

Lesson 6

God Wants Us To Listen

Bible Reference: Isaiah 1:18-20

Memory Verse: "Come now and let us reason together . . ." (Isaiah 1:18)

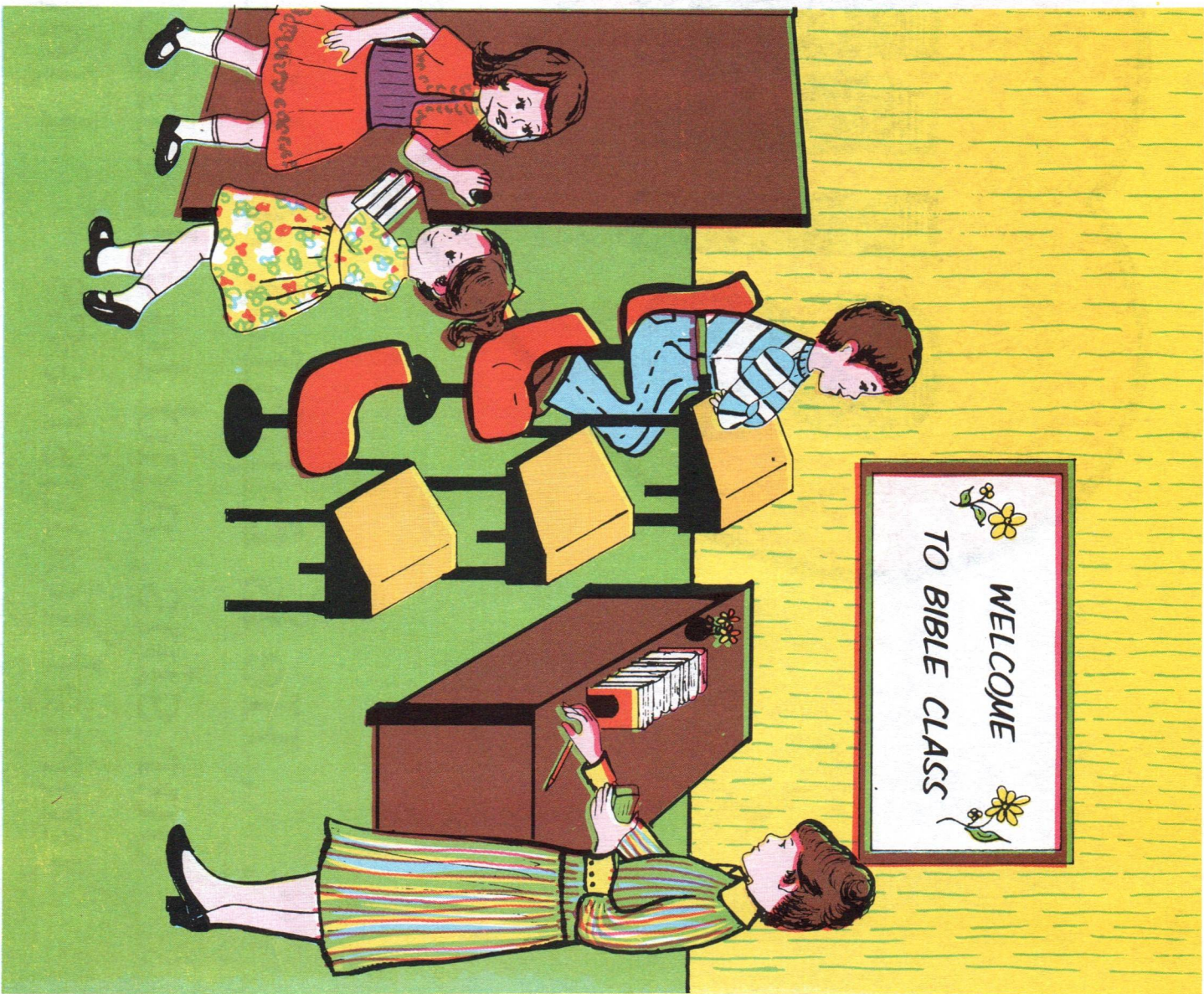
Isaiah was God's prophet to tell the people of Israel what God said. The people had turned away from God, they did not love God. They sinned in many ways and this made God angry. To show the people their sin, Isaiah used a picture. Scarlet and crimson are red colors and when cloth is dyed red it is hard to remove. Red is sometimes a sign of danger, like we see a stop sign or traffic light. White is a sign of cleanliness, purity. Isaiah said the people's hearts were filled with sin, red like crimson, real red. Yet God could forgive and make their hearts as white as snow. Turn the Workbook page over to show the red heart.

To make their hearts white and pure like snow, Isaiah asked the people to "come now and let us reason together." To reason means to think and talk about what is right and best to do. God wanted the people to do three things.

1. God wanted the people to **LISTEN**. God said, "Hear the word of the Lord . . ." (Isaiah 1:10). To hear means to listen.
2. God wanted the people to **LEARN**. "Learn to do well" (Isaiah 1:17). To learn to do well we must listen to God's word. Jesus asked people to "Come . . . learn of me" (Matt. 11:28-29). This is why we come to Bible class — here we learn about God's love and forgiveness.
3. God wanted the people to **LIVE RIGHT**. (Isaiah 1:17). He wanted them to be kind to children, especially to orphan children. He wanted them to help people in need, especially widows who had no one to help them.
God wants us to come to Bible school and listen to His word, to learn what He wants us to do and then to live right.

Questions:

1. Who was Isaiah?
2. What did Isaiah ask the people to do?
3. What three things did God want the people to do? (Listen, Learn, Live).





“... He is faithful and just to forgive us
our sins, and to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.” I John 1:9