

HomeWord
For Parents

The gospel—redemption of sinners through the promised Messiah—is woven like a scarlet thread throughout the Bible—like an arrow pointing to something wonderful that will surely happen in the future. As we look at the prophet Micah, we will see that he was one of the prophets of God who had the privilege of announcing the coming Messiah.

Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah, ministering to both Israel and Judah. He preached in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. He prophesied from around 760 to 710 BC. His message of the future included revelations of the Messiah, the Savior—who He was and how He would be identified.

In Micah 5 we see four characteristics regarding the coming Messiah. First, in Micah 5:2, the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Second, the Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah. Third, the

Messiah would be the eternal Ruler. And fourth, in Micah 5:4, the Messiah would act as a shepherd who would feed His flock. These prophecies were all fulfilled, and God confirmed the fulfillment of them in other parts of Scripture.

Micah continued with the prophecy that brought the people of his time hope—and still brings hope today. God would one day pardon iniquity and pass over the transgressions of His children for good. He would not retain His anger against sin forever. God would have compassion on His children and would cast all their sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:18–20). This could be accomplished ONLY through the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. And it is available to all who will turn from their sins and trust in this precious Messiah, the Savior Jesus Christ.

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OutWord For Family Discussion

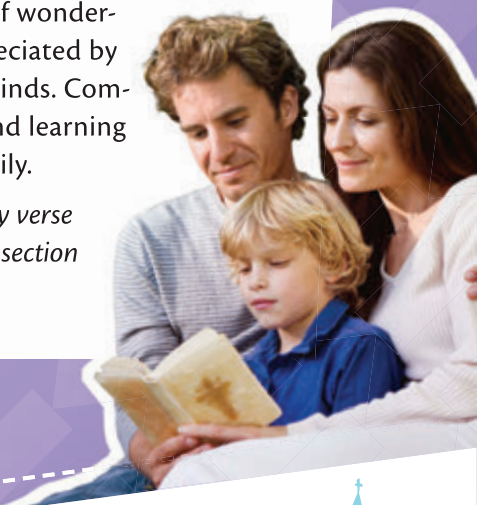
Suppose you heard someone ask, “What’s the big deal about Bible prophecies coming true?” **What would you say?**

Well, it is a big deal. You see, there are hundreds of Bible prophecies that have occurred just the way the prophets described. This fact alone can give us complete confidence that the Word of God is true. There are people who try to explain this accuracy by saying the Bible was changed, and prophecies were written after the events actually happened. But research has proven that the ancient prophetic manuscripts were written before the events they prophesied about. How could all these prophecies be so accurate? The only explanation is that the Lord gave the knowledge of these future events to His prophets and then inspired the recording of His Word in the Bible!

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For Family Study

“Open my eyes that I may see wondrous things from your law” (Psalm 119:18). God’s Word is indeed full of wonderful truths to be appreciated by even the youngest minds. Commit to discovering and learning these truths as a family.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



The Coming Ruler

KEY THEME

- God’s plan of redemption was in place before time.

KEY PASSAGES

- Micah 5:2, 5:4
- John 1:1–2, 10:11
- Matthew 2:1–2
- Micah 7:18–19
- Genesis 49:8
- 1 Peter 2:24
- Revelation 5:5

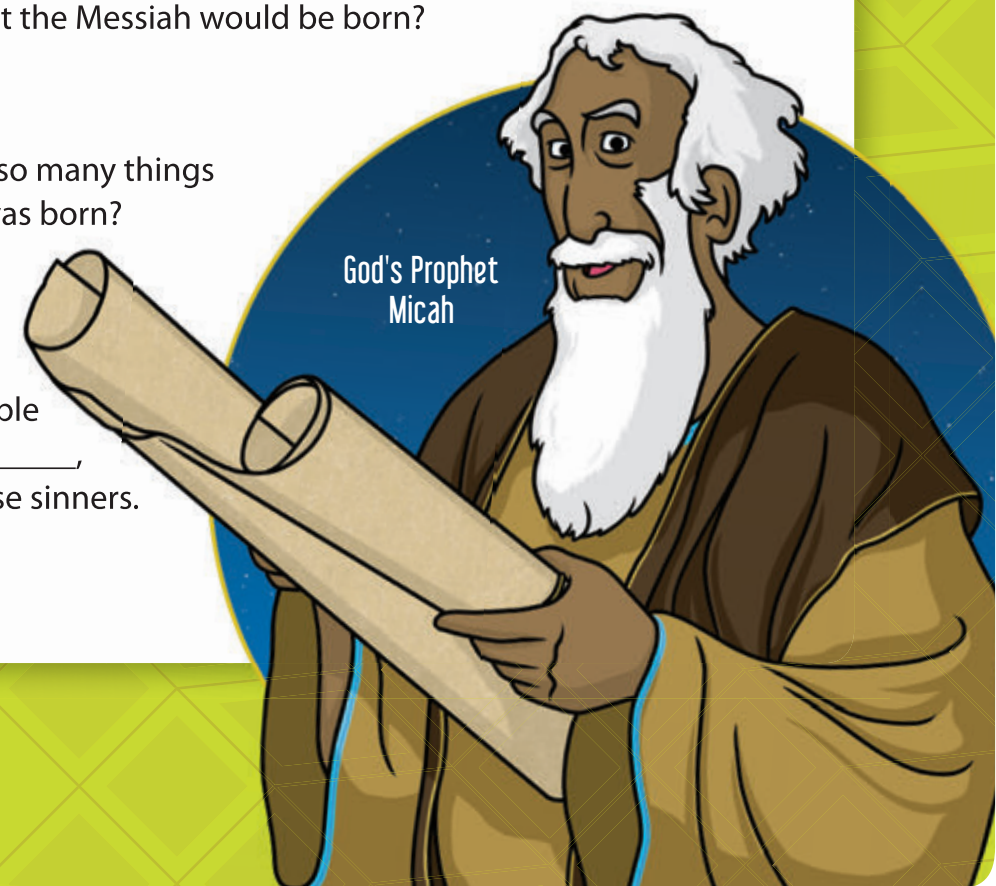


What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- God’s prophet Micah told of the coming Messiah who would be an eternal ruler, would be born in Bethlehem, would be of the tribe of Judah, and would love His people like a shepherd—all of which came true!
- Jesus, the Messiah, bore the penalty of our sin and provided a way for us to be forgiven through His life, death, and Resurrection.

Answer these questions from today’s lesson.

- 1 Where did Micah say that the Messiah would be born?
- 2 How could Micah know so many things about Jesus before He was born?
- 3 Micah’s role as prophet included telling the people about the _____, who would come to save sinners.



God's Prophet Micah

1) Bethlehem. 2) He was a prophet of God. 3) Messiah.

Read the Word

Monday {Micah 5:2}

Where would the one to be Ruler of Israel come from?

Tuesday {Luke 2:4-7}

Where was Jesus born?

Wednesday {Colossians 1:15-17}

Who created all things? Who was before all things?

Thursday {Psalm 23:1}

Who is our Shepherd?

Friday {John 10:11}

Who is the Good Shepherd? What did He do for His sheep?

Saturday {Isaiah 53:6}

What are we like? What have we done?

Learn the Word Unscramble the words and fill in the blanks

All we like _____ have

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gone astray; we have _____,

rduen

every one, to his own _____;

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and the Lord has laid on Him the

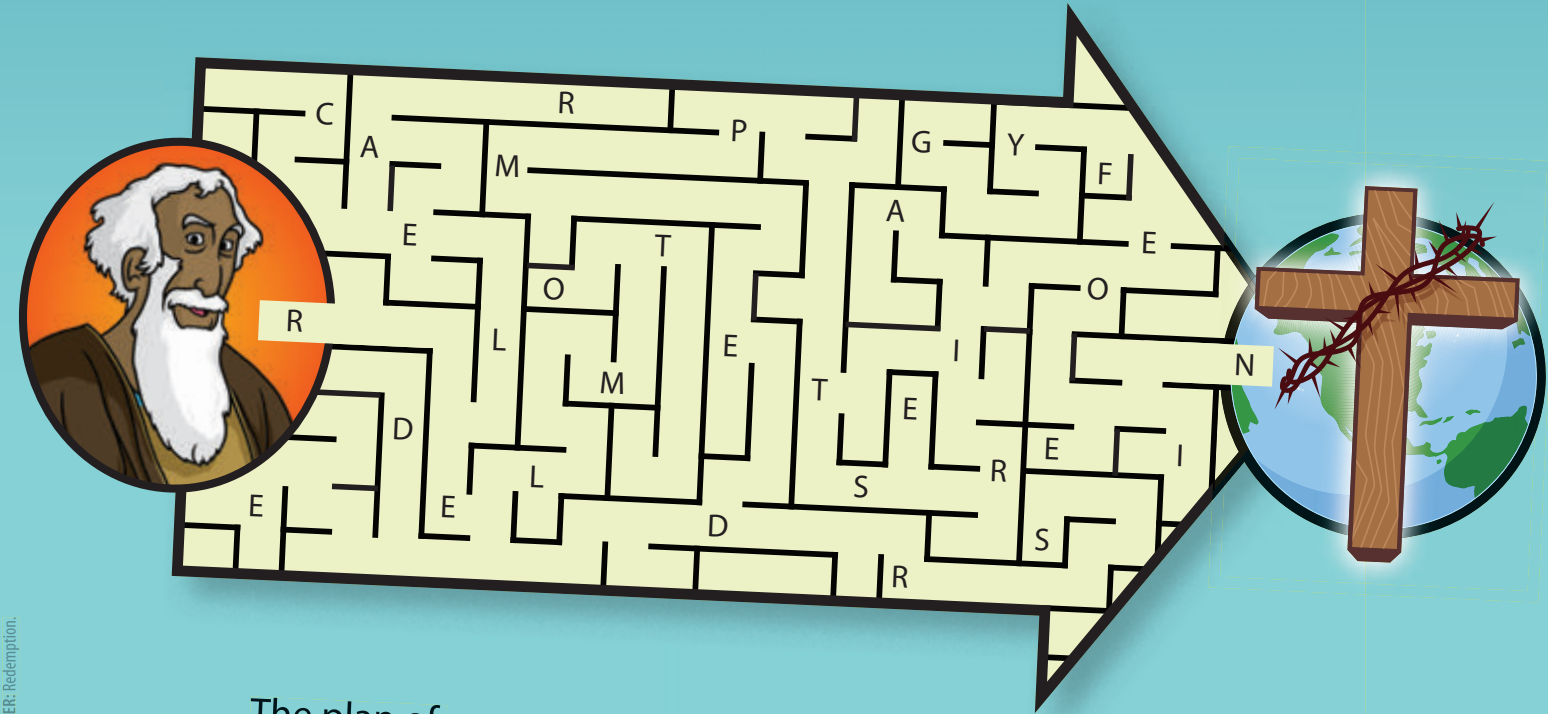
_____ of us all.

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Isaiah 53:6 (NKJV)

FROM MICAH TO JESUS

Micah's message was pointing to the Messiah, Jesus. Find your way from Micah to the cross. Put the letters you pass over in the spaces below to answer this question. What is God's plan to save sinners through Jesus Christ called?



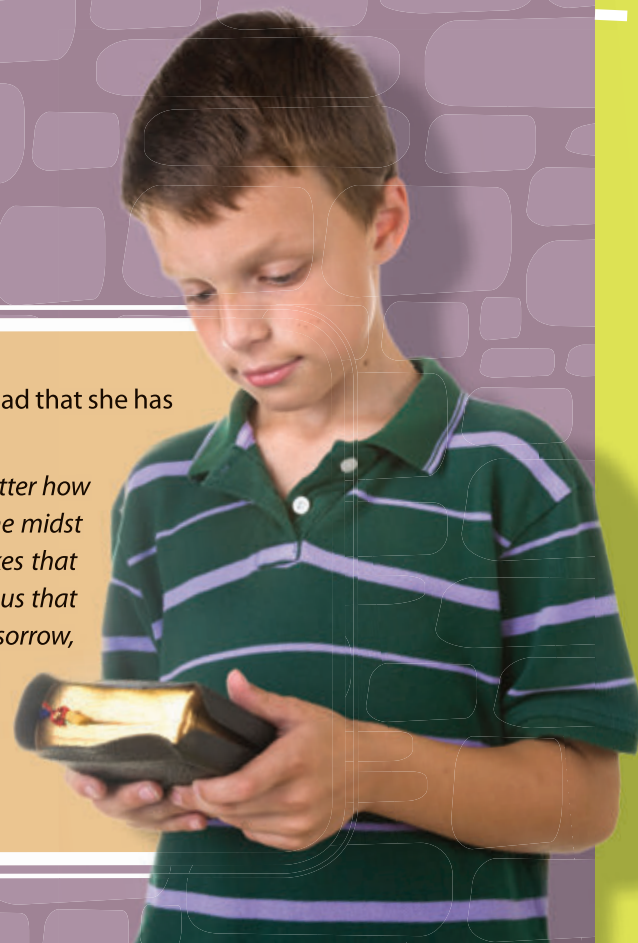
The plan of _____

ANSWER: Redemption.

LIVE the Word

What if a friend said to you that her life is so bad and the world is so bad that she has no hope? **What would you say?**

We live in a cursed world because of sin. But we can have hope no matter how bad things seem. We can live life with peace, joy, and hope even in the midst of the terrible things in this world. Knowing God, through Jesus, makes that possible. God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible. The Bible tells us that if we admit we do wrong things, repent of those things with godly sorrow, believe in Jesus, and receive the salvation He offers us freely, we will be changed. God adopts you as His child! Just knowing God is with me when things are really bad, helps. God wants you to know more about Him. I hope you'll consider coming to church with me to find out more!



MATCHING PROPHECIES

Match the prophecy about the Messiah spoken by Micah to its fulfillment in the New Testament.

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| _____ 1. Micah 5:2b Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, <i>from everlasting.</i> | A. Matthew 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem. |
| _____ 2. Micah 5:4a And He shall stand and <i>feed His flock</i> in the strength of the Lord. | B. John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. |
| _____ 3. Micah 5:2a But you, <i>Bethlehem Ephrathah</i> , though you are little among the thousands of Judah ... | C. John 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. |

SNEAK PEEK

What did the prophet Isaiah say about the coming Messiah?

ANSWERS: 1-B; 2-C; 3-A