

HomeWord¹ 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.

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord¹ For Family Discussion

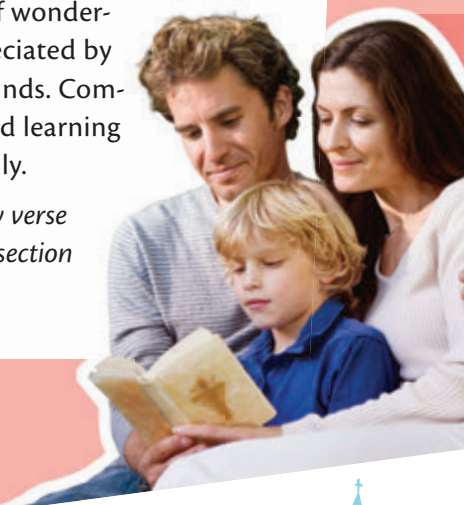
Suppose you heard someone ask, “What’s the big deal about Bible prophecies coming true?” **What could you say?**

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.

inWord¹ 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 prophets spoke of Jesus.

Key Passages

- Micah 5:2, 7:18–19
- Luke 2:4



What You HEARD¹ in the Word

- God used the prophet Micah to tell the people where Jesus would be born and how Jesus would die for sinners.

Ask your child these questions from today’s lesson.

- 1 How did God speak to His people?
- 2 Where did Micah say Jesus would be born?
- 3 Who came to earth so sinners would have a way to be saved?



1) Through the prophets. 2) Bethlehem. 3) Jesus.

Read the Word with Mom & Dad

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 1:16-17)
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? (Your memory verse!)

Learn the Word!

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem

Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Help them find their way! Then color the picture.



Bethlehem



LIVE the Word
with Johnny and His Dad

Dad, is the pastor like a prophet? He speaks for God, doesn't he?

Well, what does the pastor teach from? What book do we read when we are in church?

We always take our Bibles to church. And he tells us to look there.

That's right. The pastor teaches us from God's Word, the Bible. He isn't a prophet telling us new things. He is a teacher helping us understand what God has written down.

