



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, Jesus!
- Ask: How do you think the people knew Jesus was coming?
 - Before Jesus was born, special messengers called prophets told the people about Jesus. He was called the Messiah! He was coming to save the world because it was broken. The world was broken because of 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 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**)
- A prophet named Isaiah told us that Jesus would have many names. Can you remember one of the names? (**Wonderful counselor, powerful God, Father who lives Forever, Prince of Peace**)
- What kind of leader did Isaiah say that Jesus would be? (**good, fair, powerful, a leader bringing peace**)
- Why was Jesus born? (**To save the world from sin, because God loves God's people**)
- **Everything that the prophets said about Jesus came true, just like God promised! God always keeps God's promises!**

ACTIVITY 1: "SING-IT!"

Join the prophets in sharing the message about Jesus by singing "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" with your child!

**"Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
Jesus Christ is born!"**



ACTIVITY 2: "MEGAPHONE MESSAGES"

Supplies needed: a colored paper cup, a pipe cleaner, a sharp object, glue, a Bible (or copy of Isaiah 9:6)

Step 1: Adults should use a sharp object to poke two wholes (on the same side) in the paper cup. Cut the pipe cleaners in half.

Step 2: Insert the ends of the pipe cleaner into the holes you made and bend the ends inside the cup.

Step 3: Share that the prophets spread the message that Jesus was coming. It was good news! Have your child use their voices to spread messages too. Use the megaphone to announce, "Jesus is coming!"

Step 4: Have your child practice reciting Isaiah 9:6 in their megaphone. Walk throughout your home and recite it together.



PRAYER:

Dear God,
Thank you that you sent special messengers to tell the whole world about Jesus! Thank you that everything that the prophets said came true. Thank you for giving us the best gift by sending Jesus!
Amen!