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# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

ISAIAH 6:1-8

## Movement/Reenactment

Coal Drop - Remind kids that the seraph used tongs to pick up a piece of coal and then touched the coal to Isaiah's lips. This was a way of showing that God was willing to forgive Isaiah for all his sins. Using marshmallows or another food of similar size, have kids reenact this by having to pick up the food item with tongs and then make their way through a homemade obstacle course to get to the person pretending to be Isaiah. Touch "Isaiah's" lips with the food item and then return through the obstacle course without dropping the item from the tongs. Obstacle course suggestions include: pillows to walk over or around, chairs that must be circled, contact paper on the floor (sticky side up) etc.

## Craft Idea

A Simplified Kaleidoscope - Give each child a paper tube (can be from a paper towel roll or a piece of card-stock rolled up) to decorate with stickers, crayons etc. If you have clear plastic sheets, then trace the end of the cardboard roll onto the plastic and cut out two circles. Glue one into the bottom of the roll. An easier option (though it won't work as well) is to secure a piece of colored cellophane or saran wrap to the bottom of the tube with a rubber band. Sprinkle some translucent beads, glitter, sequins, confetti etc. into the tube so it lands on the inside of the cellophane/saran wrap. If you have a second plastic circle or a plastic piece of cellophane, slide it down the tube and over the beads/confetti etc. (Saran wrap will probably be way too hard to slide down.) Cut three strips of cardboard that are 1 inch wide and almost as long as the tube you are using. Cover each strip with foil. Glue them into a triangle shape and place inside the tube. Finally, cover the other end of the tube with black paper (card stock is preferable) and then poke a hole in the middle with a pencil. Then try looking through the hole and share what you see. Today, we are going to learn about a prophet named Isaiah. Isaiah saw something AMAZING!

## Main Idea: God is holy. Holy means to be set apart.

Read the scripture aloud and have those who are listening close their eyes and try to envision the scene.

What was Isaiah seeing? Why did Isaiah think he was ruined? Isaiah knew he was sinful and he recognized that God is holy. What were the seraphs singing about God? Holy, Holy, Holy! This means God is set apart. He is special because He is perfect. God, in His holiness, repels sin. That means God and sin can't ever go together. So Isaiah was scared - what was going to happen when a sinful man was so close to the holy God? God calmed Isaiah's fears by sending one of the seraphs to touch Isaiah's lips with a piece of burning coal and tell Isaiah that his sins were forgiven. The only way for a sinner to be close to the holy God is to have their sins forgiven and therefore, taken away. That is why God sent Jesus. Jesus took our sins on Himself and died for them. Because of Him, we are forgiven and like Isaiah, we can be in the presence of God (close to God) even though we are not perfect.

Take some time to talk about God's holiness. What are things we know about God that fit with Him being holy? Through Jesus, we can work towards becoming holy. We will never be perfect like God but we can become more like Him. We do that by confessing our sins and seeking to follow Jesus' example and trust Him. How do you see someone in your family following Jesus' example? Have you thanked God for Jesus today or praised Him for His holiness? Take some time to pray and praise as a family.