

MESSAGES FROM GOD

Timeless Truth: God's saving power is great.

Bible Basis: Isaiah 3:1–13; 14:1–5; 48:8–9

Key Verse: "When it is time to save you, I will help you. I will keep you safe." —Isaiah 49:8 NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 16: "Messages from God"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 16 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child experience getting and giving messages. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ideas to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

God doesn't give up on his people. God won't give up on me.

TABLE TALK

- **What messages did Isaiah tell the people?** (*Listen to God. Obey God. Jesus, the Messiah, is coming.*)
- **Did the people listen to Isaiah's message?** (*No.*)
- **What messages have you received?**

LIVING FAITH

Good messages are fun to get. As a family, make mailboxes to put messages to send each other in this week. Mailboxes can be as simple as containers with each family member's name on it. Cut small pieces of paper and place them near the mailboxes with crayons, stickers, or other card-making supplies. Encourage each family member to send a message to every other family member during the week.

EXTRA MILE

Play a game of telephone with your family. Whisper a message in one person's ear. That person whispers what he heard to the next person. Keep passing the message until everyone has heard it. What does the last person think the message is?

Look at baby announcements you have received. They are a type of message. Your child might enjoy seeing their own birth announcement if you sent one out. What baby did Isaiah announce?

God gives us messages through the Bible. Read several stories from *The Story for Little Ones* this week. Talk about the message God gives us in the story.

Use these motions to help your child remember part of the key verse. Tell your child that the "I" in the verse is God.

I will help you. (*Point up. Hold hand out like you are helping someone stand up.*)

I will keep you safe. (*Point up. Hug yourself tightly.*)

Isaiah 49:8 (*Open hands like a book.*)