



THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit Theme: What is God asking of us in this moment?

Lesson connected to Sunday, October 20, 2019

Today's Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Key Verse: "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple." Isaiah 6:1

Contexts of the Scripture:

- Look up Isaiah in the Table of Contents of your bible. Where is it found?
- Isaiah is a composite of the work of several authors writing at different times in the history of Israel.
- Isaiah is considered by scholars to have three distinct sections. "First Isaiah" includes the first 39 chapters and is attributed to the original Judean prophet Isaiah dating to the 8th century BCE. "Second Isaiah" includes chapters 40-55 and was written at the time of the Babylonian Exile in the 6th century BCE. "Third Isaiah" includes chapters 56-66 and was written in Judah after the return from the Babylonian exile in the 5th century BCE.
- This story comes from "First Isaiah" and reflects a vision of the original prophet we know as Isaiah. It is extraordinary in its attempt at describing the actual experience of standing before the living God.

Questions to go deeper:

- Read the text carefully and then take out a piece of paper. Make a list of what Isaiah saw and heard and felt. What image of God is emerging for you from his description?
- How did Isaiah interact with the seraphs? What did he say to them in reaction to all he was experiencing?
- What is the significance of the live coal mentioned in verse 6?
- What was Isaiah's ultimate response?

Activity possibilities:

- **Family activities:**
 - Add Isaiah's encounter with the seraphs and his vision of God to your timeline. Check the notes under context for a hint of where it should fall.
 - Sit down as a family and talk about how each of you would answer the question, "what does God look like?"
 - Consider if there are hints to what God looks like from experiences other than the kind Isaiah is describing. What might that be?
- **Younger children activities:**
 - Get a big piece of plain white paper and all of your favorite types of art supplies, whatever they are and that are handy. Without sketching

anything first, listen as the description from Isaiah is read out loud and create a picture of what Isaiah is describing. When you are finished, consider if this is what YOU think God might look like. If not, do another drawing of your ideas about God.

- **Older children and youth activities:**

- Check out these images of God from famous works of art. How are they similar to Isaiah's description? How are they different?



- What do *you* think God looks like? Write about it, draw it, pray about it.

Going Deeper:

- Read through the text a final time. Do you think Isaiah's description of God is the most important part of this text? Why or why not?
- This text is often read at ordination services. Why do you think that might be?

Remember, Rev. Ruth is always happy to answer your questions and help you find more information on anything in the Bible that interests you! Catch up with her through the church or come to the Savoy Bookstore and Café any Thursday between 2-4pm.