



# Advent 1: Isaiah and the Prince of Peace

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Running time:** Approximately 6 minutes

**Setting:** The Love Sub scripts (Lessons 35-52) will be set onboard a kaleidoscopic submarine in the late 1960's. The set is designed to look like the interior of an old submarine that also serves as a time travel device. There is a sliding board (the Time Tube) used for the entrance of visitors from the past and a ramp (or steps) to invite children up to participate in object lessons. There are two working portholes; the stage left porthole squirts water and the stage right porthole contains the Bible. Everything is painted in vibrant colors and has 1960's decor. For extra fun, build windows where characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

**Characters:** Woodstock P. Havens is an inventor, explorer, and submarine pilot from the hippie era of the late 1960's. He is very "cool" and relaxed and loves to study the prophets. Isaiah is a thoughtful, bearded and hope-filled, man of God. "Handsome" is a human hand (Actor's body is hidden except for his hand.) Handsome assists everyone by handing them props.

**Plot:** Isaiah tells Woodstock his promise that a child will be born who will be the Prince of Peace. Woodstock explains Jesus did come and the prophecy was fulfilled. We learn the true meaning of Christmas.

**Costumes:** Woodstock wears a tie-dyed shirt, wig, furry vest, glasses, and brightly colored pants and shoes. Isaiah wears a Bible times robe, sandals, and a belt.

**Props:** Bible, ornament, baby bottle, rattle, baby bonnet, crown, scepter, can of peas, packet of cocoa

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro music suggestion: 1960's Surfer music
2. Outro music suggestion: "For Unto Us" (Unit 10 Bible Memory Verse Song) or traditional Christmas hymn such as "Angels We Have Heard on High"
3. Porthole music suggestion: Song about God's power such as "Power in the Blood"
4. Promise fanfare
5. 3 dings: Microwave timer dings or bells
6. Submarine alarm sounds, bells
7. Voiceover: Time Travel Alert
8. Remote control beeps

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Video Intro featuring animated submarine is available at ResourceWell.org.
2. Stage right porthole holds the Bible. When it opens, a light shines out and music plays.
3. Red beacons
4. Promise lights (flashing lights)
5. Promise Slide: ***For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***  
**Isaiah 9:6**
6. Fallback Slide: **No matter where you are in time, God is good all the time!**

**Adaptations:**

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

**The Love Sub**  
**Unit 10, Lesson 48**  
**Advent 1: Isaiah and the Prince of Peace**  
**Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Video Intro:** (available at ResourceWell.org)  
(VFX: Scientific images, SFX: Newsreel music) **Since the dawn of man, scientists have longed to travel through time! In the late 1960's a crack team of geniuses combined their talents to attempt to break the time barrier. In the Florida Keys, Dr. Woodstock P. Havens was given the task of building a special space shuttle— (SFX: Record scratch) Woodstock: Yeah, but I decided to make a submarine instead, man! (SFX: Intro music, VFX: Animated sub) So, come on and join me as we float through time. Climb aboard the Love Sub!**

**Woodstock** (enters on upper level)  
**Yo, what's up, dudes! I'll be right down!** (slides down) **Welcome back to the Love Sub! Handsome, Shiloh, and I have been busy this week getting the Love Sub dressed up for Christmas. (SFX: 3 dings, Handsome hands him an ornament.) Thanks Handsome! Man, I love Christmas ... the music, the decorations, all the visitors ... (SFX: Remote beeps, VFX: Red beacons)**

**Voiceover**  
**Time Travel Alert! Time Travel Alert! We have a Time Travel visitor in 3-2-1! ! (SFX: Submarine alarm sounds, bells)**

**Woodstock**  
**Speaking of visitors, we've got one!**

**Isaiah**  
**Whoa! Oh my, I have seen many visions in my time but never one this colorful! Are you an angel from God?**

**Woodstock**  
**No, dude, I'm a doctor from the future! I'm Dr. Woodstock. You must be a prophet.**

**Isaiah**  
**I am a prophet, oh wise doctor of the future. I am the prophet Isaiah.**

**Woodstock**  
**Isaiah! Holy guacamole! You are like a major prophet! You wrote a great, big book in the Power Source. Here, let me get it out!** (Opens stage right porthole and removes Bible, SFX: Porthole music, VFX: Beam of light shines from porthole)

**Isaiah**  
**Yes, God gave me quite a few messages for His people.**

**Woodstock**  
**Quite a few? Sixty-six chapters worth!**

**Isaiah**  
**Yes, but there is one special prophecy. The promises that came before led up to this one. I believe it is "The Greatest Promise of All"! (SFX: Promise signal, VFX: Promise lights and slide)**

**Woodstock**  
**Well, then, let's search for it, dude!**

**Isaiah**  
**Here it is!**  
***For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

**Woodstock**  
**Dude, you are like the "rock star" of prophets, if you say a child is on the way then we'd better get ready! (SFX: 3 dings, Handsome hands him a baby bottle.) We'll need a bottle, (Handsome hands him a rattle.) and a rattle, (Handsome hands him a bonnet.) and a baby bonnet. Here, hold this. (Puts bonnet on Isaiah's head.)**

**Isaiah**  
**Stop! This prophecy is not simply about preparing for the birth of a child. It's about preparing for the "Prince of Peace!"**

**Woodstock**

**Ohh, a prince! Why didn't you say so?**  
(Handsome hands him a crown.) **We'll need a crown, (Handsome hands him scepter.) and a scepter and a raspberry beret. (to Handsome) You don't have one of those? (Handsome signals no.) Check the second hand stores.**

**Isaiah**

**No, no, no, it's not just any prince! He's "The Prince of Peace!"** (Handsome hands him a can of peas.)

**Woodstock** (puts crown on can)

**Thanks Handsome. Here you go. "Prince of Peas."**

**Isaiah**

**Not peas! Peace, that's what the prophecy says. You do know what a prophecy is, don't you?**

**Woodstock**

**Oh sure, dude. We've been studying those! A prophecy is a message God gives to His people. It's a prediction about something that God will do in the future. It's usually a warning, a choice or a promise to give them hope.**

**Isaiah**

**Very good! That's what God was doing when He gave me this prophecy. He was sending a message of hope to the entire world.**

**Woodstock**

**The hope of a baby prince?**

**Isaiah**

**Oh, so much more than a baby or a prince. God was sending a Savior.**

**Woodstock**

**Oh, you mean Jesus!**

**Isaiah**

**Yes! The name Jesus means God is our salvation! Jesus would be a perfect name.**

**Woodstock**

**Jesus is His name! Oh, I forgot, your prophecy about Jesus came hundreds of years before He was born!**

**Isaiah**

**So, God did send the Savior?**

**Woodstock**

**Yes, God sent His Son, Jesus to take away the sins of the whole world. He was born two thousand years ago in a little town called Bethlehem.**

**Isaiah**

**I knew God would keep His promise!**

**Woodstock**

**God always keeps His promises!**

**Isaiah**

**And in that promise, God explained that His Son would be called by many different names.**

**Woodstock**

**Like Wonderful Counselor?**

**Isaiah**

**Yes! And Mighty God ...**

**Woodstock**

**And, Everlasting Father ...**

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**And, Prince of Peace!**

**Woodstock**

**That's my favorite name for Jesus ...the Prince of Peace. He brought peace to our hearts and peace between God and man.**

**Isaiah**

**Imagine...such a wonderful Savior that would come and do all that... for us!**

**Woodstock**

**Dude, I don't have to imagine that! Jesus did come! He was, and He is and He will always be all that you said in your prophecy. Peace on earth, man. That's the grooviest message of Christmas!**

**Isaiah**

**Christmas? What is Christmas?**

**Woodstock**

**Dude, I keep forgetting you haven't been around for a couple thousand years. I have so much to teach you.**

**Isaiah**

**Well, I've got the time.** (SFX: 3 dings,  
Handsome pops up with a packet of cocoa.)

**Woodstock**

**Great idea, Handsome! We can discuss it over some hot cocoa.**

**Isaiah**

**What is hot cocoa?**

**Woodstock**

**Trust me, you're gonna love it! Okay kids, I'm gonna tell Isaiah about the joy of Christmas. Maybe you can find someone to share Jesus with, too! Until next time remember, "No matter where you are in Time," Say it with us, "God is Good all the Time!"** (SFX: Outro music, VFX: Fallback slide)  
(exit) **Now, you see, Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus ...**