

Isaiah Promises a Peaceful Kingdom



Isaiah 11:6–9 (For the full story, read Isaiah 11:1–9.)

6 Wolves and sheep will live together in peace, and **leopards** will lie down with young goats. Calves and lion cubs will feed together, and little children will take care of them. 7 Cows and bears will eat together, and their calves and cubs will lie down in peace. Lions will eat straw as cattle do. 8 Even a baby will not be harmed if it plays near a **poisonous** snake. 9 On Zion [ZY-uhn], God's **sacred** hill, there will be nothing harmful or evil. The land will be as full of knowledge of the LORD as the seas are full of water.

leopard a large, wild cat that has spots

poisonous something that can cause sickness or death

sacred holy



Understand it!

Sometimes people don't treat one another with kindness. Sometimes people fight and have wars. But Isaiah [eye-ZAY-uh] tells us that a time is coming when people will not fight with one another. A new king will bring a time of peace. In his kingdom there will be no enemies and no danger. Everyone will live together happily and without fear.

This new king is Jesus. His perfect Kingdom is Heaven. In Heaven there is no fighting or unhappiness. People live together with Jesus in peace and joy that never ends. We will live with him in Heaven forever if we follow his Law of Love!

Live It!

Here is a prayer you can say for peace. It is said to be written by Saint Francis of Assisi. (*Despair* means not having any hope.)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
when there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

Tell it!



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Using the pictures above, retell this story in your own words.