



Home Session #3

The Prophets

Welcome to our third home session. Today we are going to take a look at the Prophets. We are in Advent, and the prophets play an important role in the season. We read from them on Sundays in Advent and they show us what it means to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

We want to begin with prayer, and what better prayer than the Lord's Prayer to start. So we pause for a minute and we say together, "Our Father, who art in Heaven..."

Before we begin, would you please note what time it is? We want to keep track. Also, during the session, would you take a picture (or a short video) with your phone? If you do not mind, send it to our Faith Formation email address at shracineformation@gmail.com

As we start, please tell us who is doing this session. Remember, we expect parents and the students to do these sessions but maybe there are other members of the family that you want to invite as well. So, who is here today doing this session?

Now we ask you to watch a video. You can access the video in this [link](#) or in the resource section of our parish website. (If you need to do a search to find the video for your Apple TV, the title of the video is Whiteboard Bible 7 – The Prophets)

Once you have watched the video, we want to ask you some questions. More than thinking about these as an exam or homework, we would really like that they would help create a conversation.

Did you like the video? Was it useful? What did you like the most about it?

The video says it but you know it as well, the prophets are NOT...



Our tradition divides the prophets in two groups, Major and Minor prophets. Can you list them? We will give you a hint, look at the index of your Bible.

Major Prophets:

Minor Prophets:

The video mentions one prophet that is especially important: Isaiah. He is the prophet of choice of the New Testament writers, so he had to be Jesus' favorite prophet as well. One of the amazing things about Isaiah is that he foresees Jesus, and the way Jesus will be. When we read in the Passion that things happened one way to "fulfill scripture" it is mainly a reference to what Isaiah had predicted. To learn how Isaiah predicted Jesus, read Isaiah chapter 53.

What do you think about what you just read?

In baptism, we ask in prayer that the person will fulfill his or her prophetic call. We know prophets were not always loved. Do you have any experience of being disliked because of your faith?



In our tradition, John the Baptist is the last of the prophets. He is also a main character of the readings we use in Advent. Why would we say that John the Baptist is a prophet?

One last question. We believe there are prophets in modern times as well. People who show us not only how to complain about the present times, but to dream a better future and work for it. Can you think of any prophets in our modern times?

This is the end of the session. We want to conclude with prayer. To each prayer, we answer, “Lord, Hear Our Prayer.”

- We pray for our family, that we may be safe and grow together. We pray to the Lord.
- For all the other families in the Faith Formation program, that we may journey together through this program. We pray to the Lord.
- For those who are sick, or lonely, or in need of our prayers. We pray to the Lord.
- For peace, in our family, in our community, and in the world. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray that we will have the courage of the prophets to stand for what is right. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray that we continue to experience a grace-filled season of Advent. We pray to the Lord.
- What else should we pray for? Everyone should pray for something...

Like we do at Mass, we would like you to conclude this session with the Sign of Peace. So, let us give each other a sign of peace.



FEEDBACK—FOR PARENTS and HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

How long did the session last?

Do you think you know more about the Prophets than when you started the session?

Parents, have you been able to teach your children something you knew that they didn't?

Did you like the process, format, questions? Any comments?

Please, return this form to your son/daughter's catechist at the next Parish Session