



Biblical Drama based on Isaiah 11:1-10
Character Parts: Teacher, Student, Isaiah, God

Teacher: Long ago, a prophet named Isaiah had a vision of what was to come for Israel.

Student: Excuse me. I hate to interrupt, but what, exactly, do you mean by “a vision”?

Teacher: Well, it’s like a daydream, almost.

Student: I see. Go on, go on.

Teacher: Anyway, Isaiah saw that a hard time was coming for the Jewish people. Before long, they would be taken over by another country, and everyone would be very sad and upset.

Student: Well, I can’t say I’d blame them. That would be awful!

Teacher: It would, indeed. But the prophet knew things would get better, eventually.

Student: Um. Sorry to bother you again, but I have another question. You said Isaiah was a prophet. What’s a prophet?

Isaiah: Oh, for goodness’ sake! I know that I’m supposed to be quiet while your teacher tells my story, but we’re never going to get anywhere at this rate!

Teacher: Who are you?

Isaiah: I’m Isaiah, that’s who! As a prophet, I got messages from God and shared them with God’s people. Sometimes the messages came as words, sometimes as visions. But I went where I needed to go, and said what God wanted me to say.

Student: Wow! You look pretty good for such a super old guy! I’ve never seen a real prophet before.

Isaiah: Yes, well, thanks, I try to keep fit... But as I was saying, God told me that bad times were coming for the Jewish people. I wasn’t sure what to do; I didn’t want to be the one to give them bad news. But I also didn’t want them to lose hope; I knew that God had a bigger plan.

God: I always do. I always have a bigger plan.

Everyone except God: Is that ... God? We didn’t know you were here!

God: I’m always here. And I’m always working for good. Remember that.

Isaiah: That’s very true. And that’s what I explained to the people.

God: You were a trustworthy prophet, Isaiah. You told everyone about the Messiah, even though some did not understand at the time.

Student: Ahem. Sorry to interrupt again. But, what’s a Messiah?

Isaiah: “Who” is more the question. God promised to send someone who will save his people. The Messiah is God’s chosen king! This coming King will be fair, and kind, and good...

God: And most of all, he will be faithful. The Messiah will be like a shoot growing out of the stump of a dead tree. He will bring new life to the world, just when people are ready to give up.

Teacher: Exactly! That’s what I was starting to say, earlier. The Messiah will bring hope!

Isaiah: Right, and with the Messiah will come a time of peace and understanding.

God: But I have another secret to reveal.

Student: A secret? What is it?

God: The Messiah will be more than just an ordinary earthly king!

Student: What do you mean? Who will he be?

God: The Messiah will be my own beloved Son, Jesus! He will come to save the people from their sin!

Isaiah: This is why we will always have hope — because of our Messiah, Jesus!