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POETRY &
MAJOR PROPHETS

A Bible Survey
Curriculum
for Children

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Because of the big questions and advice sections these books sometimes are called Wisdom Literature.

**About Job**

Job is one of the oldest books of the Bible.

Does it look like a story or poetry at the beginning of the book?
—story

Where does it change to poetry?
—3:3

Does it stay in poetry till the end of the book?
—changes back to story in 42:7

The name of the book is the name of the main character.
Who is the main character?
—Job

What was Job like? Find 4 of his qualities.

1:1—blameless
—upright (NIV)/ complete integrity (NLT)¹
—feared God
—shunned (NIV)/ stayed away from (NLT) evil²

Did Job have children?
1:2 —7 sons and 3 daughters

Was he rich or poor?
1:3—The greatest man of the East (NIV)/ the richest man in the entire area (NLT)

Job had everything: good character, family and wealth.

**Change of Scene**

Name the next 2 characters in the story.
1:7 —the LORD and Satan

What does God say to Satan?
1:8 —Have you considered (NIV)/ noticed (NLT) Job?

Satan tells God why Job is good. What is his explanation?
1:10 —God has put a hedge around him and blessed him (NIV)/ protected and prospered him (NLT).

What does Satan suggest?
1:11 —strike (NIV)/ take away (NLT) everything he has

How does God respond?
1:12 —Everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself, do not lay a finger (NIV)/ Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically (NLT).

¹ Whenever the NIV and NLT use different words, both versions will appear with a slash between them: words (NIV)/ words (NLT).
² Words following (NLT) are found in both versions.
Worksheet Answers: Job’s Response to Suffering (NIV)

STRIKE THROUGH the 24 wrong words and 1 wrong punctuation mark. WRITE the correct word or punctuation mark above each strikethrough.

Job 1:21  “The stars gave and the fate has taken away; may the name of the earth be praised.”

Job 2:10  “We always receive good from God, and not trouble.”

Job 12:13  “To God belong wisdom and power; distance and disapproval are his.”

Job 13:15  “If he bless me, then will I hope in him; I will surely hide my ways from his face.”

Job 19:25-26  “I know that my Judge lives, and that in the end he will sit on the throne. And after my skin has been destroyed, it is my hope I might see God.”

Job 23:10  “He knows the things that I want; when he has answered me, I will come forth as rich.”
Worksheet: Word Tricks (NLT)

Part 1: Find METAPHORS for God in these psalms.

Psalm 7:10  my ________________

Psalm 16:5  my _____________ of blessing

Psalm 23:1  my _________________

Psalm 27:1  The LORD is my _____________

The LORD is my _________________

Psalm 43:2  my only safe __________

Psalm 62:7  my refuge, a _____________

Psalm 84:11 our _____________ and ________________

Psalm 90:1  our _____________

Psalm 91:4  cover you with his _________________ ...

shelter you with his _____________

God is compared with which animal? ________________

Psalm 121:5  protective _________________

PART 2: Name the BODY PARTS ascribed to God in these verses.

Psalm 10:11  _________________  Psalm 18:6  _________________

Psalm 18:8 (2)  _________________  _________________

Psalm 18:9  _________________  Psalm 29:7  _________________

Psalm 34:16  _________________  Psalm 89:10  _________________

Psalm 138:7  _________________
Worksheet: The Psalmist Tells God How He Feels

Write each reference on a face that shows how the psalmist feels: happy, sad, angry or afraid.

6:3
16:9
17:15
21:1
27:3

38:8
43:2
55:5
58:6-8
59:16

69:20
88:18
92:4
109:22
122:1
Game: “According to Proverbs”

Questions

1. According to Proverbs 18:2
   Fools
   a.) cannot learn
   b.) think they know everything
   c.) don’t let people know what they think
   d.) eavesdrop to find out what other people think

2. According to Proverbs 17:22
   When you are feeling sick, you should
   a.) watch a comedy movie
   b.) watch a horror movie
   c.) do homework
   d.) feel sorry for yourself

3. According to Proverbs 26:18-19
   You can tell lies to your friend
   a.) if you say, “I was only joking”
   b.) if your fingers are crossed
   c.) if it is on a dare
   d.) never

4. According to Proverbs 11:1
   When you don’t know the answer on a test, you should
   a.) make a guess and decide to study harder next time
   b.) drop your pencil on the floor and look at your neighbor’s answer on the way up
   c.) prepare ahead of time by writing all the answers on your arm
   d.) complain that the teacher never taught you that material.

5. According to Proverbs 24:26
   An honest answer is like
   a.) a kiss
   b.) a punch in the stomach
   c.) hot cement on bare feet
   d.) jumping into cold water

6. According to Proverbs 25:16
   When your favorite dessert is on the menu, you should
   a.) eat all of it quickly before anybody else gets to it
   b.) eat a reasonable amount
   c.) eat until you are stuffed
   d.) give it to the dog
**Ecclesiastes**

### Puzzle: “Ecclesiastes’ Wisdom Bits”
- Copy single-sided pp. 68-69 NIV or pp. 71-72 NLT
- Read optional prep instructions p. 67
- Scissors and glue, 1 per student

**Visuals:** Mortarboard*, wine glass, dice, construction worker, “To-do” list, houses, cars, money

* Use construction paper; a strip glued end to end for the band and a square glued to the band for the mortarboard. For tassel, wrap the end of a string around your finger to make loops. Tie loops together, staple the plain end of the string to the center of the mortarboard and cut the ends of the loops.

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**Who wrote Ecclesiastes?** Find clues in these verses:
- 1:12 — king over Israel in Jerusalem
- 1:16 — has wisdom and knowledge
- 2:8 — rich
- 1:1 — David’s son

So what is your answer? Who wrote Ecclesiastes?
— Solomon

How does he refer to himself? “The words of the __________”
- 1:1 — Teacher

**What is the name of the first poetry book?**
— Job

Job is about a big question. Do you remember it? It starts with “Why”.
— Why do bad things happen to good people?

Job is about a word that starts with “S”.
- Job 2:13 — suffering

Ecclesiastes is like Job: it asks another big question.
Describe the Teacher’s problem in one word found more than once in this verse.
- 1:2 — Meaningless!

The Teacher asks, “Is life meaningless?”
Isaiah, a “Mini-Bible”

Let’s discover some of the ways Isaiah is like the whole Bible.

How many books are in the Bible? Count them in the table of contents.

—66

How many chapters are in Isaiah?

—66

They are the same numbers.

How many books are in the Old Testament?

—39

Read from chapter 39 in Isaiah.

39:7—descendants (NIV)/ sons (NLT) will be taken away <into exile (NLT)>

This predicts a very unhappy event.

How does Book 39 of the Bible, the last book of the Old Testament, end? Read the end of the very last verse.

Malachi 4:6 —“I will come and strike the land with total destruction” (NIV)/ “a curse” (NLT)

Book 39 of the Bible and chapter 39 of Isaiah both predict judgment.

Now read the beginning of Isaiah chapter 40.

40:1—“Comfort, comfort my people”


What is the name of this book?

—Matthew

What is the 1st story in Matthew?

Matthew 1:18, 1st phrase—the birth of Jesus the Messiah (NIV)/ how Jesus the Messiah was born (NLT)

Jesus’ birth gives us comfort; he came to save us from judgment.

Who was Isaiah?

Isaiah appears earlier in the Bible in 2 Kings.

What other familiar name appears with Isaiah?

NOTE TO TEACHER: Assign a series of references at one time.

2 Kings 20:1—Hezekiah

Who was Hezekiah?

2 Kings 18:1—king of Judah

So Isaiah spent time with kings. We could call him a “courtier”, a member of the royal court. Isaiah was an advisor to the king.

In 2 Kings Hezekiah was sick and prayed to God for healing. Hezekiah asked for a sign that God would heal him.
Worksheet Answers: Decoding Isaiah (NIV)

(Use the table of contents in your Bible to find the New Testament books.)

Isaiah 7:14  “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

Who was the virgin?  

Mary 

( Matthew 1:18)

What was the son’s name?  

Jesus 

( Matthew 1:21)

What does “Immanuel” mean?  

God 

with 

us 

( Matthew 1:23)

Fill the blanks in the verse with your answers:

The virgin Mary will conceive and give birth to a son Jesus, and will call him God with us.

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Isaiah 11:1  “A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.”

Who was Jesse? father of  

David 

( I Samuel 17:58)

Who is the Branch/vine?  

Jesus 

( John 15:1)

(HINT: Look back to John 14:23 to find who is speaking.)

He calls those who grow his fruit his  

disciples 

( John 15:8)

What do we call these people?  

Christians 

( Acts 11:26)

What fruit does the Holy Spirit grow in them? (Galatians 5:22-23)

love 

joy 

peace 

forbearance 

kindness 

goodness 

faithfulness 

gentleness 

self-control 

DRAW a grapevine or fruit tree on the back of this page.

LABEL the parts of the tree with the answers starting from the bottom:

the roots below the ground with your first 11:1 answer,

the trunk with the name of the Branch, and then the fruit on the leafy part of the tree.
Worksheet: When Messiah Rules... (NLT)
See the future in Isaiah.

Inside the circle write words describing how people will talk (60:18) and where and how will they live (32:18).

Circle the correct answers:

60:18 NO MORE

v______________
d______________ and
destruction of ________!

WALLS OF _________________

What surrounds the people? 60:18

11:6 Enemies OR Friends?

11:7 The lion’s new diet

11:8 When children see this

do they OR

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Worksheet Answers: Names for Christ in Jeremiah (NIV)

Put one letter on each line to fill in the blanks.

2:13 the \( \text{s p r i n g of } \text{l i v i n g w a t e r} \)

8:22 \( \text{b a l m in } \text{G i l e a d} \)

23:5 a \( \text{r i g h t e o u s B r a n c h} \)

23:6 The \( \text{L O R D } \) Our \( \text{R i g h t e o u s S a v i o r} \)

30:9 \( \text{D a v i d their } \text{k i n g} \)

31:10 watch over his flock like a \( \text{s h e p h e r d} \)

50:34 their \( \text{R e d e m e r} \) is strong

50:34 the \( \text{L O R D A l m i g h t y} \) is his name
Phrase Search: “Know that I am the LORD” (NLT)

The number of times Ezekiel’s theme occurs in each chapter is given below.
Fill in the verse numbers.
These phrases also qualify:  “Know that I alone am the LORD”
“Know that I am the Sovereign LORD”

6: _____  6: _____  6: _____  6: _____
7: _____  7: _____  11: _____  11: _____
12: _____  12: _____
14: _____  15: _____  16: _____
20: _____  20: _____  20: _____
21: _____  22: _____  23: _____
24: _____  24: _____
26: _____
29: _____  29: _____  29: _____  29: _____
30: _____  30: _____  30: _____  30: _____
32: _____  33: _____  34: _____
35: _____  35: _____  35: _____
36: _____  36: _____  36: _____
37: _____  37: _____  37: _____
38: _____  38: _____
Who was Daniel?

Find the beginning of the book of Daniel.
Name the king who besieged Jerusalem.
   1:1 —Nebuchadnezzar
Nebuchadnezzar took the king of Judah and temple treasures to Babylon. What else did he take?
   1:4 —healthy, handsome, smart, qualified young men
Name 4 of these young men.
   1:6 —Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah
They were given new names in their new country. What were they?
   1:7 —Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

Daniel Stories

Story 1 Chapter 1
Daniel and his friends were chosen to train to work for the king so they were given lots of yummy but unhealthy food.
Did Daniel binge on the junk food?
   1:12 —No, he asked for vegetables and water.
What was the result?
   1:15 —He and his friends looked healthier and better nourished than those who ate royal food.
How did Daniel and friends do in their training?
   1:19 —They were the best and entered the king’s (NIV)/royal (NLT) service.

Story 2 Chapter 2
Nebuchadnezzar had a dream.
Puzzle: Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream (cont.)

Complete the Image

Glue the sections to the matching materials.
Daniel 2:32-33

What did the whole image represent? 2:39
HINT: Find the word that appears more than once.

A series of ______________
(Add “s” to make the answer plural.)

The following 2 blanks will solve the empty circle below.
What smashed the image? 2:34

____________________

In Ephesians 2:20 it was described as
the _____________________.

It is

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Worksheet Answers: Major Prophets Review 1

Across
2. Jeremiah used these to teach his lessons (2 Kings 12:18).
4. Vegetarian lion tamer
6. Theme is “Know that I am the LORD”
8. Isaiah prophesied about this coming just ruler (Matthew 1:1 or John 1:41).
9. Ezekiel did this to teach lessons (example: Ezekiel 4:4-6).
10. Lamentations describes suffering in this city (Lamentations 1:8).

Down
1. Daniel saw the future in 4 of them (Daniel 7:15).
3. The weeping prophet
5. Also written by Jeremiah (not a person name)
7. When God called, he said, “Here am I. Send me!”

These references answer 4 of the clues without references:
Isaiah 6:8, Jeremiah 9:1, Ezekiel 12:20, Daniel 1:12 and 6:16
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