



MINOR PROPHETS

MICAH

Scripture: Micah 2:12-13, 5:2, 7:18-20

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Balloons, paper cut outs, Promises

Ask:

We have been going through the Minor Prophets. What can you remember about any of our prophets so far?

Though these prophets were speaking directly to the people of Israel and Judah, there is a lot we can learn from them. We can learn how importance obedience is to God. We can see just how much of a debt he paid for us, like we saw with Hosea last week. We can also remember that God is faithful to his promises no matter what.

Today, we're going to talk about Micah. Here's a question first: can anyone tell me where you believe one of your grandchildren will be born? I know you aren't married and don't have kids. But I want you to try to tell me where your grandkid would be born. How about my great grandchild? Impossible, right? Well, because God spoke through the prophet Micah, he told exactly where the Messiah would be born 100 years before Jesus was born. Pretty impressive, huh?

Explain:

One of the main themes in Micah is that God keeps his promises. We learned last week about the consequences for disobedience and for idolatry. God eventually keeps the promise of those consequences when the people are exiled to Assyria and Babylon. But God also keeps promises of the hope and future of Israel as well. Even before the people went into exile, God promised that it wouldn't last forever. Let's read one of those promises in Micah.

Read: Micah 2:12-13

Activity:

Play a promise keeper game. The kids will go on a scavenger hunt within the room to find some of the promises of God found in the OT. On the back of the card of promise will be how and when it was kept.

Explain:

When God says he'll do something, he does it. We serve an incredible God that never breaks his promises. And the best promises of all are found in Jesus and in our eternal hope that we have through him.

Read: Micah 7:18-20

Explain:

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, our sin is trampled underfoot. Not only that, but we who love him have a future that is sure. When we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we get to spend forever with Jesus. This is only available to us when we come to Jesus, accept his sacrifice on our behalf, and ask for his forgiveness. Then, as his great love and mercy are poured out on us, we get to live our lives surrendered to him.

Play a Game:

Let's play a game to remind us how God has trampled sin under his feet, and offered us salvation instead.

There will be balloons with sins written on them. Inside each balloon will be a paper with a promise of heaven or what we receive from Jesus. Have enough balloons for each child and then have them trample the sins under their feet like Jesus did with his death and resurrection.

Minor Prophet Timeline:

Have the kids color the picture of Micah. He prophesied between 740-710 BC. He prophesied to both kingdoms.

Memorize: Micah 6:8

Close in Prayer



Promises in the OT

Called Out of Egypt:

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son (Hosea 11:1)

Fulfilled:

So he (Joseph) got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.' Matthew 2:14-15

Born in Bethlehem:

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times (Micah 5:2)

Fulfilled:

When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Coming on a Donkey:

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Fulfilled:

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Ruler From Judah

The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

Fulfillment:

Jesus is from the line of Judah (Luke 3:33)

Eternal Kingdom:

When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

Fulfillment:

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1).

Jesus Would be Despised:

He will be despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem (Isaiah 53:3).

Fulfillment:

All the people of the synagogue were furious when they heard this (Jesus speaking). They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff (Luke 4:28-29).

Punishment for Israel's Rebellion

Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "An enemy will overrun the land; he will put down your strongholds and plunder your fortresses (Amos 3:11).

Fulfillment:

The Assyrian army invaded Israel in 722BC

Sign of Jonah:

Jonah was a picture of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Fulfillment:

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here (Matthew 12:40-41).

Sin Trampled Game

God dwells with his people (Revelation 21:3)

He will wipe every tear from our eyes (Revelation 21:4)

There will be no more death (Revelation 21:4)

No more crying (Revelation 21:4)

No more pain (Revelation 21:4)

He will make all things new (Revelation 21:5)

We will drink from the water of life (Revelation 21:6)

A street of gold (Revelation 21:21)

No night because the Lord is the light (Revelation 21:22-23)

We will receive rewards (Revelation 22:12)

We will see face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12)

We live forever (John 5:24)

We will feast in the Kingdom of God (Luke 13:29).

Jesus has a house prepared for us who believe (John 14:2-3)

We will worship God around his throne (Revelation 4:10)

We will be fully known (1 Corinthians 13:12)

We will lay our crowns before him (Revelation 4:10).

We will bow before him (Revelation 4:10)

We will be clothed in a new body (2 Corinthians 5:4)

We are coheirs with Christ (Romans 8:17)