

Unit 9 at a Glance

The Prophets

Unit Overview

The students continue their Old Testament survey as they meet the radical, sold-out for God men we know as the major and minor prophets. Through Isaiah's revelations of the Messiah to Malachi's burning challenge to build God's house, the students will gain an understanding of how God pursues us. The students will consider how they can apply the message of the prophets to their own hearts, and when they do, they too will be radical messengers of truth!

Unit Goals

- The students will understand that God's prophets spoke his word to the people.
- The students will see that the prophets helped people change their lives for God.
- The students will learn that they can be radical by living by God's truth.

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Lesson 1 Who Were These Men?

Scripture Memory Work

The Major Prophets

Helping the students put their finger on the purpose of the prophets is the goal of this lesson. They will learn that prophets spoke God's truth, lived by God's truth and helped others respond to God's truth. The students will also think of ways they can be like a prophet today.

Lesson 2 Isaiah

Scripture Memory Verse

Isaiah 53:12 (NLT)

He was counted among those who were sinners. He bore the sins of many and interceded for sinners.

Isaiah shows the students that God had prepared long ago to send Jesus. Not only will they identify Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies, but the students will think about ways that God's plan for Jesus relates to their lives today.

Lesson 3 Jeremiah

Scripture Memory Verse

Jeremiah 1:8

"Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

The students will watch Jeremiah preach and live out his deep convictions, under serious opposition. The stu-

dents will be inspired to think of ways they can live out their own convictions.

Lesson 4 Daniel

Scripture Memory Verse

Daniel 9:18

"We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy."

Daniel shows the students courage as he fearlessly stands up to those who want him to compromise his convictions. From the lions' den to the palace, Daniel proves that God is faithful, challenging the students not to compromise their own faith.

Lesson 5 Ezekiel

Scripture Memory Verse

Ezekiel 33:7

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me."

The students will watch as God's watchman, Ezekiel, issues warnings to the shepherds of Israel. They will see that God speaks to his people warning them of sin's destruction and encouraging them that obedience leads to new life. The students will be motivated to think of ways that they can be watchmen.

Lesson 6 Jonah and Habakkuk

Scripture Memory Work

The Minor Prophets

The God of second chances is at work as God urges Jonah deeply to reconsider his decision to run away. Habakkuk changes his tune from complaint to praise after God shows him who is really in control. The students will think of ways that they can trust God when things go wrong.

Lesson 7 Haggai and Malachi

Scripture Memory Verse

Haggai 1:7

This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."

Building up the kingdom is the central message of these prophets. Haggai calls the Israelites to care more about building God's house than their own houses. Malachi challenges them to make God the master of their hearts and wallets. In response to studying these prophets, the students will be inspired to want to give their best to God.



3rd and 4th Grades

Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Have a "Fun and Prophet" game night. Come up with general true and false questions about the prophets and the order they appear in the Bible. Play the game together as a family or invite other classmates and families to join you. Serve snacks such as "Jonah Juice" and "Habukkookies" and have a blast!
- Help your child lead a family devotional on "My Favorite Prophet." Encourage him or her to choose a memory verse and questions that apply to real life. Help out by choosing songs or other activities that will make it memorable for the whole family. Encourage your child for being a prophet and boldly taking the lead.
- Talk with your child about what they think makes a hero. Listen carefully to their thoughts and feelings. You will learn a lot about what they value and respect. Share what you consider to be heroic qualities, and then pray with your child and ask God to help you both see the prophets as heroes.
- Encourage your child to do an extra credit report for school on a prophet. Ask them which prophet they consider to be their hero and why. Then help them to write and plan the project. Help your child to think of ways to use this as a way to tell his classmates and teacher about God.

We look forward to being partners with you to help your child grow to know and love God more.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers