

THE STORY @ HOME

KIDS 3RD-6TH NL

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 1 (2026-2027)

Lesson #1-10
Micah [1:3-5] 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

LAST WEEK

Naaman sought a cure for leprosy from the king of Israel, and the prophet Elisha led Naaman to his full healing through the power of God (2 Kings 5:1-15a).

THIS WEEK

The prophet Micah announces that God does not desire thousands of rams or rivers of oil, but rather God requires us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8).

STORY SUMMARY

Mercy, Justice, and Peace

We read two different messages from God in these passages. Micah 5:2-4 offers hope to a people who are suffering that there will be a king who will come from Bethlehem. Micah 6:6-8 instructs God's people to love God and others through their words and actions. The people are harming their neighbors while hiding behind religious rituals. God does not only desire their material offerings and worship but also that their whole lives be dedicated to loving God and our neighbors with words and action.

PRACTICE: SERVICE

Today's lesson is a clear call to response to the gifts of God. By responding through justice and mercy, we reach out to serve those people who are in the most need. Make a list of ways that your family can serve others as we move into the holiday season.

THE POINT

We are to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Prophecy

Many of your students may think of prophets as people who can predict the future. But this is not the biblical image of the prophet. In Scripture, a prophet is a messenger of God. Prophets received God's messages in visions and other direct experiences. It was the prophet's job to deliver this message to the people. These messages include messages of hope and peace, but they also include warnings of judgment. Their purpose was not to tell about the future but to change people's lives in the present, either to repent or to hold onto hope.

NEXT WEEK

When the Assyrian forces threatens Jerusalem, King Hezekiah seeks the prophet Isaiah to pray on behalf of the people. Isaiah encourages the people to rely on God's faithfulness (Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4).

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Family Discussions

Use the questions below—or any you have—to discuss this lesson's Scripture reading with your family.

- ✞ Did you find anything in this reading that was surprising?
- ✞ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✞ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Micah [1:3-5] 5:2-5a; 6:6-8 Micah calls for lives of mercy, justice, and peace. Talk about the difference between mercy and justice as you understand them.
Monday—Read Amos 2:6-16 God judges Israel for oppressing others and living selfishly. Tell about a time that you did something wrong and what consequences you faced. Do you think the consequences were fair?
Tuesday—Read Amos 5:4-13 Amos announces God's message to seek the Lord and live. Share with each other a place where you have seen God in the last week.
Wednesday—Read Amos 5:14-24 The Lord desires justice. What gift or talent has God given you that you can use to serve God?
Thursday—Read Zechariah 7:8-10 Show kindness and mercy, and do not oppress people who are vulnerable. What groups of people are especially vulnerable today? Pray for them.
Friday—Read Isaiah 1:12-17 God prefers justice to worship rituals. Reread Micah 6:6-8 from Sunday. How do the two passages compare?
Saturday—Read Isaiah 6:1-13 God calls Isaiah to speak to the people with God's message. A seraph is an angel. Draw or describe how you picture angels, or look for images online.

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