

Major Event: Birth of the King

Lesson 1: The Promise of the King (A review of Old Testament prophecies concerning Messiah)

Scriptures: Genesis 3:15, 12:1-3, 49:10; Deut. 18:15; 2 Sam. 7:12, 13; Jer. 23:5,6; Isa. 7:14, 9:6, 53; Micah 5:2

Central Text(s): Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14, 9:6; Micah 5:2 -

“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.”

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

God’s progressive revelation of the promised Messiah through the Old Testament:

1. He would be human Gen. 3:15.
2. He would be a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Judah Gen. 49:10.
3. He would be a prophet- Deut. 18:15.
4. He would be a King descended from David- Jer. 23:5,6, 2 Sam. 7:12, 13.
5. He would be God- Isa. 9:6
6. He would suffer and die for the sins of the people- Isa. 53:4,5.
7. He would be resurrected Isa. 53:10.
8. He would be born in Bethlehem- Micah 5:2

Suggested Attributes for Teacher to Cover:

Of God: Veracity - God progressively revealed the promise of the Deliverer and at the birth of Christ he fulfilled His promises. Omnipotence- God’s power to accomplish what He promised. Love- God’s love toward sinners to provide a Savior despite our rebellion.

Of Man: Man was made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26, 27) and at the Virgin Birth God the Son took on humanity in order to redeem us.

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: Isa. 7:14; Isa. 9:6; Micah 5:2

Notes: Ask the question “*How were the Jews to know who the Messiah was?*” Track the students through the prophecies listed above to establish that God had indeed revealed through Hebrew Bible who the Messiah would be when he arrived as the King of Israel. Focus on prophecies concerning the birth of Messiah. (Isa. 7:14; Mic. 5:2)