



Junior Church

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Family Fun

(All Ages)

Special things

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to think about what makes something special

You will need: some items that are special to you, for example, a photograph of someone you love, a medal or trophy you have won, a gift that means a lot to you

1. Show the items to the children one by one, telling them a little about why they are special to you. If possible, let them hold and examine what you have brought.
2. Ask the children about things that are special to them. Try to help them express why these things (or people) are special to them. It may be a toy that they have had a long time or they especially like to play with. It may be something given to them by a special person in their lives.
3. Say that today's story is about God being special. He is special because he is the most important person there is – and because he loves us all so much. That is why we love and praise him.



Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

Bible story with drawing

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

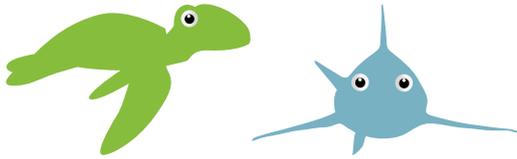
Aim: to discover that God is special

You will need: story words below, paper, crayons or felt-tip pens, decorative items (optional)

1. Talk with the children about what they know about God already. They may say that God loves them, that he is strong, that he made the world. Tell them that in today's story, Isaiah finds out something else about God.
2. Tell the story, asking the children to imagine what Isaiah was seeing:

Isaiah loved God and liked to do what God wanted. But other people didn't! He thought, 'No one else loves God. No one cares about anything but getting rich and having a good time.' How he wished that people would change and begin to worship God and care for each other! It seemed as though God was far away and had forgotten his people. And then something happened... Isaiah saw God. Maybe it was a dream, but it seemed real to Isaiah. God was dressed like a king, sitting on a throne and round him were many, many beautiful angels. And then Isaiah knew how special God is. Nobody else was as special as God; nobody was as holy as God! As he watched the angels, they began to call out, 'Holy, holy, holy! God is special and his glory fills the whole world!' Isaiah would never forget how special God is.

3. Ask the children to say what they think Isaiah saw.
4. Give out paper and ask the children to draw their ideas of what Isaiah saw. There are no right or wrong ideas! Let them draw freely. Alternatively, if they like, they can fill the paper with colour using felt-tips or crayons. If you provide coloured paper or other decorative materials, they can glue those on to show how special God is.



Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

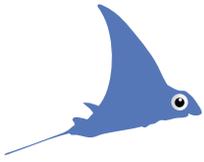
Fear course

Activity time: 10 minutes

Aim: to explore fears

You will need: two blankets or sheets (one should be blue, if possible), a large cardboard box open at both ends, a chair

1. Set up an obstacle course where the children take it in turns to crawl through the box (an enclosed space), over the blue blanket or sheet (water), under the other blanket or sheet (dark) and climb onto a chair (a height). Make sure the course is safe, and supervise the children.
2. Discuss these particular 'fears' that some people have and, if appropriate, other fears that the children may have. Some people have very strange fears – invite the children to suggest some unusual fears. Discuss why people might be afraid. When might fear be a good thing? (For example, it might help us to avoid danger.)
3. Say that in today's Bible story Isaiah experienced a holy and healthy fear of God. He realised how great, mighty and powerful God is, so he was full of deep respect, awe and reverence.



Stingrays

(Year 5 & 6)

Bible story with freeze-frames

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to learn a healthy fear of the all-powerful God

You will need: Xstream sheet from page 187 (attached)

1. Read Isaiah 6:1–8 as on the Xstream sheet from page 187.
2. Encourage the children to do the wordsearch on the Xstream sheet from page 187, individually or in pairs as appropriate.

Words!

Read the verses from Isaiah 6 and see if you can find the red words in the wordsearch.

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¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I had a vision of the **Lord**. He was on his **throne** high above, and his **robe** filled the **temple**. ² Flaming **creatures** with six wings each were flying over him. They covered their faces with two of their wings and their bodies with two more. They used the other two wings for flying. ³ as they shouted,

"**Holy**, holy, holy,
Lord All-**Powerful!**
The earth is filled
with your **glory**."

⁴ As they shouted, the doorposts of the temple **shook**, and the temple was filled with **smoke**. ⁵ Then I cried out,

"I'm doomed! Everything I say is sinful, and so are the words of everyone around me. Yet I have **seen** the **King**, the Lord All-Powerful."

⁶ One of the flaming creatures flew over to me with a burning **coal** that it had taken from the **altar** with a pair of metal **tongs**. ⁷ It touched my **lips** with the hot coal and said, "This has touched your lips. Your **sins** are **forgiven**, and you are no longer guilty."

⁸ After this, I heard the Lord ask, "Is there anyone I can **send**? Will someone go for us?"
"I'll go," I answered. "Send me!"

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