WEEK 5

Nov 29, 2026

Jesus Coming Foretold

Multiple Scriptures

Story: Read the story ahead of time. Practice it. For the younger grades, feel free to summarize, if needed. It's okay to reference the story as you are telling it, but the goal is to know the story well enough that you don't have to read it word for word. :) And, we encourage you to have your Bible open during the telling of the story, so the kids know where this story came from.

★ **Introduction & Story**:

Quick Recap – In the beginning of the Bible, God made the heavens and the earth, but man sinned. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that displeases God. Sin separates us from God, but God still loves us and wants us to be with Him. He promised to send a Savior to rescue us from sin and bring us back to God!

God had promised for a very long time to send a savior to the world. This promise shows up in the Old Testament in different books of the Bible and over thousands of years. Many of the men that wrote about "clues" of Jesus' coming were called prophets (a person chosen by God to share God's words). When we sing the Books of the Old Testament song - all of the books from Isaiah to Malachi were written by prophets.

Isaiah - 500-700 years before Jesus was born - told them his name would be Immanuel. That's not what he was named but it is who he was. Immanuel means "God with us" and that is exactly who he was. God who came to earth to live among us. They knew the promise that God had made and were waiting for the Savior to come.

Do you remember when we learned about Abraham? God told Abraham that all the nations would be blessed through him. God was talking about the Savior. That is how all nations would be blessed through Abraham. And God told Abraham this about 2,000 years before Jesus was born!

Genesis 12:2-3

I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, ***and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.***

Do you remember when we learned about David, that God promised that a king would come from David's family who would reign forever? God was talking about Jesus. The prophet Jeremiah talked about this and he lived over 600 years before Jesus.

Jeremiah 23:5

"Look, the days are coming" — this is the Lord's declaration — "when I will raise up a Righteous Branch for David. He will reign wisely as king and administer justice and righteousness in the land.

Did you know that another one of God's prophets told the people where the savior would be born? Micah wrote this about 700 years before Jesus was born.

Micah 5:2

Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; one will come from you to be ruler over Israel for me.

The prophet Isaiah also told the people about Jesus being born.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6-7

For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders.

He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever.

God the Father didn't just decide on a whim to save humanity and send Jesus the Son. When Adam and Eve first sinned in Genesis 3, God said He was going to send someone to strike Satan down (Genesis 3:15b). He didn't send Jesus right away though, but as we just talked about - He reminded them of the promise and sent clues to Jesus' birth for thousands of years before Jesus came back.

- ★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan**/Other Tidbits:

God had promised for a very long time that he would send a savior. The prophets talked about it. And next week we will talk about an angel talking about it. Jesus has come!

FAQ: How do we know when the prophets wrote their words? How do we know someone didn't write them after Jesus was born?

A: We can examine how the Bible phrases things and from that we can see people, places, and things that tell us when that part was written. We can also look at the Dead Sea Scrolls which contained all of the Old Testament books (except for Esther) and through science learn that those scrolls were written before Jesus was born. We can also look at the Septuagint which is a Greek translation that was completed before Jesus was born. This proves that the books of the Old Testament and their prophecies of Jesus coming were written long before Jesus came.

Follow Up: As a church, we are encouraging disciple makers to practice the REAP method as it is one useful tool in learning to read the Bible on your own. Retell, Examine, Application, Prayer. Now this may not be everyone's preference, but it is an easy and consistent way to teach children to pull the meaning out of a passage and not just read it or rely on others to teach them what it means. Trees & Mountains - this is a station.

- ★ **Retell**: Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.
- ★ **Examine**:
    - Comprehension Questions:
        - How do you think that the prophets knew specific things about Jesus coming?

        - What are some of the names that Jesus would be called? (See Isaiah 9:6-7)
        - Do you believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world? What does that mean?
    - Ask, “What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?”
        - God is in control and has a plan. When God makes a promise, He keeps them. So we can trust all of his promises.
    - Ask, “What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?”
        - We can trust God. He uses us to carry out His plan.
- ★ **Application**: Ask, “What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?”
    - God is there with a plan. He has plans for us and made a way for us to be with Him. His plans are bigger than we can even imagine and take years to carry out. We need to trust Him with all of our time.
- ★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse: Have the kids use the Bible. They should either share or each have one. If kids have their own Bibles, we can encourage them to use it, but sometimes you may just need to use the class set. Trees & Mountains - this is one station.

- ★ **Verse**: “For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us.” -- Isaiah 9:6

Memory Verse Practice:

Verse Look Up: Explain the address of the verse (Book Chapter:Verse). Explain whether it’s in the Old Testament or the New Testament. Read and explain the verse.

- Rainbow Tip: Not necessary until we split classrooms.
- Fireweed Tip: Put Post-It notes on the book of the Bible for the memory verse. Then have them find the chapter and verse.

Practice the Verse:

- Rainbow: Not necessary :)

- Fireweed: Have the kids read it with you several times. Since they are learning to read, group practice is the focus.
- Trees & Mountains: Kids should be learning the verse and saying it on their own. We will provide activities - pick one to have the kids practice. We will provide: fill-in-the-blank verses, phrases for the kids to put in order, lines for the kids to write the verse out, and a worksheet for the kids to say the verse based on just the first letter of each word in the verse.

Books of the Bible:

★ If there is time or if kids have mastered the verse, have the kids practice the Books of the Bible. When we are doing Old Testament stories, have them practice the Old Testament; when in the New, practice the New Testament. We will have some activities for them to practice with.

- Trees/Mountains currently have pencil cases with sets of cards/bookmarks in them.

Sticky Activities: No need to do all of these! Pick which ones work best for your teaching style and time frame! For the Trees and Mountains - there is enough time for two of the stations to do activities.

★ **Sensory:**

Category	Activity
Experiential	**The Waiting Game:** Ask children to think about something exciting they have waited for. Discuss how God's people waited for the promised Savior. Explain that God's plan unfolded over time and that Jesus came as God had promised.
	Prophecy Detective: Give children clue cards based on the Bible passages. For example, one clue describes a ruler from Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), another describes a child called Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14), and another describes a promised ruler (Isaiah 9:6–7). Help children connect the clues to Jesus.

Visual	**Look for the Promise:** *(combine with Movement Activity: Prophecy Corners)* Have children point to the labels (Bethlehem, A Child, A Ruler, Blessing) while reading scripture.
Movement	**Travel to Bethlehem:** Set up a simple pathway around the room with signs marking places along the way. Children follow the path to a Bethlehem sign while the teacher explains Micah's prophecy about the coming ruler. Explain that this is a pretend journey to help them remember the story.
	Prophecy Corners: Label corners (areas) of the room Bethlehem, A Child, A Ruler, and Blessing. Read a clue from one of the passages and have children move to the matching corner. Discuss the correct connection together.
Crafts	**Name Above All Names:** Jesus name letter match.
	Coloring Page: Prophets Told About the Messiah.
Touch	**Prophecy Mystery Bags:** Place a small toy crown, a star, a piece of soft fabric, and a small wooden block in separate bags. Children feel each object and guess what it represents. Connect the objects to the promised King, Jesus' birth, and God's plan.
Sound	**The Promise Echo:** The teacher calls out, "God made a promise!" and children respond, "God keeps His promises!" Add claps or a simple drumbeat. Repeat with "Jesus is the Savior!" and "God is faithful!"
Additional Activities - Pick prompts or clues that relate to the lesson.	**Hangman**
	Sword drills: Competitive verse lookups.
	Pick a Side: Give kids two choices and assign one side of the room to each choice. Read a prompt, let kids move to their preferred side, and invite a few kids to share their answers. Repeat with new prompts.

Send Home Page: Please send home with parents. They are sized 4 to a page.



Look for the Promise and Prophecy Corners:

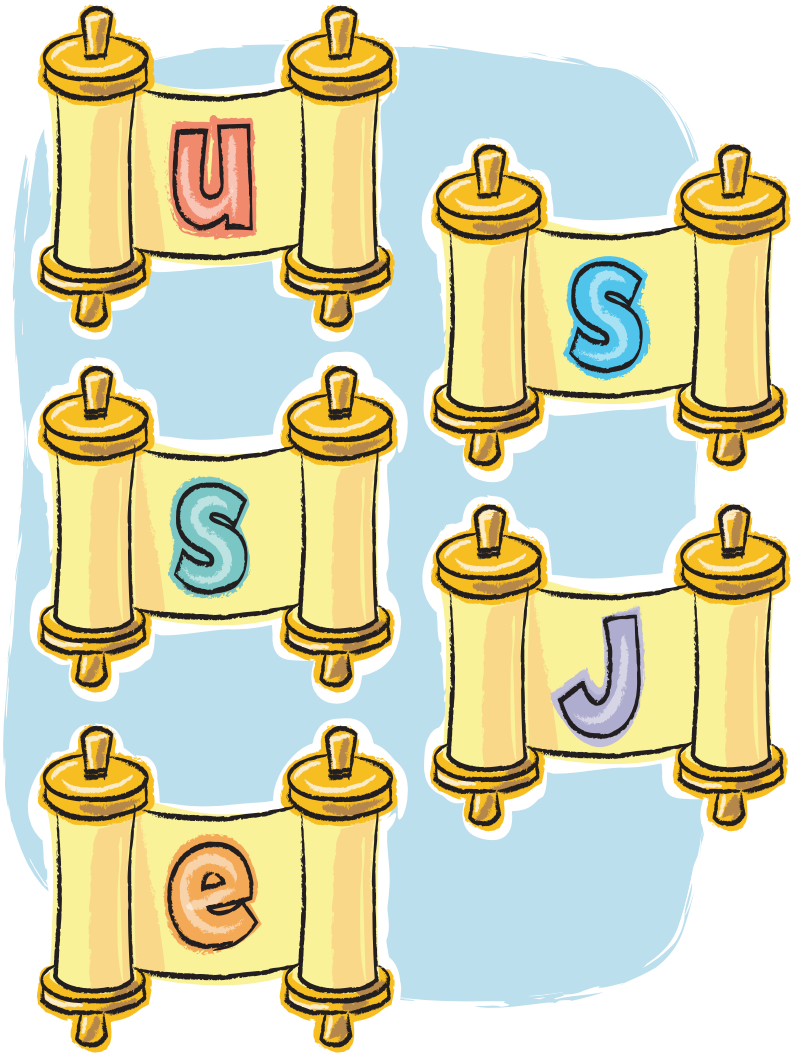
Use these images for cards for the activity (visual and/or movement). Erin will print and have prepared.



Name Above All Names

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw a line connecting the letter beside the quill to the matching letter on the scroll





Prophets Told About Jesus' Birth

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Prophets told about the Messiah.
- Isaiah told that one of Jesus' names would be Immanuel, God with us.
- Isaiah also said Jesus would be a King who would help people and keep them safe.
- Micah said that Jesus would be born in a town called Bethlehem.

KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 4:4-5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why was Jesus born? Jesus was born to rescue us.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What were some of the things the prophets said about Jesus?
- What does knowing that God said Jesus would come long before He came tell us about God?
- How did Jesus show He is Immanuel, or God with us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Use an Advent calendar or wreath to count down to Christmas. Talk about how God's people waited for the Messiah.

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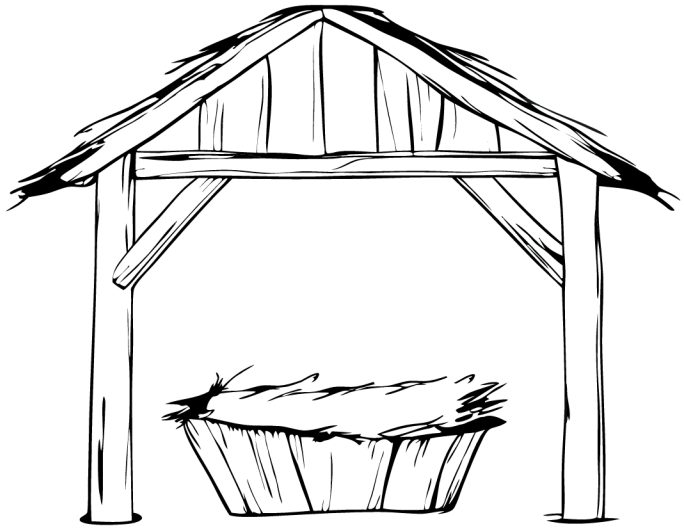


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