

March 15 -The Suffering Messiah: Promised in the Scriptures

Primary Text: Book of Isaiah 53

Supporting Texts: Book of Psalms 22; Gospel of Luke 18:31–33; Acts of the Apostles 2:23–24

Main Idea: The cross was not an accident—it was prophecy fulfilled.

Family Opening Activity

“Promise Match” Game

Write prophecy verses (Isaiah 53 phrases) on cards. Match them with fulfillment statements from Luke 18.

Discuss: How does fulfilled prophecy strengthen faith?

Preschool Activity

“Jesus Loves Me” Heart Craft

Color a heart and place a cross in the center.

Truth: Jesus took our place.

Elementary Activity

Pierced for Our Transgressions

Use a visual (nail and wood illustration) to explain substitution.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5

Discuss what “for our transgressions” means.

Teen Activity

Sovereign Plan Study

Read Acts 2:23–24.

Discuss:

- How can something sinful (crucifixion) still be part of God’s plan?
- What does this teach about God’s sovereignty?

Adult Reflection

Read Psalm 22.

Identify specific fulfilled details.

Worship Christ for willingly bearing sin.

End-of-Day Wrap-Up

Family Worship Time

Sing a hymn about the cross.

Each person shares one prophecy that stood out.