

LIFE POINT
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special baby.

PROPHETS TOLD OF JESUS' BIRTH



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God sent Jesus to earth.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-5;
Micah 5:2

UNIT VERSE

God will send a child to be
born. *Isaiah 7:14*

WEEKLY VERSE

God will send a child to be
born. *Isaiah 7:14*

SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF

December 3



LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you heard the phrase “slow as Christmas”? This phrase is a complaint about things going slower than expected. Weeks before Christmas some kids may feel like time slows down as they dream of the gifts they hope to find under the tree. Sometimes we all feel like Christmas will never come!

Can you imagine waiting on something to happen for hundreds of years? That time frame is well beyond any one person’s lifetime, but it was the length of time that a nation waited. God revealed to Isaiah and Micah that the amazing gift of the Messiah was coming, the first Christmas, but God did not tell them when this would happen. Seven hundred years passed from the time of the Old Testament prophets to the birth of Jesus. Yes, generation after generation of God’s people waited for Him to keep His promise.

As the years went by, what questions do you think the people had? Maybe they wondered if God would really send a child to be born of a virgin. Would the Promised Savior truly be “God is with us”? Would He really be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace? Would He be a wise ruler who would bring justice to the oppressed? Christians know that the answer to all of these questions is a resounding yes!

God’s plan to save people from sin and death was not a secret. God used His prophets to give hope to His people. For centuries the prophets proclaimed that God would send a Messiah. He would be born into the world as a baby, live the perfect life we would fail to live, and die the guilty death we deserved. God kept His promise, and Jesus was even more than anyone could have imagined. As believers in Jesus, we know He took our punishment and conquered death to save everyone—anyone who believes—from sin. Jesus was a gift worth waiting for!

If you are waiting on God’s answer and feel things are moving as “slow as Christmas,” concentrate on Scripture that tells of God’s faithfulness. Sometimes waiting on God is hard, but remember, God is good and always keeps His promises.



GROUP TIME

- » **Move to music.** Play “Angels’ Lullaby.” Encourage the preschoolers to move around the room as they sing along with the song.
- » **Pray.** Point out the Unit 1 Door Poster. Read the verse. Lead the preschoolers in prayer. Thank God for sending Jesus to earth.
- » **Tell the Bible story.** Mention that this month we will celebrate Christmas. Say that we celebrate the birth of a special baby on Christmas. Encourage the children to listen to hear who wrote about Jesus before He was born. Open the Bible to Isaiah 7 as you tell the Bible story in your own words.

PROPHETS TOLD OF JESUS’ BIRTH

—Based on Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-5; Micah 5:2

Long before Jesus was born, God had a plan. God planned to send His Son, Jesus, to be born. God told prophets to tell the people about His plan to send a special baby.

Prophets were people who told others what God wanted them to know. One of the prophets was Isaiah. He wrote what God told him. Isaiah wrote about God’s promise to send a very special child to be born. The special baby would be God’s Son. Isaiah said the child would be called names like Mighty God and Prince of Peace. The child would grow up and do what is right.

Another prophet who lived a long time ago was named Micah. Micah also wrote about Jesus. He wrote that God’s Son would be born in Bethlehem.

People heard or read the words that the prophets wrote. They knew that God was planning to send His Son. The words of the prophets are in our Bible today. Those words are about Jesus.

- » **Review the Bible story.** Display the teaching picture. Play “Angels’ Lullaby.” Gather the children into a circle. Pass the doll around the circle. Stop the music at various intervals. Ask a review question to the child left holding the doll. Ask: “What does a prophet do? Who wrote about the special baby God would send? Where would the baby be born? What would the baby’s name be? Who is God’s Son?”
- » **Work a puzzle.** Invite a child to open the Bible at the marker. Read the verse. Lead the preschoolers to put the Unit 1 Verse Puzzle cards in order. Suggest they count the dots and place the cards in order from the fewest to the most dots. Read the verse. Lead the children to say the verse with you.
- » **Wrap it up and pray.** Show the “Prophets Told of Jesus’ Birth” video. Remind the boys and girls that men wrote that God would send a special baby. That special baby is Jesus. Invite interested preschoolers to pray. Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus, to earth.

CHOOSE

your own

SCHEDULE

Decide when to have group time; then select learning activities to use before and/or after group time.



- » Pack Items 14, 15, 16: “Weekly Verses,” “Unit 1 Door Poster,” “Unit 1 Verse Puzzle”
- » Teaching Picture 1
- » Music
- » Videos
- » Bible, doll
- » Post the door poster on the door at the preschoolers’ eye level. Cut apart the Unit 1 Verse Puzzle cards. Place today’s verse marker in the Bible at Isaiah 7:14.



BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

› Kids Activity Page

› Wooden blocks, crayons

BUILD CITIES

- › Assist the preschoolers in using crayons to complete their activity pages. Point out the Bible story picture and briefly retell the story.
- › Guide the boys and girls to use the blocks to build the city of Bethlehem.
- › Talk about where you live. Challenge the children to build your city. Assist them in thinking of several types of buildings that are in your city, such as schools, churches, and libraries.
- › Say that men wrote that God would send a special baby. That baby was Jesus. Micah wrote that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. (Blocks)

› Pack Items 14, 17, 18A: “Weekly Verses,” “Sequence Cards,” “Sequence Board”

› Bible, basket

SEQUENCE PICTURES

Separate the Sequence Cards. Place the cards in the basket. Place the Weekly Verse marker in the Bible at Isaiah 7:14.

- › Guide the children to remove the cards from the basket. Lead them to sort the cards into groups of three by the border color around the cards.
- › Direct them to choose one set of three cards with the same color border. Instruct them to place the three cards in order on the Sequence Board.
- › Mention that long before Jesus was born, men wrote that God would send a special baby. The baby would be born in Bethlehem. The baby would be God’s Son and named Jesus.
- › Invite a child to open the Bible at the verse marker. Read the verse aloud. Lead the children to repeat the verse. (Games)

› Music

› Plastic container, plastic baby dolls, wash cloths, towels, doll clothes

BATHE BABY DOLLS

Fill the plastic container 2 or 3 inches deep with water.

- › Play “Jesus Was Born.” Lead the children to sing along.
- › Suggest the boys and girls use the wash cloths to wash the babies. Guide them to use the towels to dry off the dolls. Encourage them to dress the dolls when they are dry.
- › Comment that men wrote that God would send a special baby. This special baby was Jesus. He would be born in Bethlehem. (Dramatic Play)

› Construction paper, glue, washable marker, pom-poms, dry erase boards, dry erase markers, different colors of tissue paper, scissors

DECORATE A NAME

Write each child’s name in large letters on a piece of paper.

- › Assist the preschoolers to cut or tear tissue paper into small pieces.
- › Assist children to squeeze glue on the letters of their names in a thin line.
- › Guide them to cover the glue with pom-poms and tissue paper.
- › Explain that men wrote that God would send a special baby. Isaiah said the child would be called names like Mighty God and Prince of Peace. God sent Jesus to earth.
- › Suggest the preschoolers write their names on the dry erase boards with dry erase markers. (Art)

MATCH LETTERS

Write the name JESUS on an index card. Write the following letters on the clothespins below the springs: J, E, S, U, S. Write one letter on each clothespin. Make more sets of index cards and clothespins if you have a large group.

- » Display the teaching picture. Remind the preschoolers that men wrote that God would send a special baby. Isaiah wrote that the child would be called special names like Mighty God and Prince of Peace.
- » Guide the boys and girls to match the letters on the clothespins to the letters on the index card. Lead the children to attach the clothespins under the matching letters. Help the children put the clothespins in order to spell *Jesus*.
- » Comment that these letters spell Jesus. God sent Jesus to earth. Jesus is God's Son. (Puzzles)

MAKE A MEGAPHONE

Punch out the bottom of a cup for each child. Print out "Unit 1 Missions."

- » Display the missions pictures. Briefly tell the story about David White and his family in Guatemala. Tell that Guatemala has a picture of a bird on their flag, stamps, and money.
- » Lead the preschoolers to use the markers and stickers to make designs on their cups. Demonstrate for the children how to hold the bottom of a cup to their mouths.
- » Encourage the boys and girls to shout, "Jesus is God's Son," through their megaphones. Tell that missionaries today still tell people that the special baby born long ago was Jesus, God's Son.
- » Guide the children to name someone they can tell about Jesus. (Nature)

COLOR A PICTURE

- » Encourage the children to use crayons to color their coloring pages.
- » Ask the boys and girls: "What did prophets do? Who wrote that Jesus would be born? Where did Micah write that Jesus would be born? Who is God's Son?"

CLEAN UP

- » Quietly walk around the room and whisper a clean up task to each child. Continue whispering tasks until the room is clean. Assist the children as needed to complete their tasks. Thank them for helping at church.

- » Teaching Picture 1
- » Index cards, clothespins

- » Printables: "Unit 1 Missions"
- » Foam cups, washable markers, bird or nature stickers

- » Printables: "Prophets Told of Jesus' Birth" Coloring Page
- » Crayons