

LIGHT UP

CHRISTMAS

Name: _____

What is a prophecy?

Christians believe that for about two thousand years before Jesus was born, God spoke to people through 'prophets'. Prophets often brought messages from God about the future and what was going to happen.

Read the different Bible verses in the boxes below. Then in small groups, discuss which prophecies in the Old Testament link with the fulfilment (when they came true) in the New Testament.

Draw arrows to join the boxes.

Prophecies in the Old Testament

(the first part of The Bible)

Genesis 22:15, 18:

"The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said... "Through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed because you have obeyed me."

Isaiah 9:7

His power will continue to grow, and there will be peace without end. This will establish him as the king sitting on David's throne and ruling his kingdom. He will rule with goodness and justice forever and ever. The strong love that the LORD All-Powerful has for his people will make this happen!

Micah 5:2

The LORD says, "Bethlehem, you might not be an important town in the nation of Judah. But out of you will come for me a ruler over Israel. His family line goes back to the early years of your nation. It goes all the way back to days of long ago."

Isaiah 9:6

"This will happen when the special child is born. God will give us a son who will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be Wonderful Counsellor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace."

Fulfilment of prophecies in the New Testament

(the second part of The Bible)

Luke 2:4-6

So Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee, and went to the town of Bethlehem in Judea. It was known as the town of David. Joseph went there because he was from the family of David. Joseph registered with Mary because she was engaged to marry him. (She was now pregnant.) While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby.

Matthew 3:16-17

As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened. Jesus saw the Spirit of God coming down on him like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

Matthew 1:1

This is the family history of Jesus the Messiah. He came from the family of David, who was from the family of Abraham.

Galatians 3:8

God's plan all along was to bring this message of salvation to the nations through the revelation of faith. Long ago God prophesied over Abraham, as the Holy Scriptures say: "Through your example of faith all the nations will be blessed!"

Luke 1:32-33

He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God, and the Lord God will make him king like his ancestor David. He will rule over the people of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

There's more on the other side!

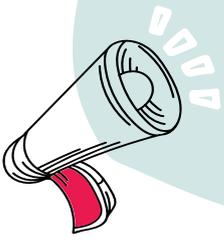
Now circle all the words which describe what Jesus is like and the other names He is given.

Have fun looking for the words describing Jesus, which we read in Isaiah's prophecy.



Find the words:

Immanuel
 Wonderful Counsellor
 Powerful God
 Father Who Lives
 Forever
 King
 Prince of Peace



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With the letters which are left over, finish the sentence:

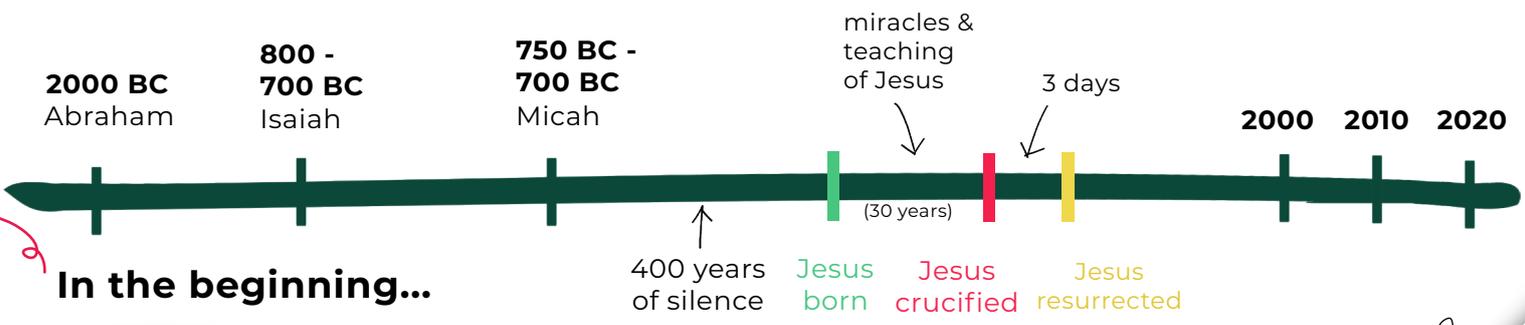
Immanuel means _ _ _ _ _



Timeline



Put an **X** on the timeline to show when you were born



Anything you don't manage to complete in the lesson can perhaps be finished in school or at home.

