



Grades 4–5 • Unit 11 • Lesson 103

God Promises the Messiah

Micah 5:2, 7:18–19; Isaiah 7:14, 53:5–7; Matthew 1:21–23, 2:1; John 1:1–2; 1 Peter 2:24

How well do you remember the prophecies from today's lesson? Fill in the crossword puzzle using the clues and word list below.

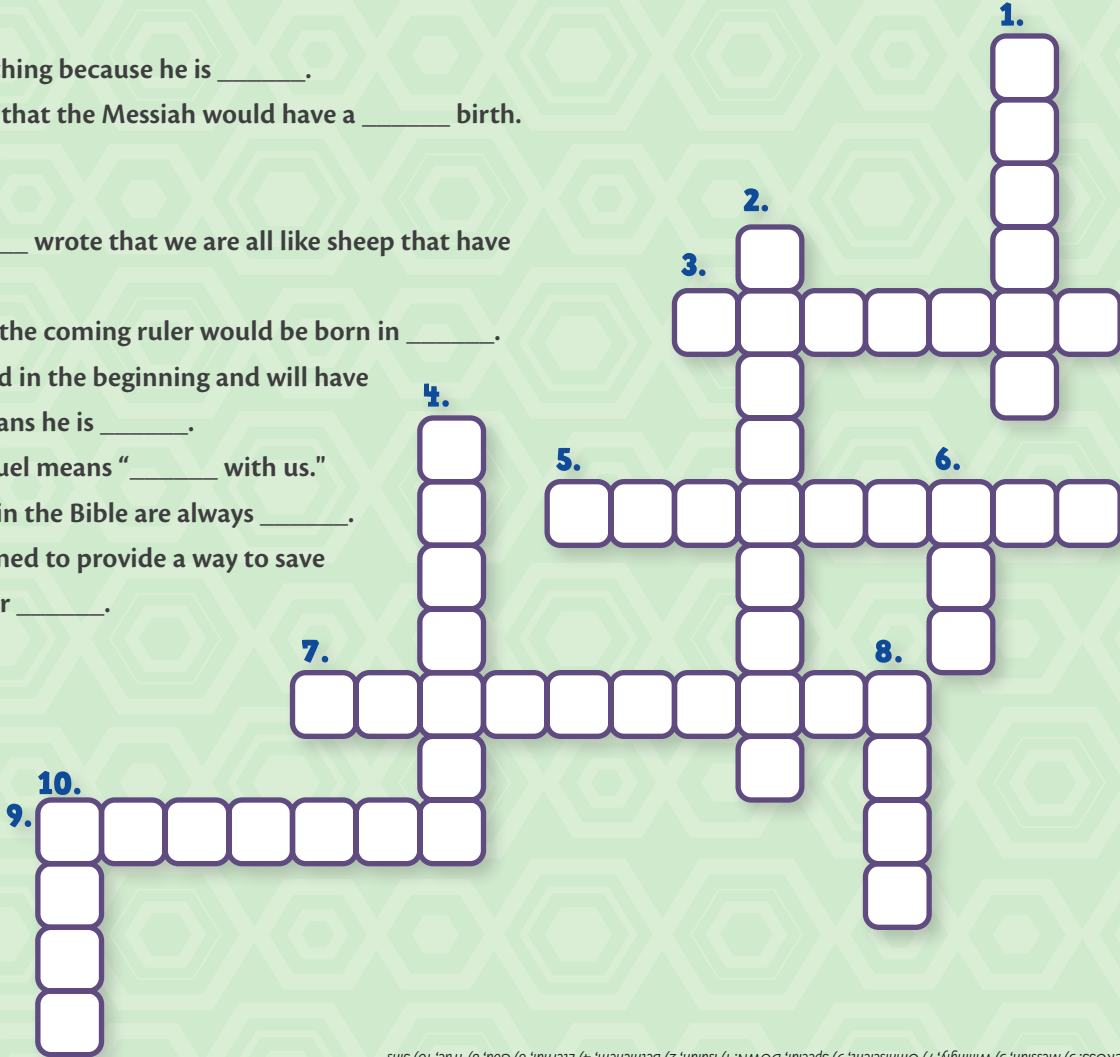
Across

- 3. The “coming ruler” was referring to the _____, Jesus.
- 5. Jesus _____ gave his life to pay the punishment for our sins on the cross.
- 7. God knows everything because he is _____.
- 9. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would have a _____ birth.

Down

- 1. The prophet _____ wrote that we are all like sheep that have gone astray.
- 2. Micah wrote that the coming ruler would be born in _____.
- 4. Jesus was with God in the beginning and will have no end, which means he is _____.
- 6. The name Immanuel means “_____ with us.”
- 8. God’s prophecies in the Bible are always _____.
- 10. God always planned to provide a way to save people from their _____.

God, Sins, True, Isaiah, Special,
Eternal, Messiah, Willingly,
Bethlehem, Omniscient



ACROSS: 3) Messiah; 5) Willingly; 7) Omniscient; 9) Bethlehem; 10) Sins
DOWN: 1) Isaiah; 2) Bethlehem; 4) Eternal; 6) True; 8) True; 10) Sins

Name _____



Unscramble the bold words in the blanks below the verse.

But God, being rich in 1) **meycr**,
because of the great 2) **lvoe**
with which he loved us, even
when we were 3) **eadd** in our
4) **asprseset**, made us alive
together with Christ—by 5) **aecrg**
you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4–5

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Answers: 1) Mercy; 2) Love; 3) Dead; 4) Trespasses; 5) Grace



What You Heard *In the Word*

- God gave the prophets Micah and Isaiah many details about the birth, life, death, and resurrection of the coming Messiah to give the people hope.
- The prophecies came true when the eternal Jesus came to earth, was born in Bethlehem to a virgin named Mary, and willingly died on the cross to pay the punishment for our sins.



OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if you heard someone ask, "What's the big deal about Bible prophecies coming true?" **What could you say?**

Well, it is a big deal. You see, there are hundreds of Bible prophecies that have occurred just the way the prophets described. This fact alone can give us complete confidence that the Word of God is true. There are people who try to explain this accuracy by saying the Bible was changed and prophecies were written after the events actually happened. But research has proven that the ancient prophetic manuscripts were written before the events they prophesied about. How could all these prophecies be so accurate? The only explanation is that the Lord gave the knowledge of these future events to his prophets, who recorded them in the Bible.



HomeWord *For Parents*

Micah and Isaiah were among the prophets of God who had the privilege of announcing the coming Messiah. Isaiah was a prophet during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah in the southern kingdom of Judah. His ministry lasted from about 760 to 700 BC. Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah, ministering to both Israel and Judah. He preached in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. He prophesied from around 760 to 710 BC. His proclamations and warnings were being sounded as Samaria fell to the Assyrians in 721 BC.

Micah 5:2 shares that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, would come from the tribe of Judah, and would be eternal. In the New Testament, we see how Jesus fulfilled all these prophecies. Isaiah gives details about the virgin birth of Jesus, who will be called Immanuel, or "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23). He also prophesies about the suffering and death of the Messiah to pay the punishment for mankind's sins (Isaiah 53:5-7). Jesus would go to the cross willingly and silently, like a lamb to the slaughter—the perfect sacrifice for sinners.

One of the most powerful confirmations of the truth of Scripture comes in the fulfillment of specific prophecies made well in advance of the actual events. The foreshadowing of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection in Old Testament prophecy was a demonstration of God's sovereignty and omniscience as we recognize the precise fulfillment of these details recorded in the New Testament. God is the only one who knows the future with absolute certainty. Confidence in his sovereignty and omniscience will lead to confidence in his Word.

