

# Sojourn Family

## SERMON SERIES GUIDE: ISAIAH

*-Integrating the Gospel in our daily family life-*

### SERVANT SONGS:

#### POEMS ABOUT THE SERVANT OF GOD

The book of Isaiah contains four Servant songs- poems about the servant of God. These can be found in Isaiah 42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:12-53:13.

In these poems, the prophet Isaiah describes God's plan of redemption. We see a vision of the promised Messiah, the innocent substitute who would suffer for the sake of sinners.

Through Jesus, God brings sinners back to himself.

Invite children to look through poetry books. The Bible contains lots of poems. Isaiah's poems were true and about something very serious that would happen in the future. God gave Isaiah the words for the poems.

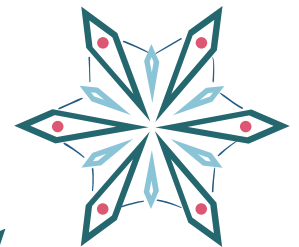
### SEEING SOMETHING AMAZING

A Kaleidoscope is a fun craft that will prompt your family to think of the amazing things that Isaiah saw in his prophecies.

To make a Kaleidoscope, provide each child with a paper towel tube. Children may decorate their tube with markers and stickers. Form a tube with foil making sure the shiny side faces inward and place it inside the paper towel tube. Secure black construction paper to one end of the tube with a rubber band. Punch a viewing hole in the construction paper with a pencil.

Cut two 4-inch squares of clear cellophane for each child. Invite them to place colored sequins and translucent beads between the two cellophane squares. Center the cellophane squares over the other end of the tube and secure the squares to the tube with a rubber band.

In Isaiah's prophecies, he saw something amazing -- even more amazing than what's inside a kaleidoscope.



## PLAN AHEAD



Provide toothpicks and mini marshmallows for each child. Challenge children to work together to construct a tower. Before they begin, children should spend a minute or two making notes or drawings on a piece of paper to plan their towers.

After planning, children may begin building their towers based on their plans. If children are paired into groups, discuss whose tower is the tallest, widest, most unique, etc.

Was it helpful to start with a plan? Did children stick to their plans? Did they encounter any problems and need to adapt their plans? Invite them to talk about their building experiences.

- **Plans give us an idea of what will happen. Your plans helped you imagine what your tower would look like.**
- **Before sin entered the world, God made a plan to save people from sin and death. God planned to send Jesus to earth, and it wasn't a secret plan.**

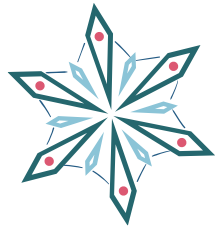
## JOURNALING

Encourage your child to write a letter to herself 10 years from now. She should consider what she wants her future self to remember about Jesus. What does she hope to be doing in 10 years?

***Only God knows the future, and He revealed to the prophets some details about Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened! God is in control of all things, and we can trust Him with the future.***

Invite children to also list in their journals any prayer requests they have. Encourage them to pray for those requests during the week.

## PARENT RESOURCES

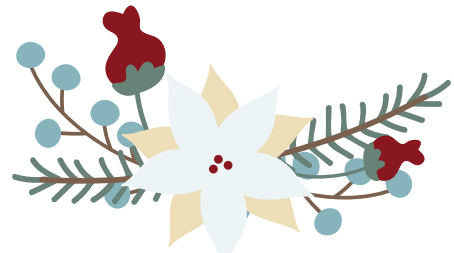


- **Focus on the Family Article:**

*"Overcoming Anxiety in Parenting"*  
<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/overcoming-anxiety-in-parenting/>

- **The Gospel Coalition Article:**

*"5 Words to Guide New-Year Meditation"*  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-to-meditate-more/>



## DID YOU HEAR THAT?

Prepare several boxes or paper bags by putting varying number of jingle bells in each bag. Fold the bags closed. Challenge the kids to arrange the paper bags in order from the least number of bells to the greatest. Kids may not look in the bags; they should shake the bags and listen carefully to the sound of the bells. When kids finish, open the bags to check their work. This is a game that can be played several times.

In the game, children must listen carefully to figure out which bags have more bells. Isaiah listened carefully to special messages from God. These messages were about something that would happen, and it would change everything!