

Lesson Plans That Work: Lesson Plans for Older Children

Trinity Sunday (B)

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8

BACKGROUND

This is the first Sunday after Pentecost. The day we celebrate and look at the Trinity as we move into the long season after Pentecost. In these summer months we hear the history of God's people, called by God, striving for right relationship, often failing and trying again. We hear of personal relationships with God, and the call to serve and lead God's people. And we consider how we might be called by God to listen, to serve, to repent and try again.

A NOTATION FOR THIS WEEK'S READING

Today, we hear the story of Isaiah's vision as he attends worship service. The country was in great turmoil and God came to Isaiah with a message. Isaiah is overwhelmed by seeing who he truly is and who those around him are in this vision. God reminds him that those things we do wrong do not prevent us from serving God and that we are forgiven.

THEME

Here I Am

BEFORE CLASS

You will need:

- Paper or newsprint with the words, "God wants me to..." printed at the top.
- Markers and pencils

BEGINNING

Invite the children to sit in a circle. Invite them to share their name and one word that they thing describes God.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for showing yourself to us in many ways us the gift of forgiveness.

THE STORY: ISAIAH 6:1-8

Share the story with the children.

The Prophet Isaiah had a vision. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.



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Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What was your favorite part of the story?
- I wonder what Isaiah was thinking as he was having the vision.
- I wonder what you would do if you had a vision like Isaiah did?
- After Isaiah was forgiven, God asks Isaiah who will go into the world. What would you do if God asked you to go into the world?

ACTIVITY

Brainstorm with the children what God wants us to do in the world. (Spread love, share the word of God, treat each other well, worship, etc.) When you have a list, ask them what they think God might have called them to do in the world. (Help one another, make music, share God’s love, etc.)

Give them each a piece of paper or newsprint and invite them to write, draw, etc. about what God wants them to do in the world.

GETTING CLOSURE

After creating their vision for what God has called them to do in the world, invite them to share with each other what they created.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank you, God, for giving us the chance to see your vision for us and to serve you in the world today. Amen.