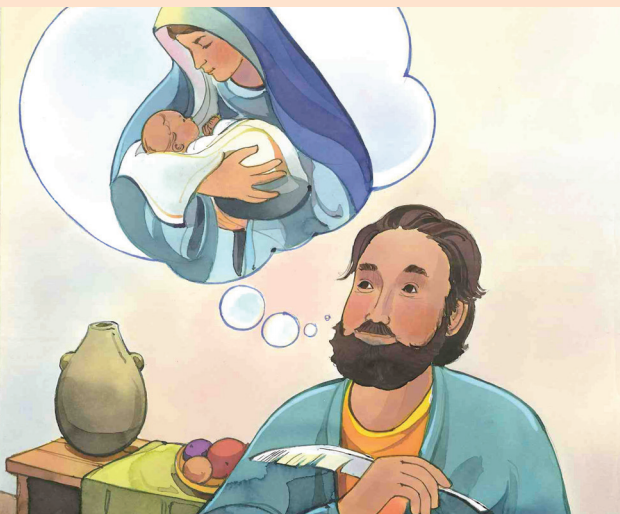


Isaiah Told About Jesus

Isaiah 7:14; 11:1, 2; 35:5, 6a; 50:5, 6; 53:5, 6



Isaiah was a prophet who lived in Israel during the time of the kings. He told God's messages about what would happen in the future. God Himself spoke to the prophets. Isaiah knew God promised to send a Savior to take care of our sins, but Isaiah did not know when this Person would come. Isaiah knew God's promises always come true.

One day God told Isaiah how He would send the Savior. He said He would send a baby to a young woman who was not married. The baby would be God's Son.

God told Isaiah the baby's special name was to be "Immanuel." That special name means "God is with us." God said that His very own Son would come to live on earth. We know His name is Jesus.

Isaiah knew God always keeps His

promises. Isaiah wrote down what God told him so everyone would know God's message. The message is in our Bible in the book called Isaiah.

Isaiah and God's people waited for God to send His Son. For seven hundred years they waited! That is a long, long, long time. People were born, and people died. Isaiah died too. God's Son did not come. But the people knew God is faithful. He does what He says He will do when He wants to do it. The people knew God kept His promises, so they waited . . . and waited . . . and waited. ❄

Theme

Jesus' birth has always been part of God's plan.

Measurable Response

My child will thank God for His plan to send Jesus.

Memory Verse

"The LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

Bible Story Questions

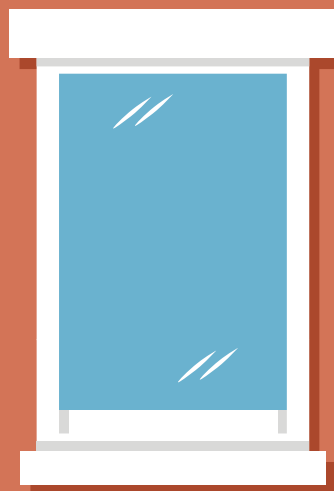
Ask your child these review questions.

- What is a prophet?
- What did God tell Isaiah to write?
- What does the name "Immanuel" mean?
- What name do we call God's Son?





Worth the Wait!



Nate's Mommy and Daddy were going away on a trip. Nate had to stay with Grandmother.

"Don't Mommy and Daddy love me?" asked Nate.

"They certainly do," said Grandmother.

"They will come back, but you will have to wait for a while."

"How will we know when they are coming?" asked Nate.

"They promised to call and let us know," said Grandmother.

"Are you sure they love me?" asked Nate.

"Yes, they told me, and they told you too. Remember?" Grandmother reminded Nate. Nate dried his tears and nodded.

"And they left a big bag of blessings for you. Let's go see what is in it." Grandmother was excited.

They went to the kitchen, and Grandmother let Nate reach inside the bag. He took out present after present after present. There were seven presents. Each one was gift-wrapped and had Nate's name on it.

"You can open one gift each day that your parents are gone," said Grandmother. "They want you to remember they love you and are coming back. When you open the last one, you will know it is time for them to come."

Every day Nate opened one gift—a book,

a puzzle, markers and a coloring book, a Christmas hat, special Legos. The last gift was a bright, shiny race car.

"Are they coming soon?" asked Nate. "It seems I have waited a very long time."

"Yes. They called, and they promised they will be here tomorrow," said Grandmother.

The next day, Nate heard, "HONK! HONK!" He opened the window and looked out. Mommy and Daddy had come, just like they promised.

Nate ran to the car and gave Mommy a big hug. And then he hugged Daddy.

"We love you, Nate," said Mommy. "I hope the gifts reminded you of our love."

"They did! But I'm glad you are here now. Your return is the best gift you could give me!" Nate said as he smiled really big. "I learned in Sunday School that the world waited a really long time for Jesus to come to earth. I also learned that God is always faithful to keep His promises."

"That's right, Nate," said Daddy. "We celebrate Jesus' birth every year because it means so much to us. Once Jesus finally arrived, He grew up and went to the cross to die for our sins. Salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive! Every day we should be thankful for Jesus' arrival on earth!" ■

Life Application

- For what did Nate have to wait?
- What do you think Nate feared?
- What did Grandmother call the bag of gifts?
- Why should we be thankful that Jesus came to earth as a baby?



Reminder Scroll

Isaiah wrote God's message on a scroll. Help your child make a reminder scroll.

- 2 paper towel tubes.
- Roll of brown craft paper or grocery bag.
- Craft glue, scissors, pencil, colored pencils.
- Paper to fit the center of the scroll.
- Ribbon, raffia, or yarn.
- Feather (optional).

Trim the grocery bag or craft paper to fit the tubes. Cut a good length. Let your child add

the glue to the tubes as you roll the paper to align with the tube ends. Set aside to dry. On a separate piece of paper, print the following for your child to trace with a colored pencil or crayon: God keeps His promises.

He may decorate the sides. Glue or tape the paper to the center of the scroll. Show your child how to roll the scroll from both ends. Tie it up with a ribbon, and add a feather.



Growth at Home

Help your child understand that the names Immanuel, Savior, Jesus, and God's Son all refer to the same person.

Reinforce the truth that God knows your child, and Jesus is his or her personal Savior. God the Father sent Jesus to earth.

When you are helping your child learn Isaiah 53:6, let him or her substitute the word "sin" for the word "iniquity."



Point out that the pronoun "him" refers to Jesus. Jesus suffered the punishment for our sins, a punishment we could never pay.

Measurables

Look for the following indicators that your child understands the prophecy in Isaiah.

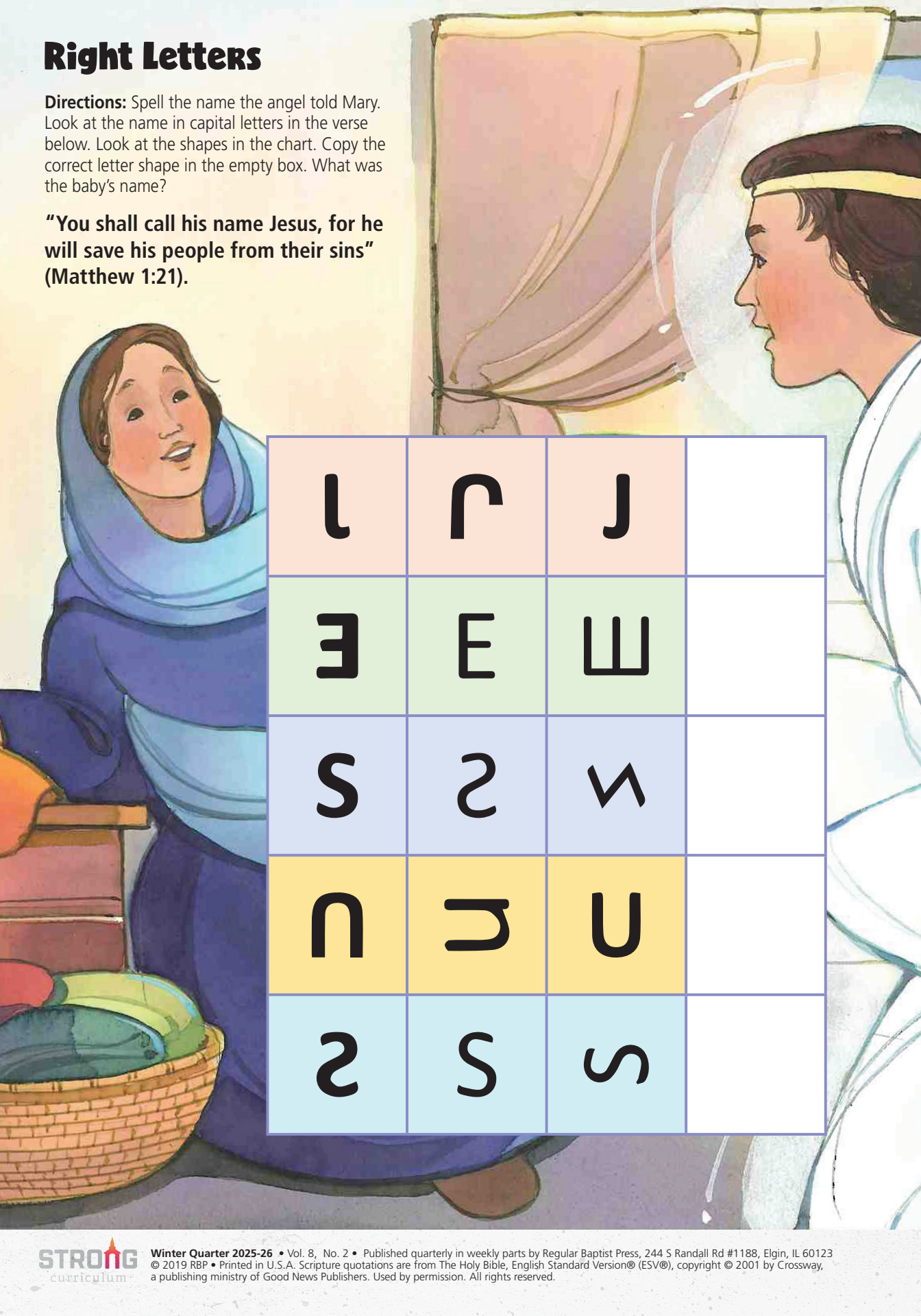
1. My child knows that a prophet is a man who tells God's messages.
2. My child realizes that God kept His promise to send the Savior.
3. My child understands that the promised Savior is Jesus.
4. My child is learning that God always keeps His promises.



Right Letters

Directions: Spell the name the angel told Mary. Look at the name in capital letters in the verse below. Look at the shapes in the chart. Copy the correct letter shape in the empty box. What was the baby's name?

"You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins"
(Matthew 1:21).



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