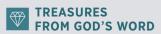
OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE AND MINISTRY

MEETING WORKBOOK



Song 153 and Prayer | Opening Comments (1 min.)



1. "The Share of Those Pillaging Us" (10 min.)

The Bible compares mankind to a volatile sea (Isa 17:12; w18.067 ¶16)

We expect to be mistreated by this world because of our neutrality (Joh 15:18, 19; w16.04 28 $\P4$)

Jehovah will soon deliver us from "those pillaging us" (Isa 17:13, 14; ip-1 198 ¶20)



2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Isa 20:2—Did Isaiah really walk around completely naked for three years? (w06 12/1 11 ¶1)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?



4. Starting a Conversation (3 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Share a truth from appendix A of the *Love People* brochure with a person who is married. (*Imd* lesson 2 point 3)

5. Following Up (4 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Offer a Bible study. (*Imd* lesson 8 point 4)

6. Talk (5 min.)

Imd appendix A point 14—Theme: God Wants Us to Pray to Him. (*th* study 8)

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Isa 19:1-12 (th study 11)

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Song 148

7. "Remember the Rock of Your Fortress" (10 min.) Discussion.

Jehovah is the Rock of our fortress. (Isa 17:10) He rescues those who take shelter in him. (Ps 144:1, 2) Although Jehovah does not always eliminate opposition, he always gives his friends what they need to endure it.—1Co 10:13.

One way we show that we remember Jehovah is by obeying him. Play the VIDEO Learn From Jehovah's Friends—Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Invite selected children to the platform to discuss the following questions, or ask the audience:



- How did Jehovah rescue his friends?
 Da 3:24-28
- How did Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah show that they were Jehovah's friends?
- When is it hard for you to obey Jehovah?
- What can you do to obey Jehovah?
- 8. Make Time Every Day to Learn From Jehovah's Friends (5 min.)

Discussion. (See p. 16.)

9. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

Ifb lesson 50, intro to section 9, and lesson 51

JANUARY 12-18 | **ISAIAH 21-23**

Song 120 and Prayer | Opening Comments (1 min.)



1. Lessons From Shebna's Downfall (10 min.)

Remain humble when you receive privileges (Isa 22:15-19; w18.03 25 ¶7-9)

If you lose a privilege, be determined to continue to give Jehovah your best (Isa 36:3; w18.03 25 ¶10)

If as a parent or an elder you must give Scriptural discipline, imitate Jehovah's treatment of Shebna (w18.03 26 ¶11)



Loving discipline can be God's ► way of molding us

2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Isa 21:1—Why is Babylon referred to as "the wilderness of the sea"? ($w06\ 12/1\ 11\ \P2$)

3. Bible Reading (4 min.) Isa 23:1-14 (*th* study 5)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

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4. Starting a Conversation (1 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Without sharing a specific Bible truth, find a natural way to let the person know that you are one of Jehovah's Witnesses. (*Imd* lesson 2 point 4)

5. Starting a Conversation (3 min.)

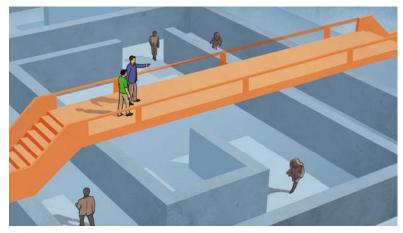
HOUSE TO HOUSE. Share a truth from appendix A of the *Love People* brochure. (*Imd* lesson 1 point 3)

6. Following Up (2 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. The person is busy. (Imd lesson 7 point 4)

7. Talk (5 min.)

ijwyp article 71—Theme: How Can I Choose a Good Role Model? (th study 9)



Having a good role model can be a shortcut to achieving your goals



8. Local Needs (15 min.)

9. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

Ifb lessons 52-53

JANUARY 19-25 | **ISAIAH 24-27**

Song 159 and Prayer | Opening Comments (1 min.)



1. "This Is Our God!" (10 min.)

We have every reason to be proud of our God, Jehovah (Isa 25:9; *cl* 15 ¶21)

He has so many good things in store for us in the new world—including plenty of good food (Isa 25:6; w24.12 6 ¶14)

He will give us everlasting life (Isa 25:7, 8; *w25.01* 28-29 ¶11-12)

ASK YOURSELF, 'During my daily routine this week, whom could I tell about Jehovah's promises?'



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2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Isa 24:2—How does this verse highlight a feature of the revised *New World Translation?* ($w15\ 12/15\ 17\ \P1-3$)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

4. Starting a Conversation (3 min.)

PUBLIC WITNESSING. Find out what topic interests the person. Feature our website, jw.org. (*Imd* lesson 1 point 3)

5. Following Up (4 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Share a truth from appendix A of the *Love People* brochure. (*Imd* lesson 9 point 4)

6. Explaining Your Beliefs (5 min.)

Demonstration. *ijwbq* article 160—Theme: Why Is Jesus Called God's Son? (th study 3)

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Isa 25:1-9 (th study 10)

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□ Song 144

7. Fully Lean On Jehovah When Preparing for Medical or Surgical Care (15 min.) Discussion.

Jehovah safeguards "those who fully lean on [him]." (Read Isaiah 26:3.) When preparing for medical situations, we can show that we fully lean on Jehovah by using the provisions he has given us.

Play the VIDEO Are You Prepared for Medical Situations? Then ask the audience:

- What are three provisions that can help us prepare for medical situations?
- How are medical information documents* designed to assist us?
- When is it best to contact the Hospital Liaison Committee?
- How do you feel about these loving provisions?

The promise of "continuous peace" found at Isaiah 26:3 does not mean that Jehovah will shield us from medical problems. Rather, through the loving provisions from his organization, he helps us feel secure and at peace during such times.



^{*} Information for Expectant Mothers (S-401), Information for Patients Requiring Surgery or Chemotherapy (S-407), and Information for Parents Whose Child Requires Medical Treatment (S-55) can be requested from the elders when needed.

8. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

Ifb lessons 54-55

Song 28 and Prayer | Opening Comments (1 min.)



1. Honor Jehovah With Your Lips and Your Heart (10 min.)

Isaiah condemned the religious leaders in his day for their hypocrisy (Isa 29:13; ip-1 299 ¶23)

Jesus applied Isaiah's words to the religious leaders in the first century (Mt 15:7-9; w21.05 9 ¶7)

Jehovah expects his worshippers to be "obedient from the heart" (Ro 6:17; w24.06 10 ¶8)

> Jehovah notices and appreciates ▶ when we practice what we preach





2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Isa 29:1—Why is the name Ariel fitting for Jerusalem? (it "Ariel" ¶1; it "Ariel" No. 3)

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Isa 29:13-24 (th study 2)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

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4. Starting a Conversation (2 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Find out what topic interests the person. Arrange to contact him again. (*Imd* lesson 1 point 5)

5. Following Up (3 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Answer a question that the person raised in a previous conversation. (*Imd* lesson 9 point 3)

6. Making Disciples (2 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Offer a Bible study. (Imd lesson 10 point 3)

7. Making Disciples (4 min.)

Iff lesson 18 points 6-7 (Imd lesson 11 point 3)

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8. "I Always Do the Things Pleasing to Him" (8 min.) Discussion.

Jesus once said: "I always do the things pleasing to [Jehovah]." (Joh 8:29) In imitation of Jesus, we try our best to do things Jehovah's way. Although it may not always be easy or convenient, it is always beneficial.

Play the VIDEO Do Things Jehovah's Way. Then ask the audience:

 What did you learn about doing things Jehovah's way when facing such challenges as persecution, immoral influences, and the snare of pride?



9. Local Needs (7 min.)

10. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

Ifb lesson 56, intro to section 10, and lesson 57

Song 8 and Prayer | Opening Comments (1 min.)



1. Find Refuge Under Jehovah's Wings (10 min.)

Jehovah defends his people, just as a bird defends its young from predators (Isa 31:5; w01 11/15 16 ¶7)

Remain close to those whom Jehovah uses to support you (Isa 32:1, 2; w24.01 24 ¶13)

Find strength in the hope that Jehovah has given you (Isa 32:16-18; w23.10 17 ¶19)



2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Isa 30:20—What is the meaning of the expression "bread in the form of distress and water in the form of oppression"? (it "Bread" ¶6)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Isa 31:1-9 (th study 10)



4. Starting a Conversation (4 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. The person expresses his concern about a current event. (Imd lesson 2 point 5)

Starting a Conversation (4 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. (Imd lesson 5 point 5)

6. Following Up (4 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Offer a Bible study. (Imd lesson 7 point 3)



Song 157

7. "The Result of True Righteousness Will Be Peace"—Excerpt (15 min.)

Discussion. Play the VIDEO. Then ask the audience: What did you learn about true righteousness from this video?—Isa 32:17.

8. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

Ifb lessons 58-59

Song 3 and Prayer | Opening Comments (1 min.)



1. "He Is the Stability of Your Times" (10 min.)

Turn to Jehovah to stabilize you when you go through a trial (Isa 33:6a; w24.01 22 ¶7-8)

Seek his wisdom and knowledge to help you make good decisions (Isa 33:6b; w21.02 29 $\P 10-11)$

Rely on Jehovah, and experience the fulfillment of Isaiah 33:24 (ip-1 352-355 ¶21-22)

> Stabilize yourself with the help > of our research tools



2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Isa 35:8—What does "the Way of Holiness" represent today? (w23.05 15 ¶8)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Isa 35:1-10 (th study 12)



4. Starting a Conversation (3 min.)

PUBLIC WITNESSING. Invite the person to a meeting. (Imd lesson 3 point 3)

5. Following Up (4 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Feature a video from our Teaching Toolbox. (Imd lesson 9 point 5)

6. Talk (5 min.)

Imd appendix A point 15—Theme: The Bible Teaches Us How to Pray. (th study 14)



Song 41

7. Local Needs (15 min.)

8. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

Ifb lessons 60-61

FEBRUARY 16-22 | **ISAIAH 36-37** 12

Song 150 and Prayer | Opening Comments (1 min.)



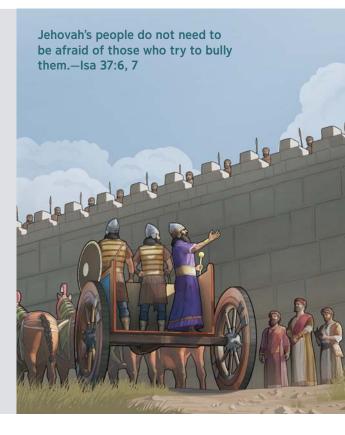
1. "Do Not Be Afraid Because of the Words That You Heard" (10 min.)

The Rabshakeh went to Jerusalem to intimidate Jehovah's people (Isa 36:1, 2; it "Hezekiah" No. 1 ¶14)

He tried to make them feel weak and hopeless (Isa 36:8; *ip-1* 387 ¶10)

He ridiculed their trust in Jehovah and in those taking the lead (Isa 36:7, 18-20; *ip-1* 388 ¶13-14)

FAMILY WORSHIP IDEA: Watch the **VIDEO** "O Jehovah, . . . I Trust in You," and discuss the lessons learned.



2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Isa 37:29—In what sense did Jehovah put a bridle between King Sennacherib's lips? (it "Bridle" ¶4)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

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4. Starting a Conversation (3 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. Share a truth from appendix A of the *Love People* brochure. (*Imd* lesson 1 point 4)

5. Starting a Conversation (4 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. (Imd lesson 3 point 5)

6. Explaining Your Beliefs (5 min.)

Demonstration. *ijwbq* article 110 ¶1-4 —Theme: What Is Baptism? (th study 17)

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Isa 37:14-23 (th study 2)

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♂ Song 118

7. "What Is the Basis for Your Confidence?" (15 min.) Discussion.

Has someone ever questioned or mocked your belief in God, your belief in the Bible, or your decision to be one of Jehovah's Witnesses? If so, you may have felt nervous or intimidated. What others say could even cause you to have doubts. How can you prevent that from happening?

Read Isaiah 36:4. Then ask the audience:

Why is it important to build a strong basis for confidence in our beliefs?

Play the VIDEO My Teen Life—Is It Reasonable to Believe in God? Then ask the audience:

- What did Elibaldo and Crystal do to strengthen their confidence?
- What convinces you that God exists?
- What Bible verses give you confidence that . . . Jehovah loves you?

Jehovah will always help you?

you have found God's people?



I WOULD LIKE TO STRENGTHEN MY CONFIDENCE THAT . . .

- God exists
- the Bible is God's Word
- God loves me and will care for me
- Jehovah's Witnesses are God's people
- the hope of everlasting life is real

What will you do to strengthen your confidence?

8. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

Ifb lessons 62-63

Song 4 and Prayer | Opening Comments (1 min.)



1. "Like a Shepherd He Will Care For His Flock" (10 min.)

Jehovah has provided and preserved his Word, the Bible, to draw us close to him (Isa 40:8; w23.02 2-3 ¶3-4)

He tenderly cares for us (Isa 40:11; cl 70 ¶7)

He knows us individually and helps us to cope with our problems (Isa 40:26-29; w18.01 8 $\P 4-6)$

FOR MEDITATION: How does the description of the shepherd at Isaiah 40:11 affect your feelings for Jehovah?—See cover picture.



2. Spiritual Gems (10 min.)

Isa 40:3—How were these words fulfilled in the first century C.E.? (ip-1 400 ¶7)

What spiritual gems from this week's Bible reading would you like to share?

3. Bible Reading (4 min.)

Isa 40:21-31 (th study 11)



4. Starting a Conversation (2 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Create an opportunity to tell the person about something you learned at a recent meeting. (Imd lesson 4 point 3)

5. Starting a Conversation (2 min.)

INFORMAL WITNESSING. Create an opportunity to tell the person about the work you do as a Bible teacher. (Imd lesson 4 point 4)

6. Following Up (2 min.)

HOUSE TO HOUSE. (Imd lesson 7 point 5)

7. Making Disciples (5 min.)

Iff lesson 18 summary, review, and goal. Use an article from the "Explore" section to help your student appreciate the love that exists among Jehovah's Witnesses. (Imd lesson 11 point 3)

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Song 160

8. Annual Service Report (15 min.) Discussion.

After reading the announcement from the branch office regarding the annual service report, invite the audience to highlight other positive aspects of the 2025 Service Year Report of Jehovah's Witnesses Worldwide. Interview publishers, selected in advance, who had encouraging experiences in the ministry during the past year.

• What positive aspects of the 2025 Service Year Report would you like to share?

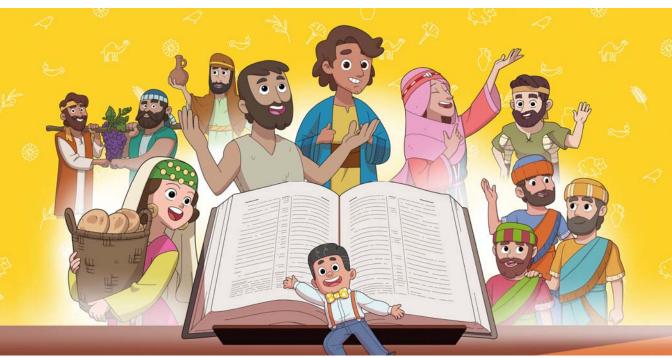


In 2025, Jehovah's people continued to give keen attention to the house-to-house ministry and Bible study work

9. Congregation Bible Study (30 min.)

Ifb lessons 64-65

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8. Make Time Every Day to Learn From Jehovah's Friends (5 min.) Discussion.

The series *Learn From Jehovah's Friends* was designed for children who are starting to read. It teaches them about people who loved Jehovah. Each video encourages young ones to "make time *every day* to learn from Jehovah's friends."

- How can you make time every day to learn about Jehovah and his friends?
- What Bible characters would you like to learn more about, and why?