

MAKE ROOM

I CAN KNOW GOD THROUGH HIS WORD

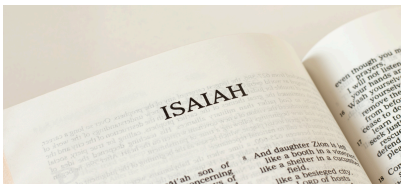
PROPHETS TELL OF JESUS

ASK IT: What would be your favorite way to travel to a family member's house for the holidays: train, plane, car, or walk?
At Christmas, we often think about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and Baby Jesus lying in a manger. But hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God shared His plan through prophets—people who spoke His messages. Their words are recorded in the Bible so we can learn who God is and know the Savior He promised.

READ IT: Open your Bibles and read or summarize Isaiah 7:14; 9:6–7; Isaiah 11; and Micah 5:2.

TALK ABOUT IT: God didn't leave His people guessing about the Savior He would send. Through Isaiah, God promised that a virgin would have a son called Immanuel, which means "God with us." Isaiah described this coming King as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. His kingdom would be ruled with justice and righteousness and would never end!
Isaiah also described a new shoot growing from the stump of Jesse, King David's father. Like a green shoot growing from a tree that looks lifeless, the promised King would come from David's family and bring hope.

God's Spirit would rest on Him, and He would rule wisely and fairly. Isaiah pictured the wonderful peace His reign would bring. Through Micah, God even named the place where this ruler would be born: Bethlehem.
These promises point us to Jesus! When we read God's Word, we discover His plan, His power, and His love. We learn that God keeps His promises, even when people wait a long time to see them happen. We can know God through His Word.



DO IT: Make a "Promise Chain" together. Cut strips of paper and write one promise or description on each strip: "God with us," "Wonderful Counselor," "Prince of Peace," "From David's family," "Born in Bethlehem," and "A kingdom that never ends." Find the passage that matches each strip, then connect the strips into a paper chain to display during Christmas.
Let each family member choose a strip and finish this sentence: "This helps me know God because _____."
Every link reminds us that God's Word helps us know Him. This Christmas, celebrate Jesus—the promised King—and make time to discover more about Him in the Bible!