



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#C1 - The Promised Messiah

PICTURES NEEDED

C1-1 Living room at Christmas

REVIEW

- Big Question Review: Review from the previous Gnosis lesson.
- Lesson Rhyme Review: Review from the previous Gnosis lesson.

LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction**: Show visual (**picture C1-1**) After Thanksgiving, we enter into what is called the Christmas season. What is the focus of the Christmas season for most people? What should be the focus of the Christmas season? Why? (Let students give their answers.)

The celebration of Christmas is really about Jesus and the reason he came to earth. Long before Jesus came to earth, prophets promised that God would send a savior. What is a prophet? A prophet is a person who speaks for God and tells about what will happen in the future. The prophecies in the Old Testament of the Bible tell us what the savior would be like. They tell us about Jesus. At Christmas we want to remember what the Bible teaches us about the Savior.

The big question for this week is: What does God's messenger do?
Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the discussion questions that follow.

Title: What did the prophets say about the Savior?

Page 1 – 2 Peter 1:19

(picture of Jesus)

Long ago God's prophets
foretold of Jesus' birth,
That the Father up above
would send a Savior to the earth.
The prophets promised many signs
the Savior's birth would show,
So when God's Son came to earth
the people'd surely know.

Page 2 - Isaiah 7:14

(picture of Mary and Jesus)

Isaiah said a virgin
would have a baby boy.
He would save God's people
and fill their hearts with joy.
Jesus' mother was a virgin;
she hadn't been a wife.
And so the Holy Spirit
was the one who gave Christ life.

Page 3 - Jeremiah 23:5

(picture of Mary and Joseph)

The Savior'd be of David,
a good and faithful king.
Salvation to all people
is the gift that he would bring.
Jesus' royal lineage
fulfilled the prophet's sign,
As both Mary and good Joseph
were from King David's line.

Page 4 - Micah 5:2

(picture of Mary and Joseph traveling)

The Savior would be born
in King David's own hometown.
So Bethlehem would be the place
the baby would be found.
Jesus' earthly parents
lived in Nazareth far away,
But by the king's decree
they were in Bethlehem that day.

Page 5 – Malachi 4:5-6

(picture of Jesus and John the Baptist)

Another prophet God would send
before the Savior came
To prepare the hearts of men
by speaking of their shame.
Jesus said that John
was the one the Father sent.
And in order to be baptized,
it was to John that Jesus went.

Page 6 - John 3:19-20

(picture of Jesus)

The prophecies have been fulfilled,
but people still reject God's Son.
They don't want to bow to Jesus;
they don't believe he is the one.
The hearts of men are hard and dark;
they don't want to go God's way.
They can't see that life is better,
when Jesus they obey.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: What is a prophet? What did the prophets say God would do? Why is what they said important?

Page 2: What is a virgin? What did the prophet say the virgin would have? Why is that strange? What would the virgin's son do?

Page 3: Whose line did the prophets say the Savior would come from? What would he do for all people? What is salvation? Why do we need salvation?

Page 4: Where would the Savior be born? What was special about Bethlehem? Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem instead of where his parents lived?

Page 5: Whom would God send before the Savior came? What would that person do? What is our shame? Who was the prophet who came before Jesus? How do we know John was the one who was to come first?

Page 6: How do we know Jesus is the Son of God? Why do people reject Jesus? Why is life better when we obey Jesus?

Review: What is a prophet? What is a virgin? What did the prophet say the virgin would have? Whose line did the prophets say the Savior would come from? Where would the Savior be born? Who would God send before the Savior came? How do we know Jesus is the Son of God?

Prayer: Thank God for telling the prophets about the coming of the Savior and the signs of his coming. Thank God that we can know Jesus and be sure that he is the Son of God because of the miracles he did and the prophecy he fulfilled.

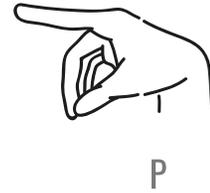
The Big Question: What does God's messenger do?

God's messenger faithfully shares God's truth.

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

P—P	Make sign of P
Prophets	Move sign of P out from mouth
Foretold of	Move sign of P in a circle out in front
Jesus' birth	Put arms together like rocking a baby
P—P—Prophets	Same as above
A Savior'd	Form a cross with index fingers
come to earth	Put arms together in a circle over head.



★ **Activity:** Drawing
Draw baby Jesus in the manger.

★ **Coloring:** Color the lesson picture

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes.
With which sound does Prophet begin?

- **Craft:** Christmas tree ornament – Old Testament scroll
As a reminder that Old Testament prophecy pointed to the coming of the Messiah, make a scroll ornament to hang on your Christmas tree.

Materials: copy paper, small craft sticks or bamboo skewers, glue sticks, narrow ribbon

Preparation: Run off craft C-1 EC on regular copy paper and cut apart on lines. If using bamboo skewers cut the pointed tips off and cut them in half with pruning shears.

Instructions: Wrap the edges of the paper around the craft sticks and glue down. Roll up each side like a scroll. Tie with a piece of ribbon and glue a ribbon loop to the top.

★ **Song:** The Prophecy Song
(To the tune of: The More We Get Together)

Ancient prophets they did tell us, did tell us, did tell us
Ancient prophets they did tell us a Savior would come

Isaiah said a virgin, a virgin, a virgin,
Isaiah said a virgin would have a baby boy

The Savior'd be of David, of David, of David
The Savior'd be of David a good, faithful king

The Savior'd be from Bethlehem, from Bethlehem, from Bethlehem
The Savior'd be from Bethlehem King David's hometown

God said he'd send a prophet, a prophet, a prophet
God said he'd send a prophet to prepare people's hearts

Jesus' birth fulfills the prophecy, the prophecy, the prophecy,
Jesus' birth fulfills the prophecy and shows he's God's Son

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.