

**ANTIOCH CHICAGO**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**  
***SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING***

**UNIT III THEME – ISAIAH AND THE RENEWAL OF THE TEMPLE**

**LESSON TOPIC**

**HERE I AM! WHAT NOW?**

**UNIFYING TOPIC**

The Ministry of Isaiah

**BACKGROUND PASSAGE**

Isaiah 6:1-13; 7:1-7; 20:1-6; 38:1-22

**LESSON PASSAGE**

Isaiah 6:1-8; 38:1-5

**LESSON TEXT**

- I. Encountering the Divine Presence – (Isaiah 6:1-4)
- II. Human Response to God's Call – (Isaiah 6:5-8)
- III. God's Grace and Commission – (Isaiah 38:1-5)

**THE MAIN THOUGHT**

**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!" (Isaiah 6:8, NRSVue)**

**UNIFYING PRINCIPLE**

People experience increased anxiety when national leaders do not provide clear direction in a time of crisis. Who is positioned to offer a moral compass to national leaders in times of crisis? At a pivotal point in Israel's history, God calls Isaiah to deliver a message that leads to political stability and health for King Hezekiah and Jerusalem.

**LESSON AIM**

This lesson aims to help recognize God's presence and voice. Upon encountering the divine, it is imperative to obey His directives. God speaks to His creation in many ways. Considering Isaiah's plight, the pain of losing a loved one can be an opportunity to experience a more intimate relationship with God. Therefore, we must always be ready for a close encounter with the Lord.

**LIFE AIM**

The life aim is to live with a God-centered focus in every situation. Christians should not view life as a series of coincidences. Instead, believers experience God in everything. When God speaks, believers are required to respond with sincere worship. Saying yes to God brings eternal rewards and abundant blessings.

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*To teach the life-changing power of God's Word resulting in salvation to the lost, transformed lives, and renewed and strengthened relationships in Jesus Christ. – (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

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**LESSON TOPIC**

**CELEBRATING THE PAST**

**UNIFYING TOPIC**

Hezekiah Leads the People Back to God

**BACKGROUND PASSAGE**

2 Chronicles 30:1-27

**LESSON PASSAGE**

2 Chronicles 30:1-9, 26-27

**LESSON TEXT**

- I. The Call to Corporate Renewal – (2 Chronicles 30:1-5)
- II. God's Message of Mercy and Return – (2 Chronicles 30:6-9)
- III. The Joy of Divine Response – (2 Chronicles 30:26-27)

**THE MAIN THOUGHT**

**So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David King of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 30:26, KJV)**

**UNIFYING PRINCIPLE**

In times of crisis, people desire national leadership that provides the most effective means for restoring society's health and wholeness. What methods of leadership promote national stability? Hezekiah restored the nation's stability by leading its return to the Lord through worship and reinstitution of the Passover.

**LESSON AIM**

King Hezekiah called for Israel to celebrate a Passover unto the Lord. Israel knew this was supposed to be a yearly celebration to remember how God brought them out of Egypt. The lesson aims for all believers to embrace placing God as primary in their lives. Not only is He the great deliverer, but He is also the great God worthy of all praise.

**LIFE AIM**

Life has many distractions that can detour a person from sincere worship of God. Israel went through those situations, which caused them to stop celebrating the mandated Passover feast for many years. King Hezekiah called them back to true worship of God. The aim in life requires the faithful to keep their focus on celebrating the Lord. It results in a joyous and blessed life.

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**LESSON TOPIC**

**FINDERS KEEPERS!**

**UNIFYING TOPIC**

What Hilkiah Found in the Temple

**BACKGROUND PASSAGE**

2 Chronicles 33:1-33

**LESSON PASSAGE**

2 Chronicles 34:15-22, 26-27

**LESSON TEXT**

- I. God's Word Rediscovered – (2 Chronicles 34:15-18)
- II. The King's Initial Response – (2 Chronicles 34:19-22)
- III. God Affirms True Repentance – (2 Chronicles 34:26-27)

**THE MAIN THOUGHT**

**Hilkiah said to the secretary Shaphan, “I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord,” and Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan. (2 Chronicles 34:15, NRSVue)**

**UNIFYING PRINCIPLE**

People lose a sense of meaning and purpose if they neglect the practices or traditions that have helped establish their identity. What triggers a return to meaningful practices or traditions? When Hilkiah found the Book of the Law, it opened the path to restoring Israel's worshipful practices.

**LESSON AIM**

God constantly reveals Himself to His people. The key is for believers to recognize the revelations and humble themselves before them. The lesson highlights how King Josiah hears God's voice through the discovery of a lost portion of the Word of God. When it was presented to the king, he responded in the right way by aligning with the Word of God.

**LIFE AIM**

The hustle and bustle of life can be so demanding that people forget about God's commandments. But the aim of a Christian is to always stay in tune with God's Word. Scripture teaches to seek God first, and everything else will be added. Believers must make it a goal to continually read the scriptures and put them into practice in their daily lives.

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**HOW DO YOU SPELL “RELIEF”?**

#### UNIFYING TOPIC

The Suffering Servant of the Lord

#### BACKGROUND PASSAGE

Isaiah 52:13--53:12

#### LESSON PASSAGE

Isaiah 53:1-7

#### LESSON TEXT

- I. The Paradox of Divine Rejection – (Isaiah 53:1-3)
- II. Purposeful Vicarious Suffering – (Isaiah 53:4-6)
- III. The Character of Divine Submission – (Isaiah 53:7)

#### THE MAIN THOUGHT

**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6, KJV)**

#### UNIFYING PRINCIPLE

People often want relief from the consequences of their wrongful actions. What alleviates the consequences of wrongdoing? Isaiah describes a “suffering servant” as the one who carries the iniquity of all God’s people to make them righteous.

#### LESSON AIM

This lesson centers on connecting with Jesus Christ as the suffering servant. He was born into the world to die for humanity’s sins. Readers must never forget Jesus’ love for the world. His love ought to inspire agape love within all His followers. As students learn this prophetic sacrifice of Christ, they are compelled to consider their own sacrifices as followers of the Lord.

#### LIFE AIM

Life includes making many sacrifices. The question centers on how one deals with these challenges. Jesus faced His sacrificial assignment without complaint. He set His mind to complete God’s plan for Him. Believers should display that same spirit of serving without grumbling or anger.

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