



YEAR-ONE · WEEK-04

God Is Holy and Near

Complete Week Guide

Includes: Overview, Adults, Youth, Kids, Kids Sermon Activity, Family Worship, Spouses, Singles, Sermon Outline

Primary Text: Isaiah 6

Memory Verse: Isaiah 6:3

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God Is Holy and Near

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Week 4 Overview

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Scripture Reading

Read the primary text for this week.

Isaiah 6

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6

Isaiah's Commission

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Weekly Focus

Week 4 begins a new section in the Manna curriculum: **God Is Holy**. After establishing God as Creator, Image-Giver, and King, Scripture now draws us into a personal encounter with who God **is** in His holiness.

Isaiah 6 shows us that God’s holiness does not create distance—it reveals truth. God is utterly holy, completely other, and yet He draws near to sinful people in grace.

This week establishes three foundational realities:

- God is perfectly holy
- Humanity is unclean and undone before Him
- God graciously makes a way for sinners to remain in His presence

Big Truth

Because God is holy and near, we respond with humility, repentance, and worship.

God’s holiness exposes sin, but His nearness provides cleansing. This tension shapes the rest of Scripture and prepares the way for understanding sin, mercy, and redemption.

Primary Text Summary

Isaiah’s Vision

Isaiah sees the LORD seated on a throne, exalted and surrounded by heavenly beings declaring His holiness. God's glory fills the temple, and creation trembles in response.

Isaiah's Confession

Confronted by God's holiness, Isaiah becomes aware of his sinfulness and the sin of his people. Holiness reveals reality—it strips away self-righteousness and false security.

God's Grace

God does not destroy Isaiah. Instead, He cleanses him, removes his guilt, and restores him for service. Holiness leads to mercy, not separation.

Sermon Emphasis

The sermon will focus on:

- God's holiness as absolute and unmatched
- Humanity's response of confession and humility
- God's gracious nearness through cleansing

This sermon introduces the heart posture required for everything that follows in the Christian life.

Group & Discipleship Flow

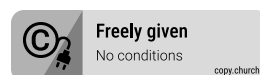
- **Kids** will learn that God is holy, powerful, and loving.
- **Youth** will wrestle with awe, sin, and God's forgiveness.
- **Adults** will explore holiness, confession, and grace.
- **Families, Singles, and Spouses** will practice confession, repentance, and worship together.

Each environment will help participants encounter God—not just learn about Him.

Outcome Goals

By the end of Week 4, participants should:

- Understand God's holiness more clearly
 - Recognize their need for God's grace
 - Practice confession and repentance
 - Respond to God with worship and obedience
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Adults — Community Group (60 Minutes)

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CONNECT — 0–10 Minutes

Purpose: Create relational safety before deep reflection.

Icebreaker

- When have you experienced awe — something that made you feel small but amazed?
 - OR: What words come to mind when you hear the word “holy”?
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ENCOUNTER — 10–20 Minutes

Purpose: Let Scripture shape the conversation.

Leader Setup

“As we read Isaiah’s vision, notice what Isaiah sees, how he responds, and how God responds.”

Scripture Reading

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ANCHOR — 20–40 Minutes

Purpose: Understand the text together.

Teaching Summary

Isaiah encounters God seated on a throne, holy and glorious. God’s holiness reveals Isaiah’s sinfulness and the sin of his people. Yet God does not cast Isaiah away. God initiates cleansing, removes guilt, and restores Isaiah for service.

Holiness exposes truth. Grace makes relationship possible.

Digging Deeper

- What stands out to you about God’s holiness in this passage?

- Why is Isaiah's immediate response confession?
 - What does the burning coal symbolize about God's grace?
 - Why is cleansing necessary before calling?
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RESPOND — 40–55 Minutes

Purpose: Move from understanding to obedience.

Personal Reflection

- Where has familiarity dulled your awe before God?
- What sin might God be inviting you to confess?
- How does God's nearness reshape your response to holiness?

Group Sharing

Invite participants to share one insight or prayer request if they are comfortable.

SEND — 55–60 Minutes

Weekly Practice

Confession & Worship — Set aside time this week to sit quietly before God, confess sin honestly, and respond in worship.

Closing Prayer

"Holy God, You are glorious and good. Thank You for drawing near to cleanse and restore us. Help us live in humility and worship before You. Amen."



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Youth Group (60 Minutes)

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CONNECT — 0–10 Minutes

Icebreaker: “Comfortable or Awkward?”

Read a few scenarios (meeting a celebrity, being called out publicly, apologizing first, being corrected).

Have students vote: comfortable or awkward.

Transition:

“Tonight we’re talking about what happens when people come face to face with a holy God.”

ENCOUNTER — 10–20 Minutes

Leader Setup:

“As we read Isaiah’s vision, pay attention to what he sees, how he responds, and what God does next.”

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ANCHOR — 20–35 Minutes

Teaching Point:

Isaiah sees God as holy, glorious, and unmatched. God’s holiness is overwhelming — not because God is mean, but because God is pure and powerful.

When Isaiah realizes who God is, he also realizes who he is. God’s holiness exposes Isaiah’s sin, not to shame him, but to show him the truth.

Scripture Connection:

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:5-7

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God does not destroy Isaiah. God cleanses him. Grace comes before calling.

Key Line:

God’s holiness reveals sin, but God’s nearness brings forgiveness.

RESPOND — 35–50 Minutes

Group Discussion:

- Why do you think Isaiah felt undone when he saw God?
- How is God’s holiness different from human perfectionism?
- Why is confession hard?
- What helps you trust that God forgives instead of rejects?

Allow silence. Let students think.

SEND — 50–60 Minutes

Weekly Challenge

This week, when you become aware of sin or failure, choose honesty instead of hiding. Confess it to God and trust His forgiveness.

Memory Verse

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:3

3 And they were calling out to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts; all the earth is full of His glory.”

Prayer

Invite students to quietly ask God for clean hearts and deeper awe.



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Kids Church (60 Minutes)

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CONNECT — 0–10 Minutes

Game: “Holy or Ordinary?”

Hold up common objects (rock, cup, shoe, crown).

Ask kids to decide if the object is “ordinary” or “special.”

Leader Transition:

“Today we’ll see that God is not ordinary — He is holy. But He is also kind and near.”

ENCOUNTER — 10–20 Minutes

Leader Setup:

“As we listen to the Bible, pay attention to what Isaiah sees and how he feels.”

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ANCHOR — 20–35 Minutes

Tell the Story (Kid-Friendly):

Isaiah sees God on a throne. God is powerful, glorious, and holy. Angels worship Him and the room shakes.

Isaiah realizes he is sinful and feels afraid — but God does not push him away. God cleans Isaiah and forgives him.

God is holy, and God is near.

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Ask:

- Why did Isaiah feel afraid at first?
- What did God do to help Isaiah?
- Why is it good that God forgives?

RESPOND — 35–50 Minutes

Activity: “Clean Heart Craft”

Give each child a paper heart.

Have them draw:

- One word that describes God (holy, loving, good)
- One way God helps us when we mess up

Explain:

“God wants clean hearts, and He helps us because He loves us.”

SEND — 50–60 Minutes

Memory Verse Motions

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:3

3 And they were calling out to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts; all the earth is full of His glory.”

- “Holy, holy, holy” — hands raised
- “Is the LORD of Hosts” — hands together
- “The whole earth is full of His glory” — arms wide

Repeat together.

Blessing

“May you remember this week that God is holy, God forgives, and God is near.”



Kids Sermon Activity Page

God Is Holy and Near

Scripture: Isaiah 6

Memory Verse: Isaiah 6:3

Big Truth: **God is perfectly holy, and He draws near to forgive and restore.**

Name _____ Date _____

SCRIPTURE LISTENING

As you listen to the sermon, hear these words from the Bible:

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SERMON MAP

Draw or write what you hear during the sermon.


1. God Is Holy

What did Isaiah see when he saw God?

 Draw or write here:


2. Isaiah Confesses

How did Isaiah feel when he realized God is holy?

 Draw or write here:

3. God Makes Isaiah Clean

What did God do to help Isaiah?

 Draw or write here:

SERMON LISTENING

****Word Hunt:**** Listen carefully during the sermon. Make a tally mark each time you hear one of these words or ideas.

HOLY	Tally: _____
KING	Tally: _____
SIN	Tally: _____
CLEAN	Tally: _____
WORSHIP	Tally: _____

HEART RESPONSE

- Why is God's holiness good?
- How can we respond to God with worship this week?

FAMILY TAKE-HOME

1. What does holy mean?
2. What does it show us about God that He forgives?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:3

3 And they were calling out to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts; all the earth is full of His glory."


Circle one word that stands out to you.

Draw a picture that helps you remember this verse.

 Draw here:

PRAYER

Write or draw a prayer thanking God for forgiving sin and helping us worship Him.

 Prayer space:



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Family Worship — 5 Nights

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CONNECT — Night 1

Read:

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:1

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted; and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Talk:

- What does Isaiah notice first about God?
- Why do you think God being on a throne matters?

Pray:

Thank God for being powerful and in charge of everything.

ENCOUNTER — Night 2

Read:

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:2-3

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3 And they were calling out to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts; all the earth is full of His glory.”

Talk:

- What does the word “holy” mean?
- Why do the angels keep saying God is holy?

Pray:

Praise God for being holy and different from everything else.

ANCHOR — Night 3

Read:

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:5

5 Then I said: “Woe is me, for I am ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips dwelling among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Hosts.”

Talk:

- How does Isaiah feel when he realizes God is holy?
- Why does God’s holiness help us see our own sin?

Pray:

Confess any wrong attitudes or actions and ask God for forgiveness.

RESPOND — Night 4

Read:

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:6-7

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Talk:

- What does God do for Isaiah instead of pushing him away?
- What does this show us about God’s love?

Pray:

Thank God for forgiving sin and making us clean.

SEND — Night 5

Read:

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:8

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?” And I said: “Here am I. Send me!”

Talk:

- Why is Isaiah ready to respond after God forgives him?
- How can our family respond to God this week?

Pray:

Ask God to help your family listen and obey Him together.

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Spouses — 5 Nights

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CONNECT — Night 1

Read:

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:1

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted; and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Talk:

- What does God's holiness reveal about His authority over our marriage?
- How does seeing God clearly shape how we treat each other?

Pray:

Thank God for ruling over your marriage with wisdom and love.

ENCOUNTER — Night 2

Read:

Scripture (BSB): Isaiah 6:2-3

2 Above Him stood seraphim, each having six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

3 And they were calling out to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts; all the earth is full of His glory."

Talk:

- Why is it important to worship God together?
- How does worship realign our hearts as a couple?

Pray:

Praise God together for His holiness.

ANCHOR — Night 3

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5 Then I said: “Woe is me, for I am ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips dwelling among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Hosts.”

Talk:

- Why is confession important in our relationship with God and each other?
- Where do we need humility as a couple?

Pray:

Confess sins silently or aloud and receive God’s forgiveness.

RESPOND — Night 4

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Talk:

- How does God’s forgiveness shape how we forgive each other?
- What does grace look like in our marriage right now?

Pray:

Thank God for His grace and ask for hearts shaped by forgiveness.

SEND — Night 5

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8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?” And I said: “Here am I. Send me!”

Talk:

- How does being forgiven prepare us to serve God together?
- What is one way we can respond to God as a couple this week?

Pray:

Ask God to guide your marriage in obedience and unity.



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Singles — 5 Nights

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Talk:

- What stands out to you about God in this verse?
- How does seeing God clearly shape how you see yourself?

Pray:

Acknowledge God's greatness and authority.

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Talk:

- What does God's holiness reveal about His character?
- How does holiness challenge casual or comfortable faith?

Pray:

Praise God for His holiness and glory.

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Talk:

- Why does Isaiah respond with confession instead of excuses?
- Where might God's holiness be revealing sin in your life?

Pray:

Confess honestly and ask God for cleansing.

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Talk:

- What does God's action toward Isaiah tell you about grace?
- Why is it important that God acts first?

Pray:

Thank God for forgiveness and restored relationship.

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Talk:

- How does forgiveness prepare Isaiah for obedience?
- What step of obedience might God be inviting you into?

Pray:

Ask God for willingness and courage to respond.



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Week 4 Sermon

God Is Holy and Near

Introduction

Many people think of holiness as distance — something cold, unreachable, or intimidating. But Isaiah 6 shows us something different. God’s holiness does not push Isaiah away; it reveals truth and invites transformation.

After seeing God as Creator, Image-Giver, and King, Scripture now brings us face to face with **who God is**.

When Isaiah encounters the holy God, everything changes.

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Point 1 — God Is Perfectly Holy

Isaiah’s vision begins with God seated on a throne — high, exalted, and unmatched. God’s holiness is not a quality among many; it defines who He is.

The seraphim cry out “Holy, holy, holy,” declaring God’s complete purity, power, and uniqueness. God’s glory fills the temple, and creation responds with awe.

Holiness means God is utterly different from us — not just morally better, but completely other.

Point 2 — God’s Holiness Exposes Human Sin

Isaiah’s first response is not celebration — it is confession. Standing before a holy God reveals truth about ourselves. Isaiah recognizes his sin and the sin of his people.

God’s holiness does not create shame for shame’s sake. It creates clarity. Isaiah finally sees reality as it is.

This moment prepares us to understand sin rightly — not as mistakes, but as a condition revealed by God’s holiness.

Point 3 — God Draws Near with Grace

God does not leave Isaiah undone. God acts first. A burning coal touches Isaiah's lips, his guilt is removed, and his sin is atoned for.

Holiness does not destroy Isaiah — it restores him. God's nearness brings cleansing, not rejection.

Only after Isaiah is cleansed does God invite him into service. Grace always comes before calling.

Big Truth Revisited

Because God is holy and near, we respond with humility, repentance, and worship.

Holiness shows us who God is. Nearness shows us who God saves.

Call to Response

Consider:

- Where have you lost a sense of awe before God?
- What sin has God's holiness revealed in your heart?
- How might confession and repentance lead you into deeper worship?

God is holy — and God is near.

Transition to Groups

As you move into groups and home discipleship this week, allow Isaiah's encounter to shape your own posture before God.

Next week, we will see how sin enters the story — and why God's holiness matters so deeply.

