

Lesson 1: Prophets Foretell Jesus' Coming

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#) / [Isaiah 9:6-7](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/S5ncNOViErE>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/gK4Wbvl1b28>

Worship Theme: God promised to send a Savior.

Memory Verse: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means "God with us") (Matthew 1:23)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Welcome Jesus https://youtu.be/K72xD0x_cyg
2. Why? <https://youtu.be/okP4f2cWE0w>
3. Go Tell It on the Mountain <https://youtu.be/z9qbWLyIWvA>

Prayer: Thank you God that we are still alive and continue to learn from you. Holy Spirit, please help us to understand your holy words today. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker:

Materials needed: Write "Old Testament" "New Testament" "39" "27" "66" on different papers and tape them on different sides of the wall.

1. Ask all the children to stand in the center of the room. Tell the children to run to the paper that has the correct answer.
2. How many books are there in the Old Testament? (Children run to 39)
3. How many books are there in the New Testament? (Children run to 27)
4. Is the book of Jeremiah in the Old Testament or the New Testament? (Children run to Old Testament)
5. Is the book of Luke in the Old Testament or the New Testament? (Children run to New Testament)
6. How many books are there in the bible? (Children run to 66)
7. Read today's verse, Jeremiah 33:14-16. Is this verse in the Old Testament or the New Testament? (Children run to Old Testament)
 - a. Explain to the children that today's verse is a promise from God. What promise did God make in these verses? (God promised to send a Savior)

Introduction:

The Old Testament is the part of the Bible that was written before Jesus was born. Many books in the Old Testament tell us about God's promise to send a Savior. The Old Testament told people what Jesus would be called, where he would be born, and what he would do. All the promises about Jesus were written in the Old Testament. God wanted people to look forward to the Savior, and he wanted to give people ways to know that Jesus was really the Savior. Did someone ever make a promise to you and you had to wait for it to come true?

Bible Story:

The Old Testament is very important because it promised a Savior for us. In fact, it described what the Savior would be like when he came to us. In Isaiah 9:6, the bible says, "And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." The Savior who was promised to us in the Old Testament is a Wonderful Counselor. A counselor helps us when we are confused about what to do. Jesus, our Savior is our Wonderful Counselor. The Savior is also a Mighty God. The Savior will have the power to bring us back to God by dying for us on the cross. The Savior is also an Everlasting Father. Our earthly father will not be with us forever because we are humans. But our Savior is everlasting and will be with us forever! Our

Savior is also the Prince of Peace. This world has so many troubles and sufferings. People are always angry or arguing. People are selfish and will fight to get what they want. But our Savior is a Prince of Peace. Jesus will give us peace that the world cannot give. This is the Savior whom God promised for us. Thank God that he always keeps his promise and sent us the Savior on Christmas 2000 years ago!

Questions to discuss:

1. Why is the Old Testament important? (It promised a Savior for us)
2. What are the four names Isaiah 9:6 gives to the Savior? (Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace)
3. How did God keep his promise of sending us the Savior? (He sent us Jesus through the Holy Spirit which started Christmas)
4. Which of the four names of the Savior do you need right now? (Let children answer)

Game: What is the Savior Like?



Materials needed: Print Isaiah 11:1-5 and a picture of branch (see below)

1. Divide the children into groups of 3-4. Please make sure at least 1 child can read in Khmer.
2. Have the children color or underline what the verses say the Savior would be like. (Some answers may be wisdom, understanding, Spirit of counsel, might, etc.)
3. Each group shares what they found about the Savior. Teacher should assign to each group one characteristic of the Savior God promised to us and write it on the branch and cut out the branch. (Children may color the branch to decorate.)
4. Tape the branches on the wall to create a Christmas tree.

Memory Verse:

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means “God with us)” (Matthew 1:23)

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Pray

Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Long ago, God chose to prepare the hearts of his people with the news that a Savior would come. As you prepare for Christmas, take some time to allow God’s message of hope and salvation to sink in for you. Choose to believe God’s promises and think about the wonder of Jesus, the Son of God, coming to us as a helpless baby in order to save to us. Spend a few minutes in solitude today, rejoicing in the amazing miracle of Jesus’ birth.



Isaiah 11:1-5

**A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.**

**The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him -
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord -
And he will delight in the fear of the Lord.**

**He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the boor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
With the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.**

**Righteousness will be his belt
And faithfulness the sash around his waist.**

