

Who Were The Prophets?

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're learning about some important people in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is the first part of the Bible and it's also the bigger section. It tells the story of how God created the world, how God's people were rescued and brought to the Promised Land and a bunch of other cool things. A big chunk of the Old Testament is full of books named for prophets. A prophet was someone God chose to be like his spokesperson. When God had a message to share, he would speak it to his prophet and then the prophet would tell the people. You'll notice books named Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Malachi. They were all prophets of God! We don't need prophets today the same way they were needed them back then because now God speaks to us through the Bible. Just like the prophets told the people what was right and wrong, now that can all be found in the Bible! So, when we want to hear God speak to us, all we have to do is read our Bibles!

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: What do you forget to do sometimes and your mom, dad or teacher has to remind you to do it?** (Tip: Maybe you forget to bring your lunch to school or to bring your homework home. Your parents and teachers give you helpful reminders. God used some important people to remind the Israelites of things.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **To send important messages to his people.** (The prophets were God's messengers who would deliver important messages from God. Sometimes the message was a warning about their disobedience and other times it was teach important lessons about how to honor God. They didn't have the Bible back then to help them. No matter the message, it was always about reminding the people that God was really in charge.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Why did God use prophets? What would the prophets talk about? **4-5th** Why is it important to listen to what God says?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Matthew 4:4. Why does Jesus compare food to the Bible? How does the Bible help us?** (Answer: Food fills us up and gives us strength and energy and that's how the Bible works, too! When we read God's words, it fills us with strength and energy because it shows us how to live to honor God. The Bible is our instruction manual for life. It tells us what's right and wrong.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Big Idea

God speaks to us today through the Bible

Key Question

Why did God use prophets?

Memory Verse

2 Peter 1:21 "...those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God."

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: WHO WERE THE PROPHETS BOOKMARK

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Bookmark template (page 5) and a piece of paper. Have them make a bookmark from the paper. Then, have them color and decorate their bookmark. Then have them glue the phrase at the top, the megaphone in the middle and the verse at the bottom of the bookmark.
- As they work, remind the kids that God spoke through his prophets when he wanted to speak to the people because they didn't have the Bible back then. Now, we can hear God's words everyday when we read the Bible!

Supplies needed: Bookmark template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per kid), Paper, Scissors, Crayons, Glue

OPTION 2: FIND THE VERSES IN THE BIBLE GAME

Instructions:

- Divide the class into pairs and give each pair a Bible. Have the kids race to find the verses below. First to find gets to read it to the class.

Verses:

Psalm 145:9

Philippians 4:4

Proverbs 30:5

1 John 5:3

Ephesians 4:32

Supplies needed: Bibles

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BIBLE STORYLINE

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Today the Holy Spirit speaks through the Bible to remind us what God wants.

Key Points:

- The stories of the _____ show us that it's easy to forget about God.
- God sent _____ to remind his people about right and wrong.
- We _____ have prophets anymore like they did in the Old Testament.
- Today God speaks to us through his written Word, _____.

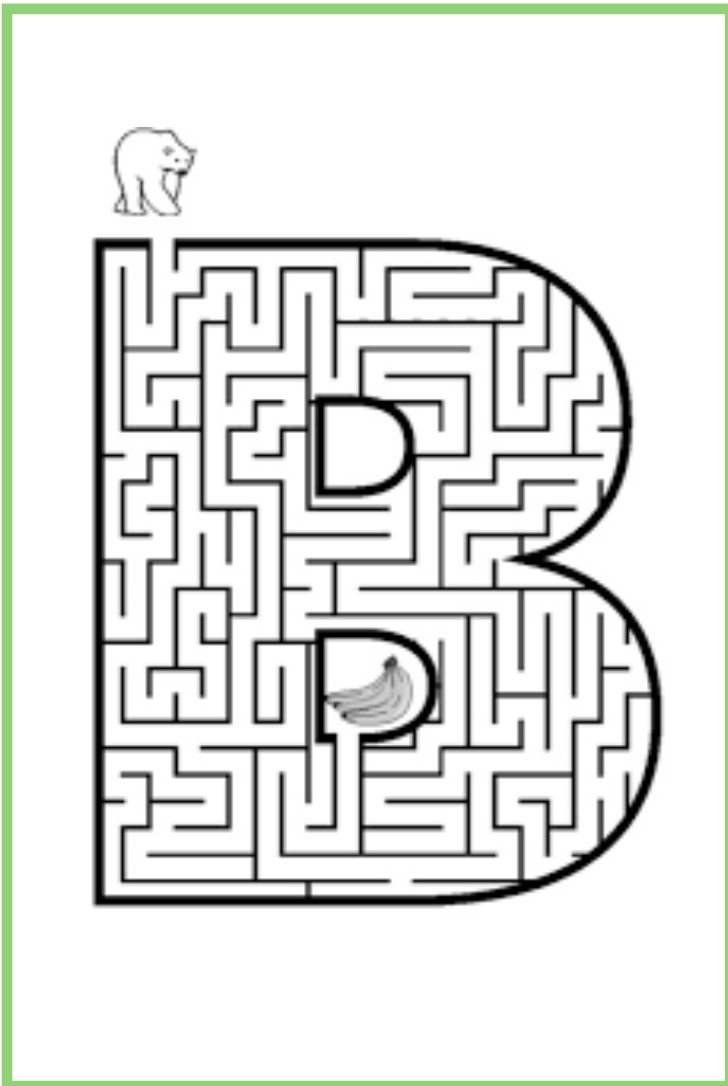
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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *What do you forget to do sometimes and your mom, dad or teacher has to remind you to do it?*
3. *Why did God send prophets? What was their job?*
4. *How does God speak to us today?*
5. *Read Matthew 4:4. Why does Jesus compare food to the Bible? How does the Bible help us?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzle and color the picture.

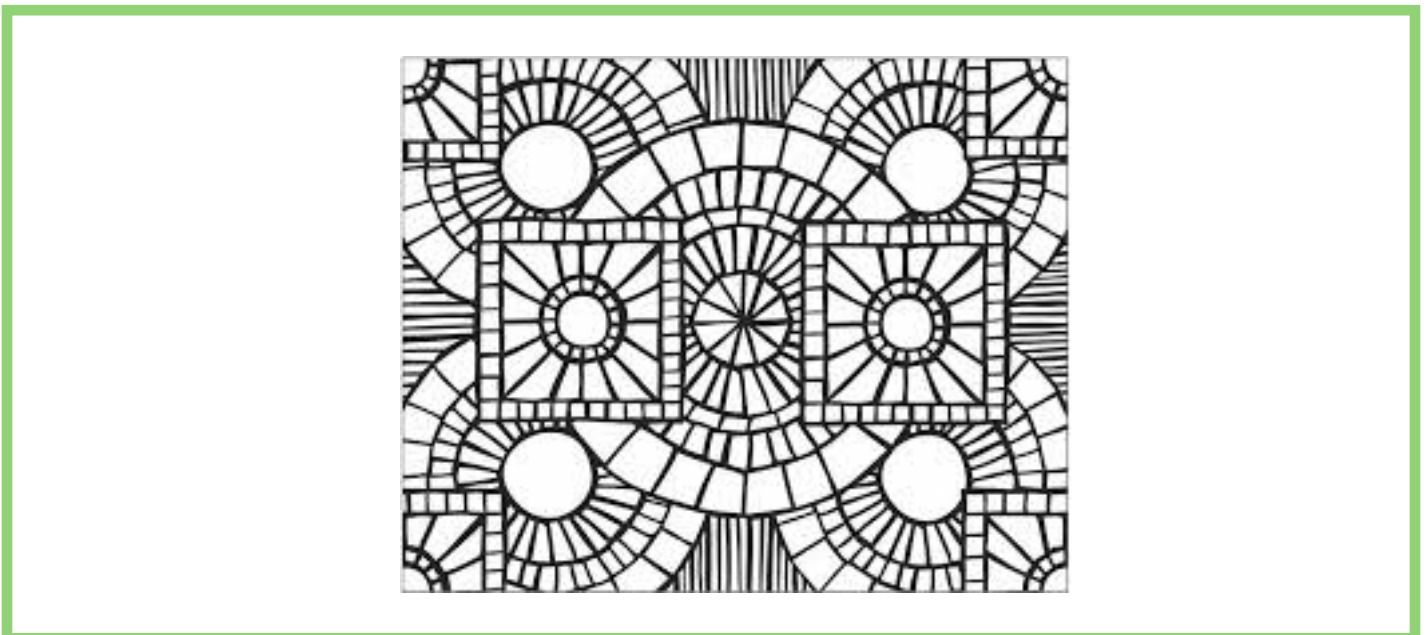


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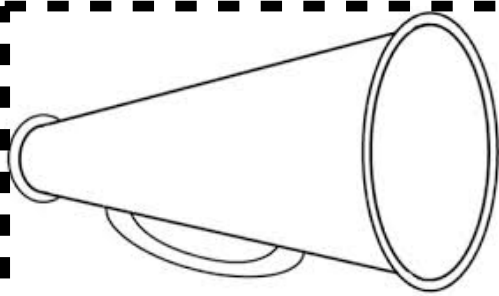
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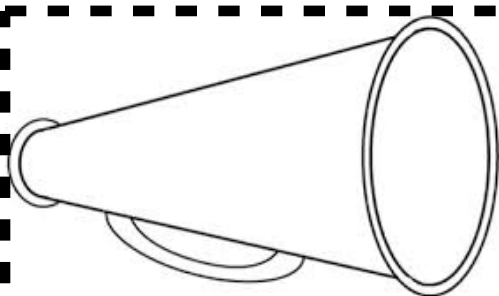


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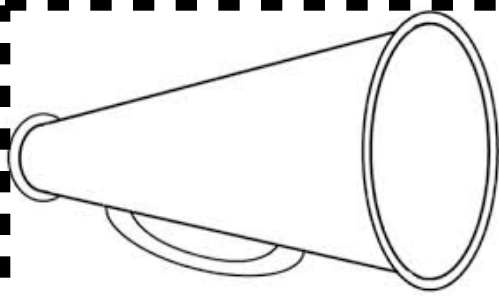
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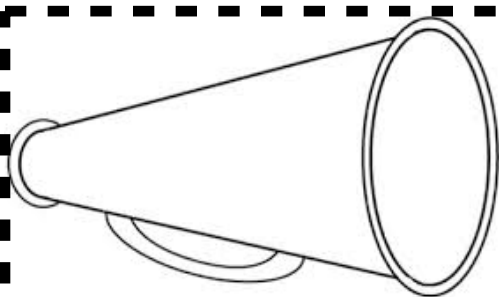
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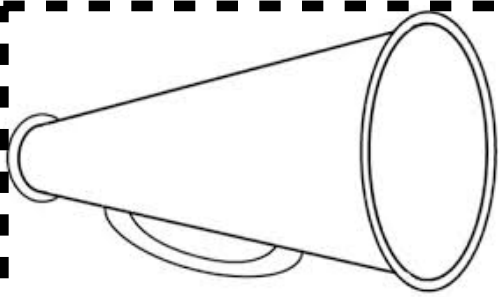
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