

ISAIAH 7, 9, 11 & MICAH 5 - PROPHETS TOLD ABOUT JESUS

KIDS' LIFEGROUP GUIDE

WEEK: 12/1/19 - 12/7/19

OVERVIEW:

- **Part 1:** Catch Up On Life (15 Minutes)
- **Part 2:** Kidtown Lesson Review (15 Minutes)
- **Part 3:** Reflection (15 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3a: Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3b: Snack (5 Minutes)
 - Optional - Part 3c: Sing (5 Minutes)
- **Part 4:** Prayer Time! (15 Minutes)

PART 1: CATCH UP ON LIFE (15 minutes)

Setting: Sit in a circle with kids and adults interspersed! Adults sitting amongst the kids helps everyone engage and pay attention. Parents - you are always responsible for your kids, but you're also looking to engage with other kids in your group.

- *Leader Note: If your group eats dinner with your kids, this is the best part of the guide to do together while you eat. Add 15 minutes for everyone to get their plates and start eating. Then shift into intentional conversation as the kids are starting to finish their food.*

Vision: God calls the church -- and our LifeGroup -- to be family! Because of this, we want our kids to know our adults and our adults to know our kids. The best way to get to know each other is to ask each other questions and tell each other about our lives.

- *Leader note: While you're getting started, have an adult -- or older kid -- read this vision statement. After you've done it for a while, you can ask kids if they remember why we ask each other questions. Help them to remember that God's making us family, so we want to get to know each other.*

Questions:

- 1.) What was your high and low from the week?
- 2.) **Kids Pick!** Let each kid ask the adults in the group one question.
 - Click [here](#) for a bank of questions for Kids to ask Adults if they're having a hard time thinking of any.
- 3.) **Adults Pick!** Have each adult ask the kids in the group one question.
 - Click [here](#) for a bank of questions for Adults to ask Kids if they're having a hard time thinking of any.

PART 2: KIDTOWN LESSON REVIEW (15 minutes)

Vision: God uses the Bible to show Himself to us. He also uses it to help us love Him and others better. We don't only want to learn *about* the Bible; we're also called to apply it to our lives -- to change the way we think (Head), what we love and value (Heart) and what we do (Hands).

- *Leader note: While you're getting started, have an adult -- or older kid -- read this vision statement. After you've done it for a while, ask kids if they remember why we study the Bible.*

Lesson: The Prophets Told About Jesus

Bible Passages: Isaiah 7, 9, 11; Micah 5

REVIEW:

- 1.) **Kids what do you remember from the story you learned about on Sunday?** (Pause and let them think of what they can remember.)
- 2.) **Can anyone remember the main characters?**
 - God/Jesus! (*Leader Note: Almost always a right answer. Helps reinforce that the entire Bible is about God and points forward to Jesus*)
 - Isaiah
 - Micah
 - Mary
- 3.) **Ok, does anyone remember any of the story points?**

Story Point #1: Isaiah and Micah prophesied that Jesus was coming.
Story Point #2: The prophets told us what Jesus would be like.
Story Point #3: Everything that God said about Jesus came true.
- 4.) **Awesome! And can anyone remember how this story connected to Jesus?**

Christ Connection: Like God told His people then that Jesus would come, He's told us that Jesus will come again!

Transition: That was awesome! Ya'll did a great job remembering. Ok let's watch the video and see if we remember anything we forgot or notice anything new this time.

WATCH THE VIDEO STORY:

Click [here](#) to watch the Gospel Project Video Story.

TALK THROUGH THE STORY POINTS:

Leader Note: If your kids are younger, it helps to give them journals. For each question, have them write their answers first and then go around the circle and share.

Leader Note: Say each story point and have the kids repeat it.

Story Point #1: Isaiah and Micah prophesied that Jesus was coming.

- Teach: When they did this, it was to bring hope to God's people. So many bad and difficult things had happened to them--getting exiled, losing their land, etc.--and they found hope knowing that their Savior would come one day!
- Question: When was a time that something bad happened to you, but then someone strong and powerful reassured you that it would all be okay? (Adults answer first! Then kids.)

PART 2: KIDTOWN LESSON REVIEW (CONTINUED)

Story Point #2: The prophets told us what Jesus would be like.

- Question: What were some of the things the prophets prophesied about Jesus?
 - That Jesus' mother would be a virgin.
 - What town He would be born in--Bethlehem!
 - That He would be from the line of Abraham and King David.
 - That He would be worshiped by shepherds and the three kings.
 - Even that He would die on the cross for our sins AND be raised again!
 - And a whole, whole, whole lot more!
- Bible: Turn to Isaiah 9:6 and read out loud!

Story Point #3: Everything God said about Jesus came true!

- Teach: Wow! God is so big, powerful and smart! He knew everything that would happen and had a plan the whole time. Alright, I'm going to go back through this list and read the things that God said Jesus would be like, and then you're going to yell, "And He was!"
 - God said that He would be born in Bethlehem... (Kids: And He was!)
 - God said that He would be from the line of Abraham and King David... (Kids: And He was!)
 - God said that He would be worshiped by shepherds and the three kings... (Kids: And He was!)
 - God said that Jesus would die on the cross for our sins and be raised again... (Kids: And He was!)
 - God said that He would be the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace... (Kids: And He was!)

REVIEW THE CHRIST CONNECTION AND APPLY IT:

Christ Connection: Like God told His people back then that Jesus would come, He's told us that Jesus will come again!

- Adults - how is that good news to you?

Main Application(s): Christmas is a special time set aside each year that we thank God for sending Jesus as we wait and hope in Him to send Jesus again!

- Adults first then kids - What are you most excited about regarding Jesus coming again?
- Adults first then kids - What are the times that you most need to remember that Jesus will come again?
- Adults first then kids - What can you do to grow in hoping in God to send Jesus again?

PART 3: REFLECTION (10 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child or tell them to get their journals. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- What is one thing I need to do in light of this story? (Help the kids think of ways they can grow, how they might pray for help or practical steps of repentance they can take.)

After the kids have had time to write down their reflection questions, go around the circle and share one at a time (kids and adults).

As well, have everyone (kids and adults) share an area in their life that they need God's help. Have the person sitting to their right pray for them.

OPTIONAL - PART 3a: LESSON ACTIVITY (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: Megaphones

Give each kid a sheet of construction paper. Help the kids to roll the paper into a cone shape and use tape to secure them. (Optional: Invite kids to decorate their megaphones using markers, glitter glue, stickers, or other craft supplies). Then practice shouting the story points and big picture question and answer, using the megaphones to amplify the volume.

SAY: A megaphone is a great way to share a message with lots of people. God didn't use a megaphone to tell people about Jesus, but He did tell prophets exactly what to write to tell people about Jesus' coming. Everything God said about Jesus' birth came true. Jesus came to the world just as God's messengers said He would.

OPTION 2: Promise chairs

Arrange chairs in a circle, one for each kid. Write promises on index cards and place one card face down in each chair. Some should be easy. I promise not to eat grass today or I promise to high five a friend. Some should be harder: I promise to never eat chocolate again or I promise to always obey my parents. Direct the kids to walk clockwise inside the circle of chairs while music plays. Once the music stops, kids sit down and read the card in their seat. Ask if the promise would be hard or easy to keep. Play again as time allows.

SAY: We don't always keep our promises, but God does. Today, we learned about a promise God kept and some of the ways He revealed bits of the promise beforehand.

OPTIONAL - PART 3b: SNACK (5 minutes)

If your group doesn't eat dinner together, now is a great time to stop for a snack break before spending time praying together and talking about living on mission. For Kidtown we keep snacks simple with Goldfish for most kids and Gummy snacks in case a kid has Gluten allergies.

OPTIONAL - PART 3c: SING (5 minutes)

Play one or more of these videos and sing and dance along!

- [Child of Glory](#)
- [Go Tell It On the Mountain](#)
- [Away in a Manger](#)

PART 4: PRAY FOR THE MISSION (15 minutes)

Vision: God calls His people to share with others the good news of Jesus. This means that we try to love others with our actions and with our words. We want all our friends to know about Jesus and His great love for them.

Questions to Ask (pick 1):

- What friends or neighbors of yours can we pray for today?
- How can you show God's love this week to someone who might not know Him?
- Who could we invite to do something fun with our LifeGroup friends this month?

Pray: Invite each kid to pray for their friends or someone else's friend to come to know Jesus. Have one adult close out the time, thanking God for how we get to be family together and asking God to bring more people into His family!