

Study Hints for Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Isaiah 12:1-6

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be answers to the discussion questions, but hints a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. List some ways Jesus showed and taught that God's anger had turned away from His children.

By coming into our world when and how He did—as a little baby and not as a warrior king.

By teaching the moral law of love and showing how to obey God the Father in the service of others.

By welcoming all people of all backgrounds and by eating with and forgiving sinners.

By weeping over Jerusalem for not repenting when He knew that the leaders and people would reject Him and crucify Him.

By dying on the cross as a substitute for sinners and as the Savior for all who would believe in Him.

2. List some of the ways Isaiah said believers will respond to God's comfort.

They will declare God is their salvation. They will find and express joy in God. They will tell others about God and what He has done. More ways?

3. In what ways can God be considered a "Well of Salvation" for believers?

Jesus told the woman He met at the well that He could give her living water if she asked. God can give us everlasting water that will give us everlasting life. God and God's well is infinite to meet all of our needs everywhere. God and God's well can be found, especially as we read the Bible. God's well of salvation will never run dry but always be able to meet our needs. We can never exhaust the knowledge of or the benefits of God's salvation.

4. What are some of the ways believers can make known God's deeds among the nations?

Go as a missionary or support missionaries and churches in other nations as the Lord leads. Give to support radio, TV, Internet, and other ways of spreading Bible teaching and truths around the world. Find a penpal in another country that you can write to and become a friend with and share the gospel with. What other ways?

5. What are some of the glorious deeds of Jesus? Why are these deeds worthy of praise?

He stilled a storm and brought peace to His disciples when they felt their lives threatened: worthy of praise, because it showed His divine power over creation. Jesus answered His critics' questions wisely and taught in ways that showed that He was greater and wiser than King Solomon: worthy of praise, because it showed His divine wisdom was greater than human understanding and wisdom given as a gift of God to someone such as King Solomon. Jesus allowed himself to suffer and die on a cross at the hands of sinners, and He rose from the dead exactly as He foretold He would: worthy of praise, because He showed the extent of God's love for His friends and His enemies and it showed God's power over death and the merchants of death.

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