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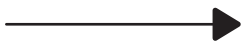
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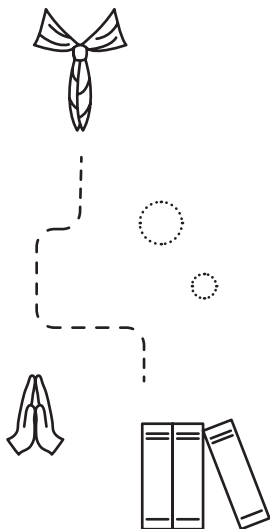
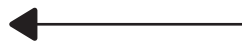
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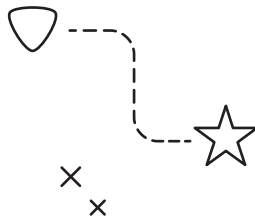
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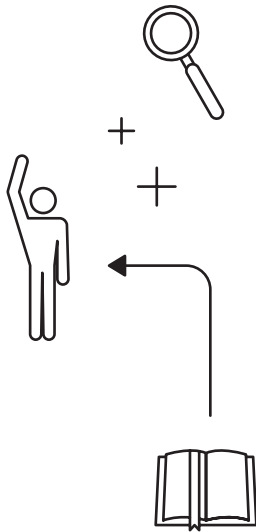


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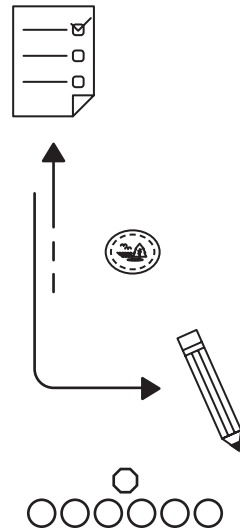


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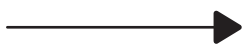


► INTRODUCTION ◀

The Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) devotions for Isaiah chapters 1–33 are designed to help your team do more than simply memorize words—they invite Pathfinders to connect Scripture to their daily lives. Each devotion provides a short explanation of the chapter, highlights a key verse, and applies the message in a way that junior high Pathfinders can understand and share. The goal is to strengthen both Bible knowledge and spiritual growth while preparing for PBE testing.

As a leader, you can use these devotions in several ways. They may serve as a meaningful opening thought during team practice, a personal reading guide for individual Pathfinders, or a discussion starter to deepen group reflection. Encourage your Pathfinders not only to recall the facts of Isaiah but also to consider what the prophet’s message means for their faith, choices, and service today.

Remind your team that success in PBE is not measured only by scores, but by how God’s Word shapes their hearts. By guiding them through these devotions, you will help them see Isaiah not as distant history, but as living truth that points to God’s justice, mercy, and hope.



CHAPTER 1



God calls His people to repent and return to Him.

INTRODUCTION

The book of Isaiah opens with God’s message to His people. They had turned away from Him, but He offers forgiveness if they repent.

KEY VERSE

Isaiah 1:18—“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”



WHAT’S HAPPENING?

God speaks through Isaiah to tell His people that they are living in rebellion. Even though He cared for them like a loving Father, they acted like children who refused to listen. Their worship became fake, just empty rituals, while their hearts were far from Him. They kept offering sacrifices, but their lives showed injustice, selfishness, and cruelty. God tells them He is tired of their empty religion. Instead, He wants them to seek justice, defend the weak, and live righteously. The Lord promises that if they repent, He will forgive and make them clean. But if they refuse, judgment will come. The chapter ends with a choice—restoration through repentance or destruction through rebellion.



WHAT IT MEANS FOR ME

This shows me that God cares more about who I really am than the image I put on. It’s like when someone acts kind at school just so teachers think they’re good, but behind the scenes they gossip or treat people badly. God sees the real me, not just what I show in church or in front of others. He wants my heart, not just my habits. That means if I’ve messed up with friends, made bad choices, or had a bad attitude,

I don't need to hide it—I can come to Him honestly. He promises to forgive me and give me a fresh start. Just like a dirty shirt can be washed clean, God can wash my heart clean. That gives me hope even when I feel guilty or stuck.



THINK ABOUT IT

1. Do my actions at school and with friends match what I say I believe about God?
2. What's one thing I can bring honestly to God this week and ask Him to forgive?



PRAYER

Lord, thank You for loving me even when I mess up. Help me not just to “look good” on the outside but to really live for You in my choices, my friendships, and my heart. Wash me clean and help me start fresh with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



CHAPTER 2



God's kingdom brings peace, but pride will be humbled.

INTRODUCTION

Isaiah sees a vision of the future where God reigns, peace fills the earth, and human pride is brought low.

KEY VERSE

Isaiah 2:4—*“He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”*



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Isaiah describes a future when God's mountain will be lifted high and people from all nations will come to learn His ways. There will be peace everywhere, and weapons of war will be turned into tools for farming. But Judah, instead of living God's way, was filled with pride, wealth, and idols. They were trusting in their possessions and power instead of in God. Isaiah warns that God will humble human pride and expose false security. People will throw away their idols and hide from God's glory, realizing only the Lord deserves honor. In the end, God alone will be exalted, and all other things people depend on will crumble.



WHAT IT MEANS FOR ME

This reminds me that pride is dangerous. At school, pride might look like bragging about grades, sports, or trying to be more popular than others. But when I make life about me, I forget about God. Just like Judah, I can trust in stuff—like money, clothes, or social status—instead of trusting Him. But God says all those things won't last. True peace doesn't come from being “the best” or always winning—it comes from Him. Humility means choosing to listen, admit mistakes, and put

others first. When I stop chasing attention, I find real security in God. That's the kind of life that leads to peace.



THINK ABOUT IT

1. Where do I see pride showing up in my life—school, friends, or home?
2. How can I choose humility this week in one specific situation?



PRAYER

God, I don't want pride to control my life. Teach me to be humble at school, with my friends, and even at home. Help me not to chase attention but to trust in You. Fill me with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.



CHAPTER 3



God's judgment removes false security and exposes sin.

INTRODUCTION

Isaiah warns Judah that because of their sin, God will take away everything they depend on, leaving only Him as their true source of security.

KEY VERSE

Isaiah 3:10—*“Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.”*



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

God warns that He will take away Judah's leaders, food, and support because of their rebellion. Without Him, their society would crumble. Instead of wise leaders, they would have inexperienced and selfish ones. The nation would fall into chaos, with people oppressing each other. God also warns the proud women of Jerusalem who only cared about looking fancy and showing off, while ignoring others' pain. All their jewelry and wealth would be taken away, leaving them humbled. This judgment shows that God will not let sin continue forever. Yet, in the middle of these warnings, God makes a promise: the righteous will still be okay. Those who follow Him will have His blessing, even when the world feels unstable.



WHAT IT MEANS FOR ME

This helps me see that when I depend on the wrong things, I end up disappointed. At school, it's tempting to lean on friends, popularity, or achievements to feel safe. But those things can change quickly—friends can let me down, grades can drop, and people's opinions can shift. God is the only one who never changes. Even when everything feels out of control—like drama with friends or stress about choices—He promises to take care of me if I follow Him. That means I can make

the right choices, even if others don't. His blessing is way better than anything the world can give.



THINK ABOUT IT

1. What's one thing I've been depending on too much instead of God?
2. How can I show trust in God when things feel stressful at school or with friends?



PRAYER

Lord, thank You that You're always steady, even when life feels shaky. Help me not to put my trust in the wrong things—like popularity, stuff, or people—but to rely on You. Remind me that You bless those who follow You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

→ CHAPTER 4 ←

God provides cleansing and protection for His people.

INTRODUCTION

After judgment, God promises hope—a time when He will cleanse His people and cover them with His presence.

KEY VERSE

Isaiah 4:6—*“And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.”*



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Isaiah describes a small but faithful group of people who remain after God's judgment. Even though many turned away from Him, God would keep a “remnant”—those who stay true to Him. He promises to wash away their sins and make them holy. God will create a safe place for His people, covering them with His presence, like a cloud by day and fire by night, reminding them of when He protected Israel in the wilderness. His glory will be a shield, keeping them safe through storms and heat. This shows that God doesn't just bring judgment—He also brings restoration and hope. Even when things look broken, He is preparing a future where His people are purified and protected. God's presence is the real shelter, not wealth or armies. The chapter is short, but it gives a powerful picture of hope: a clean, safe, and protected people living under God's care.



WHAT IT MEANS FOR ME

This reminds me that even when life feels messy, God can make things new. Sometimes I mess up, hurt others, or feel overwhelmed by my mistakes, but God offers forgiveness. At school, it's easy to feel like I need to be perfect, but God is more interested in my heart than my performance. His protection means I don't

have to handle life alone—whether it’s drama with friends, stress about grades, or even family struggles, He’s with me. Just like He gave His people shade and shelter, He promises to cover me with His love. I can trust Him to guide me, clean me, and help me grow. That gives me peace, knowing I’m never unprotected.



THINK ABOUT IT

1. When life feels stormy, do I usually run to God first or try to handle it on my own?
2. What area of my life do I need to let God “wash clean” today?



PRAYER

God, thank You for being my shelter. Help me run to You when I feel overwhelmed or scared. Wash me clean from my sins and surround me with Your protection. Remind me that You are always with me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



CHAPTER 5



God's vineyard produces bad fruit because of disobedience.

INTRODUCTION

Isaiah shares a parable about a vineyard that represents God's people, showing how they failed to live up to His calling.

KEY VERSE

Isaiah 5:20—"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Isaiah sings a song about a vineyard. The vineyard represents God's people, and the owner represents God. He did everything to make it fruitful—He cared for it, planted it, and protected it. But instead of producing good grapes, it produced rotten ones. This shows that even though God blessed Israel, they chose sin instead of obedience. Isaiah warns them of six "woes"—warnings about pride, greed, drunkenness, injustice, and calling evil good. The people were chasing pleasure and ignoring God's truth. Because of this, judgment was coming in the form of foreign nations who would conquer them. Isaiah describes people going into exile, their leaders falling, and the land being left empty. The chapter paints a picture of how serious it is when God's people reject Him. But even in judgment, God's purpose is to turn hearts back to Him.



WHAT IT MEANS FOR ME

This chapter makes me think about the kind of "fruit" I'm producing. At school, my fruit shows up in how I treat people—am I kind, honest, and respectful, or am I rude, fake, or selfish? It's easy to go along with friends who joke about wrong things or to act like sin isn't a big deal. But God calls me to live differently. If I ignore Him,

my life can start producing “rotten fruit”—like anger, gossip, or disrespect. That doesn’t just hurt others; it pulls me away from God. But if I stay close to Him, He helps me grow the right kind of fruit—love, patience, and kindness. I want my life to reflect Him, not just fit in with what everyone else is doing.



THINK ABOUT IT

1. What kind of “fruit” am I producing in my daily life at school or with my friends?
2. Do I ever try to make wrong things seem “good” so I can feel better about them?



PRAYER

Lord, I want my life to produce good fruit. Help me not to make excuses for sin or try to fit in with what’s wrong. Teach me to follow You, even when it’s hard, and grow in me things like love, kindness, and honesty. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

CHAPTER 6

God calls Isaiah to be His messenger.

INTRODUCTION

Isaiah sees a vision of God’s holiness and receives his calling to be a prophet, showing the power of God’s presence.

KEY VERSE

Isaiah 6:8—*“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’”*



WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Isaiah has a vision of God sitting on a high throne, surrounded by angels. The angels cry out, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” The sight is so powerful that the temple shakes with smoke. Isaiah feels undone because he realizes his own sinfulness in God’s holiness. One of the angels touches his lips with a live coal, symbolizing forgiveness and cleansing. Then Isaiah hears God asking, “Who will go for Us?” Isaiah responds, “Here am I! Send me.” God gives him a difficult mission: to preach to people who will hear but not understand, see but not perceive. Even though the message would be hard and many would reject it, Isaiah accepts the call. The chapter shows both God’s greatness and Isaiah’s willingness to serve despite challenges.



WHAT IT MEANS FOR ME

This story makes me think about how God wants to use me, too. At school, it’s not always easy to stand up for what’s right or share my faith, but God is looking for people willing to say, “Here I am, send me.” Sometimes I feel like I’m not good enough or too messed up to be used by God, but Isaiah felt the same way—until God forgave him and gave him a new start. That shows me God can use anyone

who's willing, no matter their past. Saying "yes" to God might mean being kind to someone left out, speaking truth when others don't, or refusing to join in when others do wrong. It takes courage, but God promises to go with me. Like Isaiah, I can choose to be available and let God use me.



THINK ABOUT IT

1. Am I willing to say "Here I am, send me" to God, even if it feels hard?
2. Where might God be asking me to take a stand in my school or friendships?



PRAYER

Holy God, thank You for cleansing me and giving me a new start. Help me to be brave like Isaiah and say "yes" when You call me. Show me how to live for You at school, with my friends, and in my choices. Use me to make a difference for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



CHAPTER 7



God promises a sign of deliverance through Immanuel.

INTRODUCTION

King Ahaz was facing a scary situation, but God reminded him to trust, not fear, and gave a promise pointing to Jesus.

KEY VERSE

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.”*



WHAT’S HAPPENING?

During King Ahaz’s reign, Judah was under threat from two enemy kings. The people were terrified, and their hearts shook like trees in the wind. God sent Isaiah to encourage Ahaz not to be afraid because those enemies would not succeed. Instead of trusting God, Ahaz worried about making human alliances to protect himself. God invited Ahaz to ask for a sign to prove His promise, but Ahaz refused, pretending to be humble. In response, God Himself gave the ultimate sign: a virgin would have a Son, and His name would be Immanuel, which means “God with us.” This promise looked ahead to Jesus, who would be God’s presence on earth. The chapter also describes how Judah would face hardship because they didn’t fully trust in the Lord. God wanted them to know He was in control, even when the situation felt impossible. The big message is clear: trust God, not people or power, because He is faithful.



WHAT IT MEANS FOR ME

This chapter reminds me that fear can make me want to rely on myself instead of trusting God. At school, when I have a test, drama with friends, or pressure to fit in, it’s easy to look for quick fixes instead of praying first. Ahaz didn’t trust God