

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#01 – The Promised Messiah Luke 1:1-4

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.)

1-1 Prophet (Moses or Elijah)

REVIEW

As this is the first lesson of a new study, there is no review.

LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** (picture 1-1) What is this a picture of?

This is a picture of a prophet. Does anyone know what a prophet is? Prophets learn from God about things that will happen in the future.

We're going to read prophecies from the Old Testament about the coming of the Savior. Who is our Savior? Jesus is our Savior. He came to earth to bring us back to God.

The Old Testament is the part of the Bible that was written before Jesus came to earth. It is full of prophecies about the coming of the savior. Prophecies tell about events that were to happen in the future that God spoke to prophets about. We will see how Jesus' coming filled the prophecies from the Old Testament.

The big question for this week is: Who is Jesus?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached discussion questions.

Title: What did the Prophets say about the Savior?

Page 1—2 Peter 1:19

(Picture of a scroll or prophet)
Long ago God's prophets
foretold of Jesus' birth,
That the Father up above
would send a Savior to the earth.
The prophets promised many signs
the Savior's birth would show,
So when God's Son came to earth
the people'd surely know.

Page 2—Isaiah 7:14

(Picture of Mary or a dove)
Isaiah said a virgin
would have a baby boy.
He would save God's people
and fill their hearts with joy.
Jesus' mother was a virgin,
she hadn't been a wife.
And so the Holy Spirit
was the one who gave Christ life.

Page 3—Jeremiah 23:5

(Picture of King David)
The Savior'd be of David,
a good and faithful king.
Salvation to all people
is the gift that he would bring.
Jesus' royal lineage
fulfilled the prophet's sign,
As both Mary and good Joseph
were from King David's line

Page 4—Micah 5:2

(Picture of the town of Bethlehem)
The Savior would be born
in King David's own hometown.
So Bethlehem would be the place
where the baby would be found.
Jesus' earthly parents
lived quite far away.
But by the king's decree
they were in Bethlehem that day.

Page 5—Malachi 4:5-6

(Picture of John the Baptist)
Another prophet God would send
before the Savior came
He'd prepare the hearts of men
by speaking of their shame.
Jesus said that John
was the one the Father sent.
And in order to be baptized
it was to John that Jesus went.

Page 6—John 3:19-20

(Picture of Jesus or a heart)
The prophecy has been fulfilled
but people still reject God's Son.
They don't want to bow to Jesus;
they don't believe he is the one.
The hearts of men are hard and dark;
they don't want to go God's way.
They can't see that life is better,
when Jesus they obey.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Day 1: What is a prophet? What did the prophets say God would do? Why is what they said important?

Day 2: What is a virgin? What did the prophet say the virgin would have? Why is that strange? What would the virgin's son do?

Day 3: Whose line did the prophets say the Savior would come from? What would he do for all people? What is salvation? Why do we need salvation?

Day 4: Where would the Savior be born? What was special about Bethlehem? Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem instead of where his parents lived?

Day 5: Who would God send before the Savior came? What would that person do? What is our shame? Who was the prophet who came before Jesus? How do we know John was the one who was to come first?

Day 6: How do we know Jesus is the Son of God? Why do people reject Jesus? Why is life better when we obey Jesus?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God for telling the prophets about the coming of the Savior and the signs of his coming. Thank God that we can know Jesus and be sure that he is the Son of God because of the miracles he did and the prophecy he fulfilled.
- The Big Question: Who is Jesus?

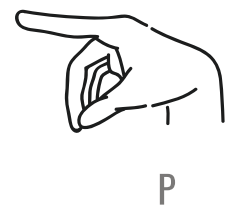
Jesus is the Word of God who came to live among us and reveal God's glory.

ACTIVITIES (Completed after the lesson)

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ Lesson Rhyme: Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

P—P	Make sign of P
Prophets	Move sign of P out from mouth
Foretold of	Move sign of P in a circle out in front
Jesus' birth	Put arms together like rocking a baby
P—P—Prophets	Same as above
A Savior'd	Form a cross with index fingers
come to earth	Put arms together in a circle over head.



★ Coloring: Color in the lesson picture.

★ **Activity:** Drawing

Draw a picture of the baby in the manger.

• **Song:** The Prophecy Song (To the tune of: The More We Get Together)

Ancient prophets they did tell us, did tell us, did tell us
Ancient prophets they did tell us a Savior would come

Isaiah said a virgin, a virgin, a virgin,
Isaiah said a virgin would have a baby boy

The Savior'd be of David, of David, of David
The Savior'd be of David a good, faithful king

The Savior'd be from Bethlehem, from Bethlehem, from Bethlehem
The Savior'd be from Bethlehem King David's hometown

God said he'd send a prophet, a prophet, a prophet
God said he'd send a prophet to prepare people's hearts

Jesus' birth fulfills the prophecy, the prophecy, the prophecy,
Jesus' birth fulfills the prophecy and shows he's God's Son

• **Craft:** Bible

Bible: Make a coloring booklet to represent the contents of the Bible.

Materials: copy paper, colored pencils or crayons

Preparation: Run off the booklet and cut pages.

Instructions:

1. Fold pages into a booklet.
2. Color in the letters of "Holy Bible" and the pictures.
3. Talk about the difference between the Old and New Testaments and what they contain.

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.