

**I. The True God - Is. 46:3-7**

1. Listen to me (**verse 3**)
    - like “hear, Israel” - Dt. 6:4
    - God tells them to trust Him because of His past help
  2. Since your birth I’ve taken care of you
    - He carries the people
    - Rea -as a mom might carry her young
  3. Moves quickly to old age (**verse 4**)
    - I will sustain you in your old age
    - Rea -He has taken care (past) and He will take care (future)
    - Rea -the future can be very scary - perhaps more so for the aged??
  4. I made you
    - instead of a god that they made
    - “rescue” - save them in trouble
  5. Comparative to God? (**Verse 5**)
    - who can you even compare me to? - who is my equal?
  6. Verse 5 - He begins the comparison with other gods
    - verse 6** he tells the process of “making” a god
    - gold and silver are “fashioned” by a man
    - then, the people would worship this image
    - it had to be carried from place to place (**verse 7**)
  7. It cannot save them
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Comparing God to idols
    - in your mind what is the biggest difference between an idol and God?
  2. The promise of future care - just like past care
    - trust/ faith are often future oriented - you have faith forward
    - experiences are in our past
  3. Discuss the needs of the gray haired

**II. The Trustworthy One - Is. 46:8-11**

1. Remember this... the next verses tell us what to remember (**verse 8**)
  - calls them “rebels” - prone to wander, lord I feel it
2. Remember I am God (**verse 9**)
  - like no other
  - Rea -in many ways the Bible is a history book. A book about the history of God’s provision for mankind.
  - Rea -there is no other, - they don’t even exist
3. I and my words/ purpose will stand (**verse 10**)
  - Rea -verse 10 is God’s statement of His control over history, - what will happen so if He makes it known - reveals it, you can trust His word.
4. He will do what He has said (**verse 11**)
  - summon a bird, or summon a man to do His bidding
  - Rea -idols have no control, and no power, but God has total control - all across history

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. God is trustworthy... how do we know that?
2. His will is done... He makes sure of that  
-sometimes it is a long time coming - even into eternity
3. So, you can trust His word/ words
4. You probably have a few very trustworthy persons in your circle of friends - why are they so dear to you?

**III. The Just One - Is. 46:12-13**

1. Again He says "listen" - compare with verse 3 (**verse 12**)  
Rea -again He calls them "rebels" (stubborn-hearted)
  2. Discuss why mankind is so stubborn  
Rea
  3. One woman said she didn't need Google, her husband knew everything - sorry had to share it  
Rea
  4. I am bringing my salvation (**verse 13**)  
Rea -the word "deliverance" and salvation are very similar  
-God would deliver ...count on it
  5. Brings it to Zion and Israel  
-brings it "near" - not far away  
Rea -could be seen as a veiled reference to the Messiah (Jesus) - coming to Jerusalem/  
Israel
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. These two verses are a simple declaration - there is no "if" you repent, or do something else - God is about to do it
  2. A rebuke for their stubbornness
  3. Why are people so stubborn?  
-why are the people of God so stubborn?
  4. Is the salvation of God a positive thing or a negative thing?