**Lesson 1: Isaiah 40 – The God Who Cares Like a Shepherd and Soars Like an Eagle Teacher Worksheet**

**Theme: Isaiah 40 introduces one of the central themes of Isaiah: the nature of God and how he relates to his people.**

**Historical Background: 1. The people are in \_\_Babylonian\_ captivity 2. The people’s attitude is negative and fearful. They are feeling \_forsaken\_ by God. Questions from the Exiles: 1. Does God have the \_\_power\_\_? 2. Does God \_\_care\_\_ about us?**

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|  **Three Commands by God – Isaiah 40:1** |
| **\_\_Comfort\_ my people** |
| **Speak \_\_tenderly\_\_ to Jerusalem** |
| **Cry to Jerusalem** |

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| **Three Announcements by God – Isaiah 40:2** |
| **War is \_\_over\_\_** |
| **People are \_\_forgiven\_\_** |
| **Double suffering is over** |

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| **Three Voices – Isaiah 40:3-11** |
| **Voice 1 – announces God’s return to bring his people home (40:3-5)** |
| **Voice 2 – God’s word is \_\_dependable\_\_ (40:6-8)** |
| **Voice 3 – Key \_\_qualities\_\_ of God (40:9-11)** |

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| **Three Point Sermon by Isaiah – Isaiah 40:12-31** |
| **God is \_\_Incomprehensible\_\_ (40:12-17)** |
| **God is \_\_Incomparable\_\_ (40:18-24)** |
| **God is \_\_Inexhaustible\_\_ (40:25-31)** |