

Bible Passage: Isaiah 7; 9; 11; Micah 5**Story Point:** Prophets told about the Messiah.**Key Passage:** "God sent his Son...to redeem those under the law." Galatians 4:4-5

BIBLE STORY

Prophets Told About Jesus' Birth

Long ago, before Jesus was born, God gave messages to some men. These men were prophets; they told God's messages to people. The messages were about things that God was going to do. The prophets wrote down God's messages in the Bible. Two of the prophets were named Isaiah and Micah. They wrote down messages from God. God said that one day Jesus would come.

Isaiah the prophet lived hundreds of years before Jesus was born on earth. Isaiah wrote down God's message about Jesus. Isaiah wrote that God would choose a woman to be Jesus' mother. Jesus' mother would not be married yet. Isaiah also said that when Jesus was born, one of Jesus' names would be Immanuel. *Immanuel* means "God with us."

Later, Isaiah talked about Jesus again, and he wrote these words in the Bible. Isaiah said, "A child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders." That meant that Jesus was coming, and He would be a King.

Isaiah also said, "He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." Even more names for Jesus! All of Jesus' names tell us who Jesus is and what great things He would do. Jesus was going to come to earth to help people and keep them safe. He would be a loving king, and He would bring peace to the whole world.

Isaiah had a third message about Jesus. This time, Isaiah talked about Jesus' family. Isaiah wrote these words in the Bible too. Isaiah said that Jesus would be part of Jesse's family. Jesse was King David's father. Then Isaiah said that God would be with Jesus, and Jesus would be wise and strong. He would do the right thing and be fair.

Finally, Micah the prophet told a message about Jesus. These words are in the Bible too. Micah said that Jesus was going to be born in a town called Bethlehem. He said that Jesus was going to be a ruler. Hundreds of years later, everything that God told Isaiah and Micah came true.

ACTIVITIES

Make a Christmas Craft

See your bin for materials and the example.

Say: God told prophets about Jesus' birth. People waited a long time for Jesus to be born. Everything God said about Jesus came true. JESUS WAS BORN.

Sing a Bible Story Song

Sing to the tune of "Jingle Bells". "Jesus is, Jesus is, God's Son! God sent Jesus to be born because He loves us so!" Use provided bells.

Say: God told prophets about Jesus' birth. He wanted His people to be ready for Jesus. JESUS WAS BORN. Everything God said about Jesus came true.

Proclaim Jesus is Coming

Using scratch paper in your room and tape in your basket, help children make "megaphones". Proclaim Jesus is coming!

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CLOSING ACTIVITES

Before doing closing activities, please have the children help you clean up the toys and materials that have been used today. After the room is cleaned up, set out crayons and let children work on today's **Coloring Page** until their parents arrive. You can also choose a book to read to the children as they color or for those who don't want to color. Please make the effort to have the children quietly engaged when parents arrive. When parents arrive to pick up their children, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

- 1) Clean toys.
- 2) Use sanitizing spray to wipe down tables.
- 3) Sweep up any cracker crumbs or dirt.