

DECEMBER 7, 2025

1ST-3RD GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

UNWRAPPED WEEK 1: THE PROMISE

VIDEO GAME:

1 Min Madness Christmas

It is in the "Sunday School Videos" album and the date is in the comments.

GAME:

Items Needed:

None

Instructions:

Have the group sit in a circle or in the same area. Explain that the person who is "it" will state three statements. One will be true and two will be made up. Whoever is the first to guess the true statement will be "it". Try to continue the game until everyone who wants to be "it" has a chance.

Variation:

It might be harder for younger children to come up with three statements. You can have them do one true and one that's made up. They might need your help.

What's the Point?

The birth of the Messiah had been told from generation to generation for hundreds of years. However, not everyone believed that Jesus was the Messiah. Even though it was clear in scripture, they doubted it because He didn't come the way they imagined. This game will help kids see the difference between truth and untruth.

LESSON: God loves us so much that He sent His son!

Have you ever heard a family member or someone you know talk about something that happened in the past? Maybe it was something funny that happened. Maybe it was something embarrassing or sad. You weren't there when it happened, but when they talk about it, you can almost picture being there.

Now, imagine them telling you about something that hasn't happened yet, instead of something from the past. What would you think if they started predicting the future? Would you think they had lost their mind? Would you believe what they were saying?

READ ISAIAH 7:14, ISAIAH 9:6-7, HOSEA 11:1, MICAH 5:2

There were several prophets in the Old Testament that prophesied about Jesus' birth. A prophet is someone who tells what will happen in the future. God reveals it to them, and they reveal it to others. Isaiah is the most notable prophet who talked about the Messiah. He told about the Messiah, named Immanuel, being born to a virgin. He also talked about the Messiah being a descendant of David. He said he would be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Micah stated that the Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah.

Jesus was a descendant of David and He was from the tribe of Judah. His mother was a virgin, and He was called Immanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. It should have been obvious to those who read the scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah they had been waiting to see. However, many of them couldn't see the truth because they were expecting the Messiah to be like other religious leaders. Religious leaders of that time were children of other religious leaders. They were usually wealthy and treated like royalty. Jesus was born to a young woman and a carpenter, neither of which were religious leaders. While carpentry was an honest profession, it didn't have the social standing like being a religious leader. Jesus' parents were not wealthy, and He was born in

a manger, with livestock. This was not at all what people thought when Isaiah and Micah talked about their Messiah.

Thankfully, there were several people who believed that Jesus was indeed who the prophets described. They became loyal followers and continued to carry on Jesus' ministry after He was gone. Because of the faith of the early Christians, we can see Jesus for who He is, the long-awaited Messiah.

How exciting it must have been for the early believers when they recognized they were not only following a teacher, but THE Messiah! They became part of history because of their faith in Jesus. They saw what should have been evident to everyone and because of that, they were blessed to know Jesus in a personal way.

Today, we say we believe in Jesus, but how many times do we miss things we should see because they don't happen the way we think they should? Do we thank Him for a blessing He gave us, or do we just think it was a coincidental action that had nothing to do with Him? We should find reasons everyday to be thankful for Jesus and we should tell others about the gift we have in Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What did Isaiah say the child would be named?
2. What would be on the shoulder of the child?
3. Whose throne was mentioned?
4. What tribe was the Messiah from?
5. Who was the most notable prophet in the Old Testament?

Close in prayer.

MEMORY VERSE:

LAST WEEK: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him." Romans 8:28a (NIRV)

NEW THIS WEEK: "Give praise to the Lord, the God of Israel! He has come to his people and purchased their freedom." Luke 1:68 (NirV)

If they memorize the verse, they can get a ping pong ball to put in the BLUE BOX in the hallway.