

# *TEACHER'S NOTES*

6 year olds	<b>OUR HEAVENLY FATHER</b>
Chapter 8	<b>Getting ready for the Saviour</b>
Lesson 1	<b>God sends prophets</b>

## **AIMS**

1. Students will understand the word “prophet”
2. They will be able to understand that God sent many prophets to help people be good and prepare for the Saviour.
3. They will learn about Advent

## **BEGIN**

Ask the children what they might do if you had to leave the classroom and they had to wait for you to return. Suggest that they might begin to talk and be naughty. Ask them if they think they might behave longer if you sent someone to remind them to be good because you were coming soon. Explain that God sent holy men called prophets (draw their attention to this word in their packs) to tell everyone to get ready for the Saviour and be good.

## **STEP 2**

Read the Special Paragraph with the children. Stress the definition of the word “prophet”: holy men who prepared the people for the coming of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Explain that the prophets did this in two ways:

1. By telling people how God would come to earth in the future.
2. By showing the people how to be good until He came.

## **STEP 3**

Explain to the children that although one of the prophets was to tell what would happen in the future, the prophets were not magical, nor did they know the future on their own. They spoke about things in the future only because God gave them that knowledge. Remind the children that one of God’s qualities is that He is “all knowing”. So God shared small bits of His knowledge with the prophets in Israel and they told the people.

## **STEP 4**

Discuss the Special Picture in the Children’s Packs with the children. Then read some of Isaiah Christmas prophecies from the children’s Bible (Is 7:14, 9:6, 11:1-9, 53:1-12).

Point out that they were fulfilled - came true - in Jesus, our Saviour: for example: Jesus was born in Bethlehem and wise men did visit Him from the East etc.

## **STEP 5**

God helped the Jewish people to prepare for the coming of the Saviour by giving them signs to let them know when He would come. With these prophecies in mind they could recognise the Saviour when He came and they would be ready for Him.

## **STEP 6**

Explain that in the next lessons we will learn about the prophets’ other job: telling the people how to be good while they were waiting for the Saviour. The prophets’ main job was to be good and to love God. Tell the children that in the next lesson they will learn about the first prophet, Moses, and the last prophet, Saint John the Baptist.

## **STEP 7**

Have the children complete exercise one in their packs, and then complete the word search.

### **CONCLUDE**

Explain to the children that the prophet Isaiah first gave the name “Emmanuel” to the Saviour that he foretold. The name “Emmanuel” means “God with us”. This is exactly what we celebrate on Christmas day. From the first day of Advent until Jesus’ birth on Christmas Day the Church is waiting for Him to come.

Practise Catechism questions 1-20.

Teach the children an appropriate song, such as “O come, o come, Emmanuel,” Adoremus Hymnal, #301

### **PREVIEW**

Tell the children that in the next lesson they will learn about the first prophet - Moses