



# God Promises the Messiah

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## Lesson Focus

God had always planned that he would send a Savior to redeem fallen man. This plan is seen throughout the Old Testament, including the prophecies of Micah and Isaiah. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, fulfilled these detailed prophecies, reminding us that God's plan to send a Redeemer was in place before time began.

## Key Passages

**Grades 2–3:** Micah 5:2, 7:19; Isaiah 7:14, 53:7; Matthew 1:21–23, 2:1; John 1:1–2; 1 Peter 2:24

**Grades 4–5:** Micah 5:2, 7:18–19; Isaiah 7:14, 53:5–7; Matthew 1:21–23, 2:1; John 1:1–2; 1 Peter 2:24

## What You Heard in the Word

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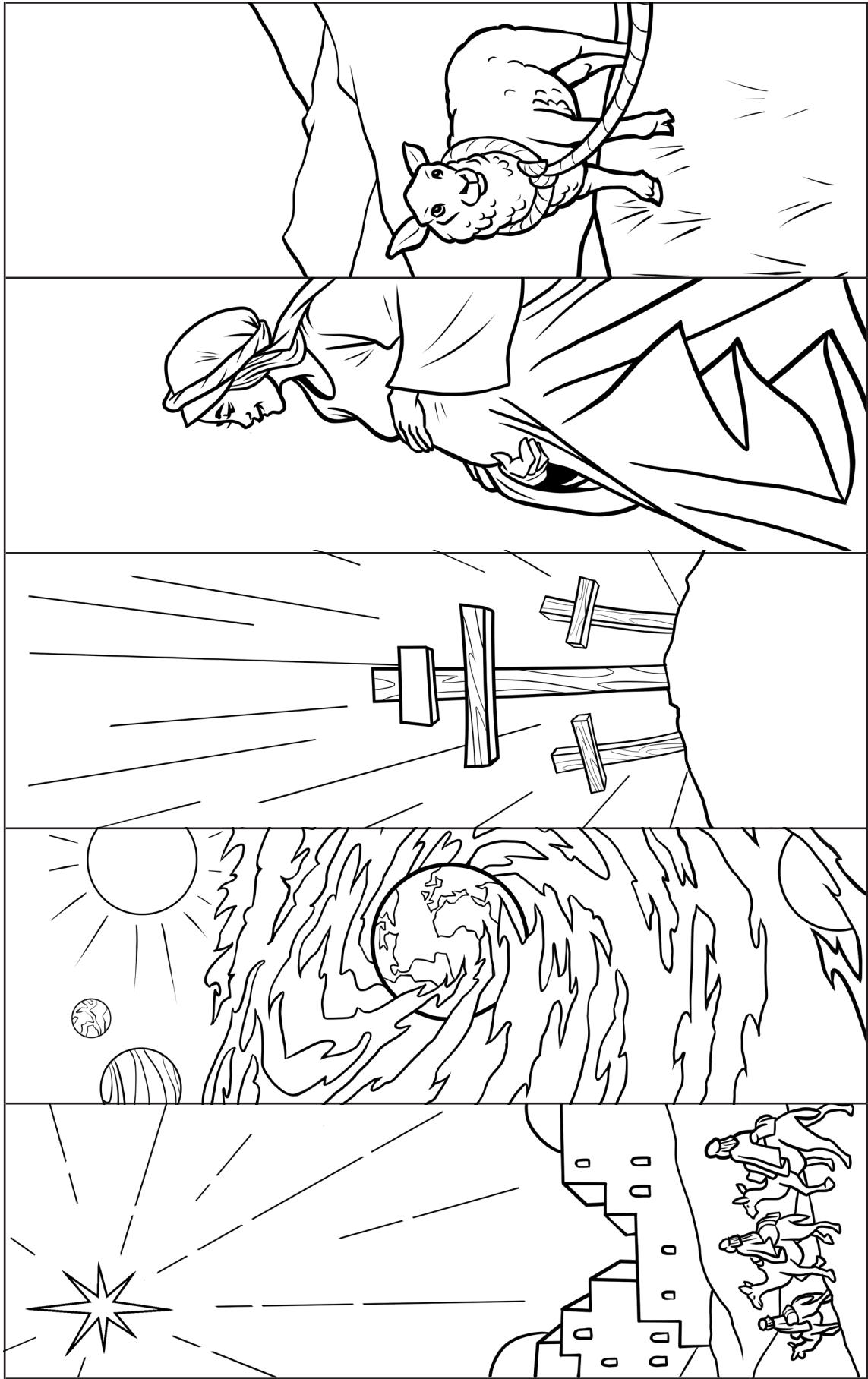


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# Class Notes

Use the word bank to complete the sentence below and the Prophecy/Fulfillment Chart. Be careful—all the words will not be used.

The weather forecast will not always be right, but prophets were always right because they got their information from \_\_\_\_\_.

## PROPHECY

## FULFILLMENT

1. A ruler will come from Bethlehem. _____ 5:2	2. He was born in _____. Matthew 2:1
3. He came from ancient _____. Micah 5:2	4. He had no _____. He is eternal. John 1:1-2
5. He will _____ our sins away. Micah 7:19	6. He bore our _____. 1 Peter 2:24
7. The Lord will give you a sign. _____ 7:14	8. A _____ gave birth to a son—Immanuel. Matthew 1:21-23.
9. He was led like a _____ to be killed. Isaiah 53:7	10. He willingly suffered on a _____. The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

## WORD BANK

BEGINNING	GIVE	MALACHI
BETHLEHEM	GOD	MICAH
CALF	ISAIAH	SINS
CAST	JEREMIAH	TROUBLES
CROSS	JERUSALEM	VIRGIN
DAYS	LAMB	

# Class Notes Answer Key

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# Prophecy Puzzle Match

## Materials

- One set of Prophecy Puzzles (following pages)
- Container for puzzle pieces, such as a bowl or basket
- Bibles
- Optional: small prize or treat

## Instructions

*Print and cut out one set of Prophecy Puzzles, one puzzle for every two students. Make extra copies if you have more than 16 students. If you have an odd number of students, you or your assistant may participate.*

*Mix the puzzle pieces in a container. Have students spread as far apart as possible around the room. Go around the room and hand a puzzle piece to each student or let them draw one out of the container. Explain that each student has one part of a two-piece puzzle—either a prophecy or the fulfillment of a prophecy.*

*When you say “Go,” students with matching pieces will quickly try to find each other. As students find their partners and match up their puzzle pieces, they should sit down and find the verses in their Bibles in order to fill in the blanks on their puzzle pieces. Award a small prize to the pair who finishes first.*

*When all the students have matched their pieces and filled in the blanks, let them take turns reading the text on their puzzle pieces. Make sure they read the prophecy first and then the fulfillment. Help students understand how each prophecy was fulfilled.*

## Suggested Discussion

For each prophecy piece, there was a fulfillment piece that fit perfectly. Even though the prophets wrote hundreds of years before Jesus was born, each Old Testament prophecy we looked at today was perfectly fulfilled in the New Testament. God knew exactly what would happen when he sent the Savior. We only read a few prophecies, but there are many others!

- ? Can humans tell details about what will happen hundreds of years in the future? *No.*
- ? Who can? *Only God.*

Right. God is omniscient. He knows everything, even the future. God told the prophets of the Old Testament what to write so that they could tell people about the coming Savior. God is the real author of the Bible, and we can trust that what it says is true—all of the time!

### Isaiah 11:1

“There shall come forth  
a shoot from the stump  
of \_\_\_\_\_.”

### Matthew 1:1

“The book of the  
genealogy of Jesus Christ,  
the son of \_\_\_\_\_.”

### Micah 5:2

“But you, O \_\_\_\_\_  
Ephrathah, . . . from you  
shall come forth for me one  
who is to be ruler in Israel.”

### Matthew 2:1

“Now after Jesus was  
born in \_\_\_\_\_  
of Judea . . . wise men  
came from the east.”



**Isaiah 7:14**

“Behold, the virgin  
shall conceive and bear  
a \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Matthew 1:20-21**

The angel said to Joseph:  
“That which is conceived  
in her is from the Holy  
Spirit. She will bear  
a \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Isaiah 50:6**

“I gave my back to those  
who \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Matthew 26:67**

“Then they spit in his face  
and \_\_\_\_\_ him.”



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Bethlehem

Cross

Gospels

Isaiah

Jesus

Lamb

Messiah

Micah

Prophecy

Ruler

Sign

Virgin



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## Memory Verse

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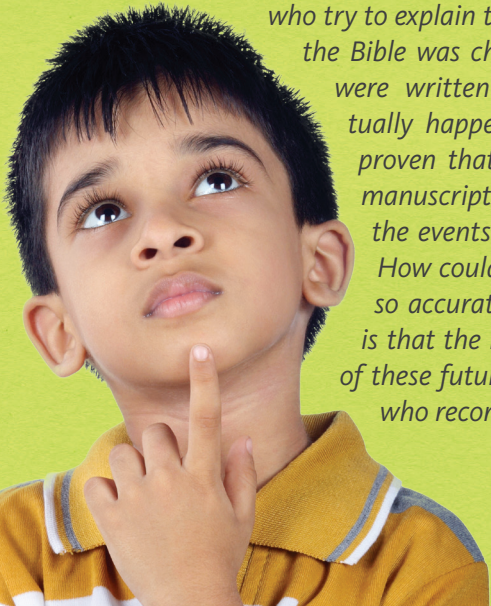
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## OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if you heard someone ask, "What's the big deal about Bible prophecies coming true?" **What could you say?**

*Well, it is a big deal. You see, there are hundreds of Bible prophecies that have occurred just the way the prophets described. This fact alone can give us complete confidence that the Word of God is true. There are people who try to explain this accuracy by saying the Bible was changed and prophecies were written after the events actually happened. But research has proven that the ancient prophetic manuscripts were written before the events they prophesied about. How could all these prophecies be so accurate? The only explanation is that the Lord gave the knowledge of these future events to his prophets, who recorded them in the Bible.*



## Justin & Jessie

"Let's spread our blanket here," said Jessie, pointing out a nice spot in the grass.

"I don't know, Jessie," said her mom, looking at the sky.  
"Those clouds up there look pretty dark."

"But I wanna eat here in the sunshine," Jessie explained.

"Besides, my dad said the weather forecast is sunny," Justin added.



In "Soggy Sandwiches & Snowy Forecasts" Justin and Jessie learn that even if the weather forecast says one thing, the weather may turn out to be very different.

Go to [KidsAnswers.org/jj103](http://KidsAnswers.org/jj103) to read the rest of the story and print out this week's Justin and Jessie coloring sheet.