

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 143: UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN
ISAIAH 9:1-7

But there will be an end to the gloom those people suffered. In the past, people thought the land of Zebulun and Naphtali was not important. But later, that land will be honored--the land along the sea, the land east of the Jordan River, and Galilee where people from other nations live. Those people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They live in a place as dark as death, but a great light has shined on them. God, you have made the nation grow, and you have made the people happy. They rejoice in your presence the way that they do at harvest time. It is like the joy when people take their share of things they have won in a war. You have lifted the heavy yoke off their shoulders and have taken away their heavy burden. You have taken away the rod that the enemy used to punish your people, as you did when you defeated Midian. Every boot that marched in battle and every uniform stained with blood had been destroyed and thrown into the fire. For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and He is responsible for leading the people. His name is called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." His power will continue to grow, and there will be peace without end. He is established as the King sitting on David's throne and ruling his kingdom. He rules with goodness and justice forever and ever. The strong love that the LORD of Hosts has for his people, or the zeal of the LORD, has made this happen!

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ISAIAH 9:6

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MEMORY VERSE:

"His name will be "Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace." ISAIAH 9:6

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. TRUE or FALSE
2. They live in a land as dark as death, but a great light has come upon them.
TRUE or FALSE
3. For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. TRUE or FALSE
4. And He is responsible for singing with the people. TRUE or FALSE
5. His name is called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What does it say the people who walked in darkness have seen?
2. Did God make the nation grow, and did He make the people happy?
3. When the people rejoice in the LORD's presence, what two things is it like? Is it like when they're happy at harvest time, or like when people win a war and take what they want at the end?
4. What are some of the Names that this Son Jesus is called?
5. What does it say made all these good things happen? Is it the strong love, or the zeal, of the LORD?

Lesson 143 Activity

Blind Artist

Ask your class to form pairs. You will need one blindfold for each pair of children, a marker, and one sheet of butcher paper for each pair large enough for both children to draw on together. Ask the partners to choose which person will be the blindfolded person.

Next, give each child a marker and ask the partners to stand or sit next to each other. Tell them, "When I say, 'go' you will have three minutes to draw your best picture of baby Jesus in the manger."

Say, "go" and allow for 3 minutes.

At the end of three minutes, say, "Stop." Have the blindfolded children take off their blindfolds to see their pictures. The pictures drawn by those children without the blindfold should be noticeably better.

The nation of Israel was in a state of great darkness. But Isaiah gave them a message of great hope--the Messiah, Jesus, would come. He would take them out of darkness and show them light. Before we came to know Jesus, we were in spiritual darkness. Like our pictures we drew while blindfolded, our lives would be a disaster

apart from Jesus' glorious light. When we receive the light of the Gospel of Jesus, the blindfold is removed; and the Lord can make something very beautiful out of our lives.

Now let the children who were blindfolded draw a picture of the baby Jesus in a manger without their blindfolds if they want, or have them swap sides (the ones who were blindfolded don't wear one, and the ones who didn't wear the blindfold the first time now wear it).

PRAYER Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving that God sent Jesus to take away our sins and that He will return once more to reign. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.