

Prophecy Puzzle Match

Materials

- ☐ One set of Prophecy Puzzles (following pages)
- ☐ Container for puzzle pieces, such as a bowl or basket
- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Optional: small prize or treat

Instructions

Print and cut out one set of Prophecy Puzzles, one puzzle for every two students. Make extra copies if you have more than 16 students. If you have an odd number of students, you or your assistant may participate.

Mix the puzzle pieces in a container. Have students spread as far apart as possible around the room. Go around the room and hand a puzzle piece to each student or let them draw one out of the container. Explain that each student has one part of a two-piece puzzle—either a prophecy or the fulfillment of a prophecy.

When you say “Go,” students with matching pieces will quickly try to find each other. As students find their partners and match up their puzzle pieces, they should sit down and find the verses in their Bibles in order to fill in the blanks on their puzzle pieces. Award a small prize to the pair who finishes first.

When all the students have matched their pieces and filled in the blanks, let them take turns reading the text on their puzzle pieces. Make sure they read the prophecy first and then the fulfillment. Help students understand how each prophecy was fulfilled.

Suggested Discussion

For each prophecy piece, there was a fulfillment piece that fit perfectly. Even though the prophets wrote hundreds of years before Jesus was born, each Old Testament prophecy we looked at today was perfectly fulfilled in the New Testament. God knew exactly what would happen when he sent the Savior. We only read a few prophecies, but there are many others!

? Can humans tell details about what will happen hundreds of years in the future? *No.*

? Who can? *Only God.*

Right. God is omniscient. He knows everything, even the future. God told the prophets of the Old Testament what to write so that they could tell people about the coming Savior. God is the real author of the Bible, and we can trust that what it says is true—all of the time!

Isaiah 11:1

"There shall come forth
a shoot from the stump
of _____."

Matthew 1:1

"The book of the
genealogy of Jesus Christ,
the son of _____."

Micah 5:2

"But you, O _____
Ephrathah, . . . from you
shall come forth for me one
who is to be ruler in Israel."

Matthew 2:1

"Now after Jesus was
born in _____
of Judea . . . wise men
came from the east."

Isaiah 7:14

"Behold, the virgin
shall conceive and bear
a _____."

Matthew 1:20-21

The angel said to Joseph:
"That which is conceived
in her is from the Holy
Spirit. She will bear
a _____."

Isaiah 50:6

"I gave my back to those
who _____."

Matthew 26:67

"Then they spit in his face
and _____ him."

Isaiah 53:7

"He opened not his
_____."

Matthew 27:12

"But when he was
accused by the chief
priests and elders, he
gave no _____."

Isaiah 53:12

"He poured out his soul
to _____."

John 19:33

"But when they came to
Jesus and saw that he was
already _____, they
did not break his legs."

Isaiah 53:9

"And they made his
grave with the wicked
and with a _____
man in his death."

Matthew 27:57, 59-60

"There came a
_____ man ...
named Joseph. And Joseph
took the body ... and laid
it in his own new tomb."

Micah 7:19

"You will cast all our
_____ into the
depths of the sea."

Luke 23:34

"And Jesus said, 'Father,
_____ them,
for they know not
what they do.'"