



A LESSON AT ADVENT: THE PROPHETS TELL ABOUT JESUS

BEFORE YOU READ:

- The Bible tells us all about God sending the world a special gift. That gift was Jesus!
- Ask: If you were going to share a special announcement, how would you do it?
- Before Jesus was born, special messengers of God, called prophets, announced that Jesus was coming. Jesus was coming to save the world because it was broken due to sin. The people waited a long time, but God sent Jesus just like God promised!

Read the following Scripture to learn about what one of the prophets shared!



READ: ISAIAH 7:14, 9:6-7

Isaiah 7:14

14. The Lord himself will give you a sign. The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel. (NirV)

Isaiah 9:6-7

6. A child will be born to us. He will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace.

7. Power and peace will be in his kingdom. It will continue to grow. He will rule as king on David's throne and over David's kingdom. He will make it strong, by ruling with goodness and fair judgment. He will rule it forever and ever. The Lord of heaven's armies will do this because of his strong love for his people.

(International Children's Bible)

DISCUSSION:

- God sent special messengers to tell the people about Jesus. Can you remember what those special messengers were called? (**Prophets**) Can you name any other prophets?
- What did Isaiah say the baby would be called in chapter 7? (**Immanuel; share that it means "God with us."**)
- Why do you think God came to be "with" us?
- In chapter 9, Isaiah gives us a list of names for the promised child. What names does he give?
- What makes Jesus a wonderful counselor?
- What makes Jesus powerful?
- What kind of leader did Isaiah say that Jesus would be? (good, fair, powerful, a leader bringing peace)
- The prophets shared about Jesus many years before he was born. The people spent a lot of time waiting for God to send the Savior. Do you think it was easy or hard for the people to wait? Why? What promises are we still waiting on God to fulfill today? Do we have a hard time waiting?
- **Explain that Jesus came, just as God promised!**



ACTIVITY: "RECITE THE TEXT"

Supplies needed: Bible, notecard or paper, decorating materials

Write Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6 on a notecard or piece of paper. Decorate your work. Post it in a visible place in your home. Work on learning and reciting the verses each day of this week.



PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you that you sent special messengers like Isaiah to tell the whole world about Jesus. Thank you for sending Jesus, just like you promised! Thank you for being the kind of God who always keeping your promises.

Amen!