

CHURCH SCHOOL BIBLE STORY

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A Dream for the Future

Based on Isaiah 65:17–25

Isaiah kept his eyes closed tightly, his breathing slow. He didn't want his dream to be over, it was just too wonderful! But it was like trying to hold water in your hands, he just couldn't hold on to it. This wasn't just any dream, however. It was a special dream, a dream from God called a prophecy, and Isaiah had a gift for not only having these dreams but making sense of them and sharing them. So even though he couldn't keep his dream going, he did the next best thing—he shared it. He climbed out of bed and went out to the market for his morning fish. While he was there, he told the man selling the fish about his dream. Then he told his neighbour, and soon he was telling everyone.

And everyone listened. You see, the people lived in troubled times. There were wars and fights and not enough food, water, and land for everyone. People were sick, people were hungry, people were lonely, and people felt far away from God. So when Isaiah told them about his dream, they

closed their eyes and pictured it, too.

Isaiah told them about a world where no one ever cried, except for tears of joy and delight. Where people lived long and healthy lives, and no child would go hungry. A world where everyone had homes and vineyards and fruit to eat, and found joy in their labours. Even the animals would get along with each other, and there would be no more fighting, no more killing, no more hurting. Only love, happiness, and joy.

When he finished his story, whoever was listening would wait patiently, expecting Isaiah to go on. They knew he was a prophet, and they thought he would tell them when this wonderful world would come true. When would it be here, when would they see this with their own eyes? They all would ask him and hold their breath waiting for his answer. But old Isaiah simply told them it is here when we live in God's way.

