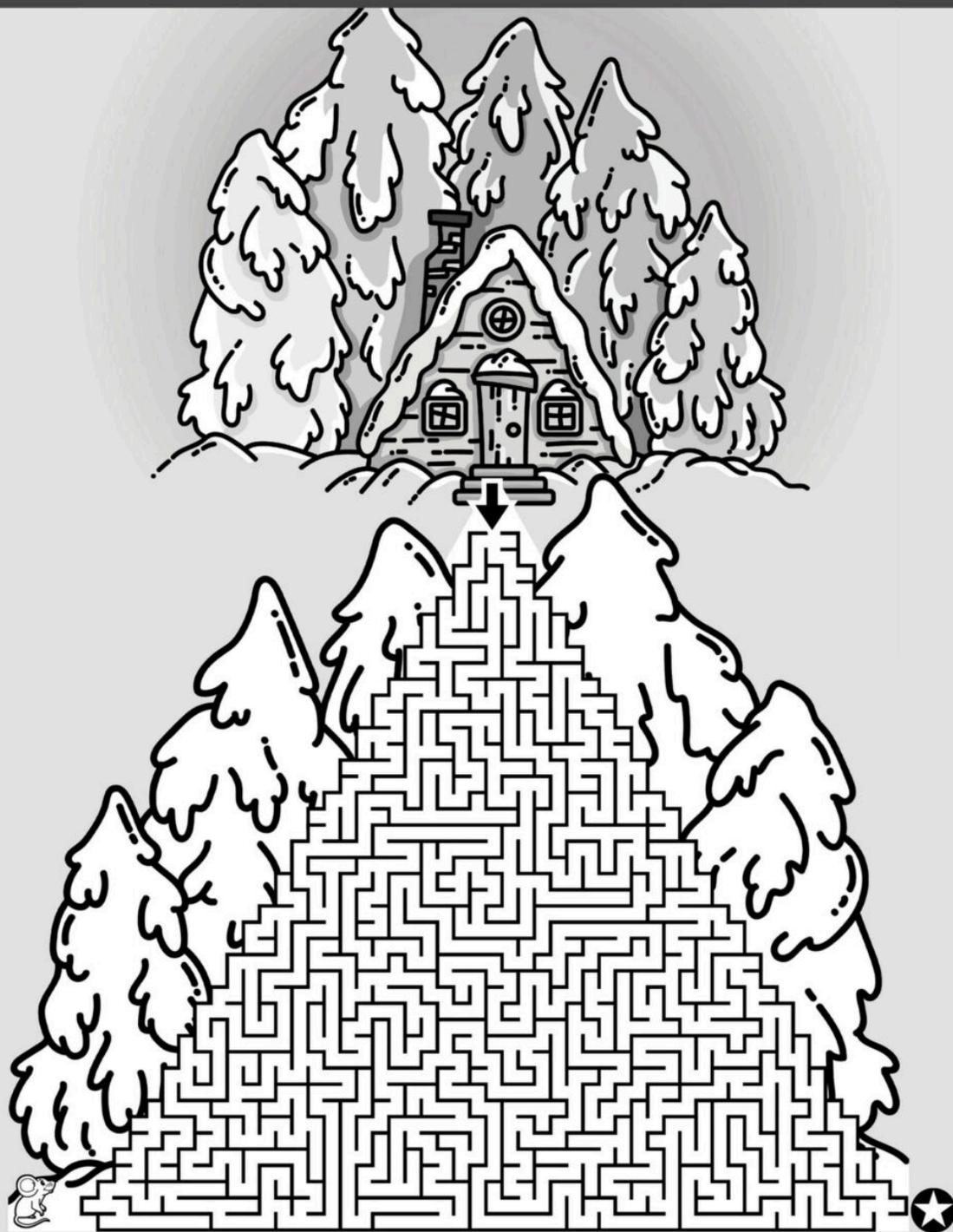
Isaiah 55:1-3a (NIV)

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SEE THE SNOW FROM THIS WINTER CABIN





THE STORY @ HOME

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 4 (2025-2026)

Lesson #4-15
Isaiah 55:1-13

LAST WEEK

Ezekiel had a vision of God's power restoring dry bones to life and the healing power of God's promises (Ezekiel 37:1-14).

THIS WEEK

Through the prophet Isaiah, we hear about the promise of the Lord to be with us in relationship (Isaiah 55:1-13).

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STORY SUMMARY

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PRACTICE: FELLOWSHIP

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NEXT WEEK

Just as God's spoken word accomplishes God's purpose, so shall Jesus—the Word made flesh—achieve God's purpose (John 1:1-18).

Family Discussions

Use the questions below—or any you have—to discuss this lesson’s Scripture reading with your family.

- † Did you find anything in this reading that was surprising?
- † What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- † What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God’s message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Isaiah 55:1-13

Isaiah tells about seeking God’s presence. Play a game of hide and seek. When do you feel distant from God?

Monday—Read Proverbs 8:1; 22-26

Wisdom in creation. Talk about the things you like the most in creation.

Tuesday—Read Proverbs 8:27-31

Wisdom at creation. Use play dough to create something new. What would you name your creation?

Wednesday—Read Psalm 8:1-9

A psalm of creation. Look online at pictures of the universe. You are more important and wonderful than all of this! How does that make you feel?

Thursday—Read Isaiah 11:1-9

A prophecy of the Messiah. Get out some stuffed animals and use them to act out this story.

Friday—Read Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will give birth to God’s Son. Pretend an angel just brought you a message. What would the message be? How would you react?

Saturday—Read Luke 1:46-55

Mary’s song of praise. Write a poem or song praising the greatness of God.