

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: Wren Houweling, Jake Bosgra	
2 minutes	Kids Call to Worship: Turn to God! Leader: God sent prophets to His people with an important message. What did they tell the people to do? Kids: Repent and turn back to God! Leader: Jesus gave us the same message. He said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." When we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus, what does He give us? Kids: Forgiveness, a right relationship with God, and the hope of eternal life! Leader: So today, let's worship Jesus, our King, and remember His call to us: Everyone: Turn from sin, trust in Jesus, and follow Him!	
10 minutes singing	We can trust him https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kx-hmOzDNSo&list=RDg8ePUCMTr1c&index=30	Video

	You Forgive Me https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LO-2fm7IKcU&list=RDg8ePUCMTTr1c&index=43	Video
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions to ask: 1. What were some of the evil things that the prophets said Judah was doing? 2. What did Micah say about the new king that would be born?	
	Questions from kids video: 1. Why were there multiple prophets in the Old Testament? 2. How does the Bible help us see our sin and need for Jesus?	Video
2 minutes	Thank You, God, for not leaving us in our sin. You have made the way for us to be forgiven because of Your great love for us. Help us share this good news with others. Amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Micah; Nahum; Habakkuk; Zephaniah. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Prophets to Judah.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

PROPHETS TO JUDAH

“ God loved His people so much that He sent messengers, or prophets, who called the people to repent of their sin so they could be restored to a right relationship with God.

The prophet Micah said that God was going to judge the wicked leaders of His people. They had become rich by stealing from others. **Micah warned that God would send foreign nations to destroy Israel, and called the people to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Micah’s message also included hope—he said that God would one day send a new king from the line of David,** who would be born in Bethlehem and rule over the restored people of God.

Years later, God gave a message for the prophet Nahum to share. The main message of Nahum’s writings is this: “God is slow to anger and great in power. He will not let the wicked go free.” Nahum comforted God’s people and gave them hope by showing that God will punish their enemies, the evil nations and empires that love violence. Nahum’s message was also a warning to not act like these nations, and to remain faithful to God.

Zephaniah was another prophet. He saw that the nation of Judah was going to be judged for worshiping idols and that God would send a great nation to destroy the city of Jerusalem. **Zephaniah begged the people to turn away from sin while there was still time, so that they might be spared from God’s righteous anger against sin.** Zephaniah said that God will also judge all the evil nations and Judah because they acted like these evil nations.

The prophet Habakkuk was also sent to the people of Judah. Habakkuk spoke directly to God, asking Him why He would not stop the violence and sin of the people of Judah. God responded by saying He would gather the army of Babylon to destroy Judah. God shared that even though this disaster would come, the righteous will live by faith in Him. Habakkuk ends his message by pleading for God to be merciful to His people. Even though God’s judgment would come, Habakkuk said: “I will celebrate in the Lord; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation!”

Christ Connection: God sent prophets to His people to warn them to repent of their sin and turn to God. Jesus gave the same message, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” When we trust in Jesus, we are restored to a right relationship with God and have the hope of eternal life. ”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Shout it out: As you tell the story, encourage the kids to listen for the word “prophet.” When you say “prophet,” instruct them to shout, “God’s got a message!” This will remind them that a prophet brings a message from God.

Use Bibles: Invite kids to turn to each Bible book as you share about Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, and Habakkuk.



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THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 🗣️ **GOD SENT PROPHETS TO TELL THE PEOPLE TO REPENT OF THEIR SINS.** What were some of the evil things the prophets said the people of Judah were doing? **[Allow responses.]** Micah said the people were mistreating the poor, loved violence, and did not do what was just. Zephaniah said the people rebelled against God. Habakkuk said the wicked people rule and have power. Nahum reminded God's people that He would punish all evil, even the sins of Assyria.

While the prophets told of God's coming judgment, they also gave the people hope. What did Micah say about the new king who would be born in Bethlehem? **[Allow responses.]** Micah said the new king would rule over God's people and bring them back to God. Micah brought a message of hope through the promise of Jesus Christ's coming birth. Jesus was born in Bethlehem and came to offer forgiveness so people can come back to God.

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3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY 🗣️ Even though the people of Judah were sinful, God loved them and gave them hope. He made promises through the prophets about how He would send a new King who would make the way for sin to be forgiven. Jesus is the King the prophets said would come. When we trust in Jesus, we will not receive the punishment we deserve. Jesus makes us right with God and helps us follow God. 🙏

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 15, Session 2" Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Why were there multiple prophets in the Old Testament?
2. How does the Bible help us see our sin and need for Jesus?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Share how a woman named Rose desired to share Jesus with the people who lived in an area known as the Horn of Africa. **[Point to the Horn of Africa on a world map.]**

SAY 🗣️ Rose told the leadership at her church that she wanted to be a missionary to the people in Africa. The church's leadership knew they could not send her alone or provide all of her financial needs. Rose's pastor recruited 15 other churches across Mexico and Panama to support Rose as a missionary to the Horn of Africa.

When Rose arrived in Africa, she began to work with farmers who tend livestock. The farmers live in a harsh environment that is very dry. The area they live in also has no running water or



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electricity. But despite the difficult environment, Rose is committed to sharing Jesus. The people Rose shares the gospel with can often be hostile to the gospel. But, by God's grace, some have trusted in Jesus. ”

Pray for Rose as she shares the gospel with people who don't always want to hear it. Pray for the churches who support the mission work in the Horn of Africa.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Psalm 145:9 together.

SAY “ Though we have sinned, God is faithful and has made the way to save us from sin. Our key passage reminds us that God has shown us love. ”

Recite the key passage aloud for the kids. Explain that you are going to recite it again, but this time you are going to repeat it incorrectly. You might switch some of the words, leave some words out, or even add something silly. Tell the kids to pay close attention as they share what was incorrect. Repeat several times. Then close by leading the kids to correctly recite the key passage with you.

Lead kids to sing “The Lord is Good (Psalm 145:9).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “ Thank You, God, for not leaving us in our sin. You have made the way for us to be forgiven because of Your great love for us. Help us share this good news with others. Amen. ”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



