

Christian Family Value System
Preparing Future Generations to Evangelize the World
Calvary Academy for Christian Development Lesson Outline
Christian Biblical World View

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Theme: MATURATION

Subject: God Delivers and Restores

DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 111:9-10

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 49: 1-13

MEMORY VERSE: *This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances,—Isaiah 49:8*

Lesson Purpose:

Theme: To understand that God's mission for the people of Israel is to show all people the way of God.

Life Question: How do you know that all people who serve God are included in God's promises?

Biblical: To tell others about God's never-ending love and salvation for all people.

Theme: The knowledge to identify one way to be a better servant of the servant.

INTRODUCTION:

God instructed His prophet, Isaiah, to write concerning Israel's captivity in Babylon. For seventy years, the nation suffered under this oppression. Then the Lord allowed them to return to Jerusalem. He gave them the resources to rebuild the Temple and establish themselves once again as God's representative. But the Israelites got comfortable in Babylon. They became accustomed to the Babylonian ways and their gods. Most of the Israelites refused to move. Only a small remnant traveled back to Judah. God speaks through Isaiah about these upcoming problems (Isaiah 48). In the first part of the chapter, he rebukes their negative attitudes and behaviors. However, God changes His tone in the last half of the chapter. In several of the later chapters of Isaiah, the Lord offers hope and help with the promise of the Messiah's coming. Like a loving mother attempting to get her cranky toddler to take a nap, the Father begins to speak softly. He highlighted promises about a coming Savior, Jesus, to save Israel and the entire world.

WHAT'S THE CORE MESSAGE? In the book of Isaiah, there are four poems about the Messiah (Isaiah 42:1–9; 49:1–7; 50:4–9; and 52:13–53:12). They are

called “Servant Poems” or “Servant Songs.” A fifth passage, Isaiah 61:1–4, is sometimes added to the list because its content is very similar to the others, even though the word *servant* is not used in it. This Servant Song begins and ends with an appeal, not only to Israel but also to the nations of the world. The last three verses of Isaiah 48 exhort the people to flee from Babylon, and assurance is given that God will care for them as they travel.

Questions

1. Do you find Biblical prophecy difficult or easy to understand? What does the passage tell us about God’s plan and “the servant”? What is the mission God gives to “the servant”?
2. What does it mean to say that Jesus is? a. A light for the Gentiles b. Salvation to the ends of the earth c. Covenant for the people?
3. Why should the people of God “shout for joy”? Why is joy in the Lord such an important part of the Christian life? How can you help foster godly joy in your life?
4. What does it mean for us today to carry on the servant mission of Jesus? What does the law of God require?
5. How did Jesus complete the work that Israel was supposed to do? Are you willing to move forward on God's Promises? Or are you staying behind, enjoying Babylonian, worldly comforts?

Soul Searching: **Adoration** – What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me? **Confession** – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me? **Thanksgiving** – What can I thank God for in light of what Jesus has done? **Supplication** – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?

Conclusion: At the right time, God sent Jesus to earth to offer salvation to all who accept him as Lord and Savior (Romans 5:6–8; Galatians 4:4–5). The call is to those who are in our families and communities and also in far distant villages we will never visit or even know exist. Our responsibility in the time of salvation is twofold: to proclaim the good news to all (Matthew 28:18–20) and to worship God with all creation. We are comforted, and we experience mercy. Therefore sing to God! And spread the good news throughout the earth.