

Isaiah Interview Script

Cast: Reporter 1, Reporter 2, Isaiah, Narrator, All Class Members

Reporters 1 & 2: (*Rushing up to the great prophet, Isaiah.*) Isaiah, Isaiah, could you please spare us a moment? We would like to ask you about what you do.

Isaiah: What I do?

Reporter 1: Yes. Everyone knows you are a prophet of God. We'd like to talk to you about what you do. For example, you bring messages to the king and to the people in the name of the Lord. Could you tell us how you are able to speak with such authority?

Isaiah: Certainly. The Lord called me to be His prophet, and I willingly obeyed. He is the one who gives me the authority to speak for Him.

Reporter 1: Remember when you told King Hezekiah not to fear the wicked king from Assyria—King Sennacherib. You knew God would help them. And God did help them. God won that war against the powerful Assyrians.

Isaiah: Those were dark days for Judah. I remember them well. But the Lord was gracious when He saw Hezekiah's faith and heard his prayer. He delivered Jerusalem in a mighty way.

Reporter 2: Isaiah, may I ask about your family? Where are you from?

Isaiah: I am the son of Amoz. Jerusalem has been my home since I was a boy.

Reporter 1: And are you married?

Isaiah: Yes, I am married, and I have two sons.

Reporter 2: We wanted to ask you about some of your unusual prophecies—the ones about the coming Messiah.

Reporter 1: Yes, Isaiah, that's what we want to know more about.

Isaiah: What is your question?

Reporter 2: Well, you said that the Lord would give a sign and that sign would be that a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and call His name Immanuel. Immanuel means God with us. When will all this happen?

Isaiah: The Lord's ways are higher than our ways. The Lord gives me the message; I deliver it just as He says. Then the Lord accomplishes His purposes. God doesn't always reveal how, when, or where things will take place—although there are times He does show us the details.

Reporter 1: Well, Isaiah, could you try to tell us more about this one? You said the Messiah will be despised and rejected by men. That He will be bruised...

Reporter 2: And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Reporter 1: Could you tell us what this means? Will men hate the Messiah? Will they turn away from Him?

Isaiah: (*Speaking slowly, like a kind elderly man.*) I don't know these things. But I do trust the one who has given me the words. I often wonder myself what the good Lord means. But we are called to believe Him and believe what He says, even when we can't see the clear meaning. That is what faith is. And I believe the Lord will bless our faith in Him when we believe, even though we do not understand.

(All three characters freeze in place.)

Narrator: So, Isaiah's words were confusing to the people at the time. They wondered who this person that was to come would be. How would this prophecy be fulfilled? But, we don't have to wonder. We know all about it. Because we have the Bible! We know that 700 years after Isaiah prophesied about the coming Savior—the Messiah—Jesus was born. Seven hundred years later, the prophecies that the people did not understand came true in Bethlehem. We can read about it in the Bible—in the book of Matthew. Let's read it now!

(All read together, Matthew 1:18–23.)

All: ¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." ²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."