

Child's Name: _____

John 14:5-11

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know^o my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

Through God's word we discover what is right and true.
Then we live it out in all we say and do.



The Christ of Christmas—1



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What does God's messenger do?

MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Thinking It Through

Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

Daily Reading Questions

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

Day 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?

Day 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?

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

Day 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?

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

Concluding Lesson

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.

Application: Share with someone what the prophets said about the Messiah.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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What does God's messenger do?



God's messenger faithfully shares
God's truth.

Day 1

Draw a picture of a prophet.

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.

What does the verse mean?

2 Peter 1:19:¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Day 6

Draw a picture of you and 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.

What does the verse mean?

John 3:19-20:¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

Day 5

Draw a picture of Jesus and John the Baptist.

Another prophet God would send
before the Savior came
He'd 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.

What does the verse mean?

Malachi 4:5-6: ⁵ "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents."

Day 2

Draw a picture of Mary and Angel Gabriel.

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.

What does the verse mean?

Isaiah 7:14: ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Day 3

Draw a picture of King David playing a harp.

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

What does the verse mean?

Jeremiah 23:5:⁵ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

Day 4

Draw a picture of the town of Bethlehem.

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.

What does the verse mean?

Micah 5:2:² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."