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ISAIAH 1:8-20

A TRUE WORSHIPPER

The book of Isaiah is written by the Prophet Isaiah and he was a prophet of Jerusalem during the reign of King Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. One day, God came to him and showed him about what would happen to Judah and Jerusalem.

During his time, people still worshipped God, regularly gave sacrifices and offerings and prayed to God. However, God was displeased with them because their hearts were far away from God. Their daily lives were full of sins and hypocrisy.

Worship is not only about singing. It is more about your lifestyle. A true worshipper goes through each day living with a Christ-like spirit. Every word and action should reflect God's love and honour Him.

So if you worship and pray to God but your lifestyle is against God's ways, God is not pleased with it. Be a true worshipper. Worship God from the deepest part of your heart and live your daily life that honors Him.

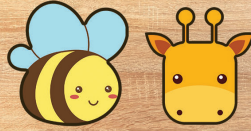
Key verse:

*Isaiah 1:16
Wash yourselves
and make
yourselves clean.
Stop doing the
evil things I see
you do.
Stop doing
wrong!*

Prayer

*Dear God, I
want to be a
true worshipper
where my heart
is near to You
and my words
and actions in my
daily life honour
You. Amen.*





ISAIAH 2:12-17

BE FULL OF GOD, NOT OF YOURSELF

The tall and strong cedars of Lebanon that can grow up to 40m and the oaks of Bashan that is known for their great and mighty strength will become nothing if God decides to bring them down. God can destroy even the tallest mountain, the highest tower and hill and the strongest ship with only one tiny snap!

This is how easy God can bring down the proud, arrogant and boastful people on earth. All their wealth, power, success and money will become nothing and zero when God interferes to bring them low.

All of people's accomplishments will be nothing compared to what God establishes on earth and in heaven. Acknowledge God in all of your success. Praise God for all your accomplishments. Give all the glory to God for all the wealth and blessings that you are enjoying right now.

As a child of God, being proud and boastful is not supposed to be in our list because it is a sin. Proud and boastful people are full of themselves while humble people are full of God. People's power is limited while God's is limitless.

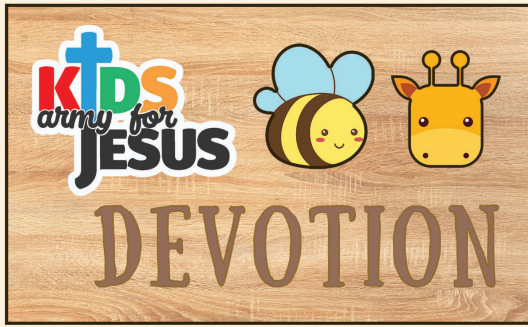
Key verse:

*Isaiah 2:17
At that time proud people will stop being proud. They will bow low with shame. And at that time only the Lord will be praised.*

Prayer

*Dear God,
forgive me if I still have a sense of arrogance in my heart. Teach and guide me to always be full of You in my life.
Amen.*





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ISAIAH 6

“HERE I AM! SEND ME!”

By the end of 1995, the Bible had already been printed for about 5 billion copies worldwide! So by the end of 2017, it should have been more than 5 billion! The total population in this world by 2017 was about 7.7 billion people. By looking at the above figures, rightfully, 6 out of 10 people should have owned a Bible. But sadly to say, there are still so many people who have never heard about Jesus and what He has done for them.

Verse 8 actually teaches you and me that whenever God calls upon us to do something great, let's say “Here I am! Send me!”. In Matthew 9:37, Jesus even says that there are a lot of unbelievers who do not know Him yet but only few people are willing to help and tell them about God.

Be ready to be the person who tells God “Here I am! Send me!”. Let every word from your mouth be a blessing to others. Let every act in your life be a good example to others. Yes, we can do it because the Holy Spirit is already in us to guide and teach us!

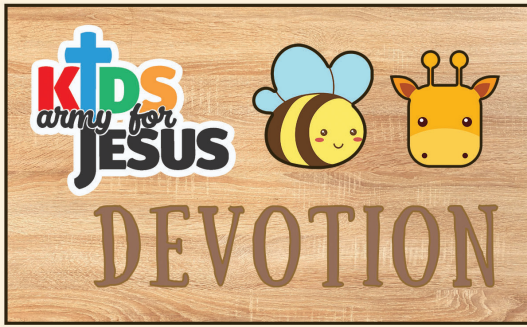
Key verse:

*Isaiah 6:8
Then I heard the Lord's voice. He said, “Whom can I send? Who will go for us?” So I said, “Here I am. Send me!”*

Prayer

*Here I am, God.
Please send me to be a blessing to others and use me to glorify Your name and kingdom. Amen.*





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ISAIAH 7:13-17

IMMANUEL

God again gave His prophecy to the Prophet Isaiah. A boy would be born and he would be called Immanuel.

The name Immanuel literally means, "The strong God is with you and me." In other words, God is always with us in every season of life, in both good and bad days and every single minute of your breath.

This prophecy was really fulfilled when seven hundred years after Isaiah spoke these words, a woman named Mary who was betrothed to marry a man named Joseph had a visit from an angel. The angel told her that through her the Messiah would come. He is Jesus, our Immanuel.

This prophecy fulfillment is giving us affirmation, faith and hope that our God is a promise-keeper. No matter how long it is going to take, once He promises something, He surely keeps it and makes it really happen. While waiting for the promises to be fulfilled, remember that He is always with us.

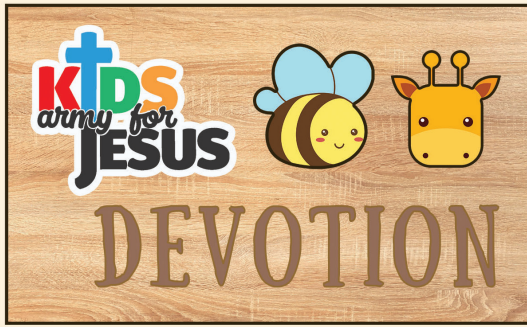
Key verse:

*Isaiah 7:14
Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.*

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving me Jesus who is always with me in every single second of my life. I am never alone. Amen.





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ISAIAH 9:6-7

ALL ABOUT JESUS

A wonderful Counselor is like a wise king who is giving guidance to His people. Jesus as the Wonderful Counselor means that we can trust Him to listen to our problems and guide us in the right direction. He is listening to our prayers, problems and worries. Knowing this, we will never feel alone.

A mighty God means He is a superhero! Jesus is the only superhero who did not only defeat death but also resurrected again and has eternal life in heaven!

A main job of a Father is to protect and provide for his children. Jesus is our Everlasting Father. He cares about you and me to the extent that He will ensure that our every need will be taken care of by Him. Knowing this, we should have no worries about our future.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace because He is able to restore every broken relationship and heal the broken hearts. Only Jesus can give us peace that nobody else can offer. Knowing this, we can always have peace regardless of what situations we are having.

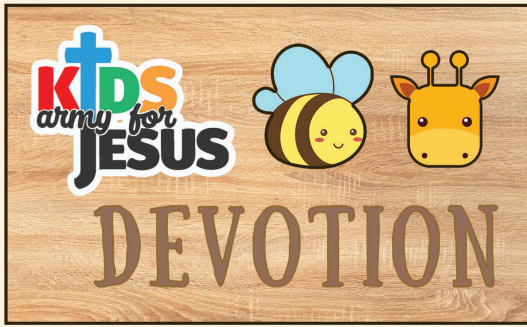
Key verse:

*Isaiah 9:6b
And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Prayer

Dear Jesus, You are my Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. There is no one like You. Amen.





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ISAIAH 12

A HYMN OF LOVE

This whole verse is a hymn of love to God. It praises God's unfailing forgiveness. Though God hates our sins, He personally came to earth to become our salvation. You and I deserve His punishment. However, instead of giving us the punishment, Jesus took all our punishment and gave us eternal life.

He does not only save us. He also becomes our strength in life. There are many things He has done in our life from the moment we were born to this world, to the day when we attended our first day in primary one, the moments when we were having difficulties in our exams and tests, the moments when we felt pressurized with the upcoming exam results, the moment we had arguments with our best friends and in every other moment of our life. No matter how scary or bad our situations are, God ultimately becomes our source of strength.

It is only right that when someone has done so many great things for us, that we show our thankfulness and appreciation. One of the ways is by giving Him our most sincere hymns of love. Let's proclaim His goodness.

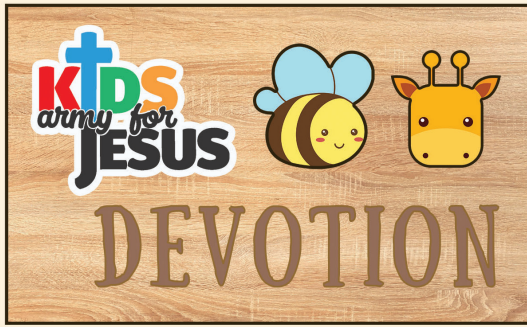
Key verse:

*Isaiah 12:5
Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.*

Prayer

Dear God, I sing to You Lord a hymn of love and praise for You are too good and wonderful to me. Amen.





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ISAIAH 14:22-24

TAKE GOD'S WORD INSTANTLY

This verse is about God's word to the Prophet Isaiah that He would deliver and save His people from the Assyrians. Though they might feel it was impossible, God assured them that He would crush the enemy, take away their burden and turn their mourning into dancing. These verses reveal how truly compassionate our God is.

He let the Prophet Isaiah know that He was totally aware of what was happening to His people. It was part of His plan due to the Israelites' disobedience. The purpose was to let them see and experience God's powerful power to deliver and set them free from the Assyrians.

God always has a purpose for every plan that He has for His people. The ultimate purpose is to show His power so that Israel and other nations would recognise His eternal salvation.

His word is final. Let's learn to take Him at His word instantly, not seasonally. Let us trust God completely! God expects His people to take His word with 100% faith and zero doubt.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 14:24
For the Lord Almighty has purpose, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?*

Prayer

Dear God, I am rest assured that Your word is always trustworthy. I fully trust in Your word. Amen.

