

## Micah 5:2: The Christmas Prophecy

### Week 1

Listen to this song by Seeds Kids Worship

<https://youtu.be/2rlhKS7NtF8?si=8Vumk1gfxmbhTUpV>



God planned and prepared to send Jesus to earth as a baby to help all people understand how much God loves them – and that means you and me!

Sometimes God shares clues about God's plans with people so that they can share them with others. These people are prophets and their messages are called prophecies. Micah was a prophet who spoke about God's plan 300 years before Jesus was actually born.

Why not make your own advent calendar to count the days until Christmas. You will need a simple nativity set or picture and 24 small items such as stones or lego bricks to form a footpath leading to the nativity set. Lay it out in a place where it won't get knocked. If you use stones, you could paint numbers on them or decorate them with Christmas colours and designs. Each day, remove one step on the path as you get nearer and nearer to Christmas Day.



A prayer for when you are making plans for Christmas.

**Bless my plans, God, and help me to share your love. Amen.**



## Bible Reading

### Micah 5:2: The Christmas Prophecy

But God tells us this:

'Bethlehem Ephrathah is only a little town, among all the many towns in Judah,' God says.

'But I will choose someone who is born there.<sup>[a]</sup>

He will rule Israel for me.

Long, long ago, I prepared for him to come.'

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**I wonder whether you ever feel you are too small or unimportant ?**

## Luke 2: 8-12, 15-17 – Shepherds' Story

## Week 2

Watch the cartoon by Saddleback Kids

<https://youtu.be/TJIC57EvYFo?si=iPbPrKjTSDA-ICD> 

And sing along to this song from Doug Horley

<https://youtu.be/m1FLUZ3ansI?si=onFC8GCzTu2Tv> 



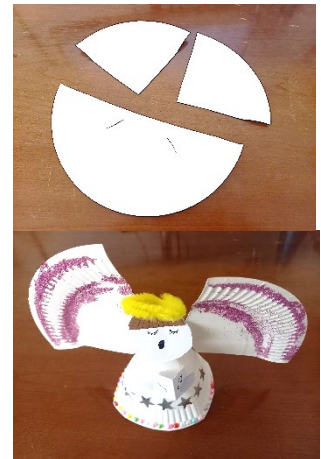
The angels sent the shepherds to see the new baby who had been promised – an event for everybody! – and to share the news with everyone they met. It must have been an amazing experience.

Cut a paper plate in half, then cut one section in half again to make two quarters. Paint and decorate your plate with glitter glue or sparkles. Cut two slits in the half plate as marked in the picture – you may need some adult help.

Bend the half plate round to form a cone and use tape to stick it in place. Slip the pointed ends of the quarter pieces through the two slits to form wings and tape in place on the inside.

Cut a circle out of thin card and draw an angel's face on it as though singing. Glue it at the top of the cone. You could use a piece of pipe cleaner or tinsel to form a halo.

Cut out two hands and use a folded piece of paper to make a song book and glue those in place. Where will you put your lovely angel ornament? Maybe at the top of the tree! Or you could attach a loop of ribbon or wool and hang it up for all to see.



A prayer for each time you see a Christmas card

**God, thank you for your good news this Christmas. Help me share it with others. Amen**

## Bible reading

## Luke 2: 8-12, 15-17 – The Shepherds' Story

### An Event for Everyone

There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherds talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherds were impressed.

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**I wonder what Christmas stories you will share with each other this year?**

## Psalm 72:10-11 - gifts from afar

### Week 3

Watch the silent cartoon by CrossroadKids

<https://youtu.be/TCOW8NKfrBg?si=SHS3QL431ACJJU61>

Maybe you could create a narration for it!



The psalm talks about people, especially kings, from all nations of the world coming to worship Jesus. It links to the story of the wise men or astrologers from the East that we know from the nativity story. Jesus was not just for people in one place and time, Jesus was and is for everyone.

Often at this time of year or any time from November to February, people make Christingles. Perhaps you could make one too. You need an orange, a red ribbon, four cocktail sticks, some dried fruit or small sweets, and a candle.

Each item represents something: The orange represents the world, the red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love of Christ, the cocktail sticks represent the four corners of the earth, the sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations and the lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness. As we make the Christingle, we think about God's gift to the whole world in Jesus and how each one of us is part of God's story.



A prayer for when you look at the stars:  
**Jesus, thank you that you are here for everyone, including me.**

Watch our Christingle video on  
<https://bit.ly/URC-Christingle>



## Bible reading

### Psalm 72:10-11 - gifts from afar

Kings from Spain and from other far places  
will pay taxes to him.

Kings from Sheba and from Seba  
will bring gifts to him.

All kings will bend down in front of him.

People from all nations will serve him.

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**I wonder what gift you would give to Jesus from  
your culture?**

## Galatians 4:4 God's plan comes together

## Week 4

Watch the cartoon by Crossroad Kids Klub

<https://youtu.be/FrOBJo6LNfw?si=hmttlUPYqKKgk0Ok>



It's Christmas! Jesus was born – God in the form of a tiny baby – to live a human life like ours and bring God's love closer. It's the perfect time to celebrate and have a party.

Let's make one more decoration for the Christmas tree. You will need six lollipop sticks, glue, green paint, a white or silver marker pen or paint, and a gold marker pen or paint or a gold star-shaped sticker. You also need glue. One lollipop stick will make the trunk of a tree. Paint the other lollipop sticks green. Cut them to size so you have one complete stick then five other pieces, each slightly shorter than the rest. The shortest pieces can probably be cut from one stick. Glue them the length of the stick forming the trunk, so that they get smaller the higher up the trunk they are, to form a Christmas tree shape. On them, paint or write the words: "FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN", and paint a star on the top one. Use some tinsel or a pipe cleaner to make a loop at the top so you can hang it up.



A prayer for Christmas Day

**Happy Birthday, Jesus. Thank you for your special gift of love. Amen**

## Bible reading

## Galatians 4:4 God's plan comes together

But when the time that God had decided arrived,

he sent his Son into the world.

A human mother gave birth to him.

He was born a Jew, under the authority of God's Law.

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**I wonder how you'll remember Jesus' birth this Christmas?**

## John 1: 1-5, 14, 16-18 The Word is God

## Week 5

Memory Verse Song – John 1:1-3

<https://youtu.be/x6gkcMPmio8?t=27>



Consider making your own candle holder, you could use air dry clay, playdough or salt dough. Try this salt dough recipe. Mix the following ingredients together. Knead into a dough. Create your candle holder. Place into the oven at 50 degrees for three hours.

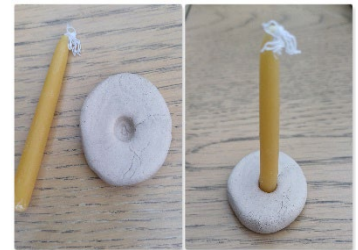
- 250g plain flour
- 125g table salt
- 125ml water

For safety reasons consider purchasing a battery operated candle to place in your holder.



A prayer for a new year (Use your candle and holder)

**Jesus, be with me as the new year begins.**



## Bible reading

## John 1: 1-5, 14, 16-18 The Word is God

In the beginning was the one who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created received its life from him, and his life gave light to everyone. The light keeps shining in the dark, and darkness has never put it out.

The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him the complete gifts of undeserved grace and truth have come down to us.

Because of all that the Son is, we have been given one blessing after another. The Law was given by Moses, but Jesus Christ brought us undeserved kindness and truth. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is truly God and is closest to the Father, has shown us what God is like.

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**I wonder what words you would use to describe Jesus?**