

READ IT

This week's Bible story is
Isaiah's Call
from Isaiah 6:1-8.



Something amazing happened to Isaiah—he saw God!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Angels
- Isaiah
- Prophet
- Holy, Holy, Holy

The book of Isaiah is 66 chapters long. Some scholars have claimed that it was written by as many as three authors. Though you hear readings from Isaiah in church, you might not notice that shift from condemnation to hope that occurs throughout the arc of the book.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 166-167

Spark Bible page 741

Family Prayer

Dear God, sometimes when we are asked to do something, we get nervous or scared. Help us be like Isaiah, trusting in your guidance and responding to your call. Call me out and send me forth. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What did the angels that Isaiah saw look like? What do you think angels look like?
- 2 What's the hardest or most challenging thing anyone's ever asked you to do?
- 3 Why do you think an angel put a hot coal on Isaiah's mouth?
- 4 What would you say if you could ask God anything?



Eye Spark

The next time you see some hot coals (like in a barbecue pit or a fireplace), say a silent prayer to have faith like Isaiah did.



Ear Spark

The next time you hear "Holy, Holy, Holy" spoken or sung at church, think about how Isaiah answered God's call.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

The prophets were instrumental in communicating with people about God's will, but they were not divine. Many Bible time leaders were ordinary people like us who were chosen by God. The ways in which people were first called by God are often dramatic and memorable. Talk about how other Bible time people like Noah, Moses, and Jeremiah encountered God for the first time.

For younger kids

Go online to learn how to say some words in sign language. To say Isaiah, hold your left hand parallel to the floor at eye level and move your right pinky from underneath your right eye to in front of your left hand. Then move both hands down, holding them perpendicular to the floor.

For older kids

Do some online research on artistic renderings of angels. Some examples to try: Jacob Epstein's "St. Michael's Victory over the Devil," Gustave Dore's "Rosa Celeste," and Leonardo da Vinci's "The Annunciation." Do they look like the ones in the story? What do you think angels look like?

