

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why do you think God used the prophets to tell people about the future Messiah?
- What kind of leader is Jesus? How is that different from worldly leaders?
- Do you believe Jesus will keep His promise to come again?

Prophets Told About Jesus' Birth

Isaiah 7; 9; 11; Micah 5

STORY POINT: EVERYTHING GOD SAID ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH CAME TRUE.

Long before Jesus was born, some of God's prophets told people that Jesus would come. Isaiah the prophet lived hundreds of years before Jesus was born on earth. The first message about Jesus was about who Jesus' mother would be and who Jesus would be.

Isaiah said, "The Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel." He said too that one of Jesus' names would be *Immanuel*, which means "God with us."

Some time later, Isaiah talked about Jesus again. He said, "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."

All these names tell us who Jesus is and the great things He would do.

Isaiah's third message was about Jesus' family and His power.

Finally, the prophet Micah told about where Jesus would be born. Micah said that Jesus would be born in a town called Bethlehem. Micah also said that Jesus would be ruler over Israel. Hundreds of years later, everything the prophets Isaiah and Micah said about Jesus came true.

Christ Connection: God's plan to save people from sin and death was not a secret plan. God used the prophets to give hope to His people. They said God would send a Messiah—born into the world as a baby—to live the perfect life people fail to live and die the guilty death we deserve.



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Future News

Rearrange the word boxes to fill in the definition of the word *prophecy*.

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Prophecy Match

Use your Bible to look up the New Testament passages. Match each Old Testament prophecy with how it came true at Jesus' birth.

- Jesus will be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)
- Jesus' mother will be a virgin. (Isaiah 7:14)
- Jesus will be called out of Egypt. (Hosea 11:1)
- Jesus will come from the family of King David. (Jeremiah 23:5)
- Jesus will be a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (Genesis 12:1-3; 26:3-4; 35:11-12)

