



YOU CAN MEMORIZE



MEMORIZING

ISAIAH

61:1-3

“For the display of his splendor...”

Introducing Isaiah 61

Welcome! Jesus' first recorded sermon, found in Luke 4:16-21, draws from Isaiah 61. It contains the essence of God's message to the world and mirrors the message the angel brought to the shepherds:

"I bring you good news that will cause great joy..." Luke 2:10

Isaiah 61:1-3 tells us:



**What the
Good News is**



**How the
Good News
changes us**



**Why God has
given us the
Good News**



YOUR TOOLKIT

Here are a few tools to help you memorize this glorious passage.

A

Understand: What is the good news? How does the good news change us? And why has God given us the good news?

B

Doodle: The imagery in this passage is truly amazing. Did you know that drawing or doodling:

- ▶ Helps you concentrate
- ▶ Enhances your problem-solving skills
- ▶ Improves your memory

So grab a pencil and fill the empty spaces with doodles.

C

Noun/Verb Retrieval: Use the noun/verb retrieval tool to turbo-charge your memorization skills.

D

 **Spy – First Letter Prompt:** Help spur your memory by using just the first letter of each word.

Let the good news saturate your mind and fill you with praise. Thank God for giving you his crown of beauty, his oil of joy, and his garment of praise—all for the display of his splendor!

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Isaiah 61:1–3 NIV

 Highlight key words and phrases.

WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me
to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness
for the prisoners,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,

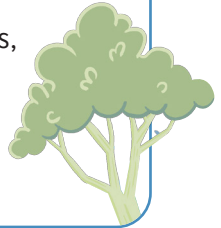
to comfort all who mourn,
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—

② HOW THE GOOD NEWS CHANGES US?

to bestow on them a crown of beauty
 instead of ashes,
 the oil of joy
 instead of mourning,
 and a garment of praise
 instead of a spirit of despair.

③ WHY THE GOOD NEWS?

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
 a planting of the Lord
 for the display of his splendor.



Immerse yourself in these words by reading them often. Add a personal touch by doodling pictures in the empty spaces to reflect the words.



NEED IDEAS FOR DOODLES?

Check your phone for simple icons. Doodling adds flair and helps you visualize the words, making it easier to remember the text. Let your creativity shine!

Noun/Verb Retrieval

Ready for a challenge? The blanks below are missing nouns and verbs—try to retrieve them! You'll find the missing words on the opposite page.



LEGEND

(____) = verbs + adverbs ____ = nouns + adjectives

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The ____ of the ____ ____ is on me,
because the ____ has (____) me
to (____) ____ ____ to the ____.

He has (____) me to (____)(____) the ____,

to (____) ____ for the ____
and (____) from ____ for the ____,

to (____) the ____ of the ____ ____
and the ____ of ____ of our ____,

to (____) all who (____),
and (____) for those who (____) in ____—

to (____) on them a ____ of ____ instead of ____,
the ____ of ____ instead of (____),
and a ____ of ____ instead of a ____ of ____.

They will be (____) ____ of ____
a ____ of the ____ for the ____ of his ____.

Let your brain fill in the blanks. It might be tricky at first, but with practice, you'll be amazed at how quickly you can memorize the passage using this technique.

EXTRA CHALLENGE
 ? Try retrieving the passage while covering one column.

VERBS + ADVERBS	NOUNS + ADJECTIVES
anointed proclaim sent / bind up proclaim release proclaim comfort / mourn provide / grieve	Spirit / Sovereign Lord Lord good news / poor brokenhearted freedom / captives darkness / prisoners year / Lord's favor day / vengeance / God Zion
bestow mourning	crown / beauty / ashes oil / joy garment / praise / spirit / despair
called	oaks / righteousness planting / Lord / display / splendor

Spy - First Letter Prompt

Finally, use just the first letter of each word as a prompt.



TIP

Writing out the passage this way is a great method to test your memory.

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T S o t S L i o m, b t L h a m

▶ 2 p r o c l a i m g n 2 t p.

H h s m

▶ 2 b i n d u p t b,

▶ 2 p r o c l a i m f 4 t c & r f d 4 t p,

▶ 2 p r o c l a i m t y o t L f & t d o v o o G,

▶ 2 c o m f o r t a w m, & p r o v i d e 4 t w g i Z—

▶ 2 b e s t o w o t a  o b, i o a,

▶ t o o , i o m,

▶ & a  o p, i o a s o d.

▶ T w b c  o r, a p o t L

▶ 4 t d o h s.