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# The Messiah Has Come

## Lesson Summary

This week begins our journey into the New Testament. We looked at the account of Simeon, a devout Jew who had been waiting for the Messiah. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die before he witnessed the Lord's Christ. When Jesus was brought into the temple as a baby to be dedicated to the Lord, Simeon rejoiced that the Lord had, in Jesus, revealed to him the salvation promised for thousands of years. Simeon took up the baby in his arms and blessed God and said:

Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles; and for glory to your people Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)

This short statement from Simeon contains many ideas and quotes from the Old Testament. Let's examine several passages from the book of Isaiah that speak of the future Messiah.

## Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

### Isaiah 9:2, 9:6–7

1. Who is verse 2 about? (See Matthew 4:12–17.)
2. What does verse 6 tell us about this child who will be born?
3. What will be the characteristics of his rule (v. 7)?

### Isaiah 11:1–10

4. What will characterize the Spirit of the Lord upon this “branch” (v. 2)?
5. How will he judge those on the earth (vv. 3–5)?
6. What will be the outcome of his rule (vv. 6–9)?

### **Isaiah 42:1-9**

7. What will characterize God's servant (vv. 2-3)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. How is the Messiah a "covenant for the people" and a "light for the nations" (v. 6)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Were all these things accomplished at Christ's first coming? When will they be accomplished?

### **Isaiah 49:5-10**

10. What is the role of God's servant? What will he accomplish (vv. 5-6)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What will be the response of men and nations to the Redeemer (v. 7)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What will the earth look like after it is restored (vv. 8-10)?

## Isaiah 53:1–12

13. How did people respond to God’s servant (vv. 2–3)?
  
14. What did God’s servant do for his people (vv. 4–6)?
  
15. Did God’s servant deserve death (v. 9)? What was the purpose of his death (v. 11)?

### Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

### Prayer

Thank God for his servant, the branch, the Messiah, Jesus. Thank him for salvation from sin purchased by Jesus’ death on the cross. And thank him for the hope we have as we look forward to his return—when he will reign in perfect justice. Ask him for opportunities to tell others about our great Savior and Redeemer.

***Family Prayer Requests:***

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