

Bible Lesson

## 28. Jesus Heals Many

Isaiah 9; Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4



Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness.

Matthew 4:23

## Jesus Heals Many

Hundreds of years before Jesus came, God told Isaiah about it. The prophet Isaiah wrote in the Old Testament: "God will honor the land of Galilee. The people living in darkness will see a great light. They will have joy."

Jesus was that light. He was the Messiah. He walked through Galilee. He told the good news. He healed every disease and sickness.

Thousands came to him. Some crawled on legs that did not work. The weak were carried on the backs of the strong.

Jesus loved each person. He placed his hands on them. Those who suffered pain for years were healed, just like that!

Broken legs stood strong. Itchy skin stopped itching. Hurting heads felt good again. Bodies that shook were stilled. Twisted hands stretched out. The blind, living in darkness, could now see.

Not one sick child was forgotten. Even evil spirits left at his command. What joy there was!

Jesus told everyone who he was. And he proved it with his miracles. The Light of the World shone upon the people. The Messiah had come at last!

## Questions

1. What miracles did Jesus do?
2. Why did he do these miracles?
3. Who is Jesus?
4. How has the light of Jesus shined in your life?

### Pray this Prayer:

Dear Jesus,  
You are the Light of the World. You brighten up my world. Your light helps me see the truth. Please let your light shine out of me.  
Amen

Write in and around the sun ways that Jesus is the Light of the World. Or, write a prayer thanking him for lighting up your life.



# Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing

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Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

### Before you read:

#### Activate Prior Knowledge

- a) Of all the miracles that Jesus did, why do you think he healed the most often?
- b) When was the last time God healed you? From what?
- c) Do you know what a prophet is? The Messiah?

### After you read:

#### Prayer Circle

Gather the students into a circle and turn out the lights. Pass around a flashlight while they each say a line in the prayer or add their own lines: Dear Jesus, You are the Light of the World. You brighten up my world. Your light helps me see the truth. Please let your light shine out of me. Amen

#### Balloon Bouquet

Celebrate our miraculous Messiah! Use helium balloons, or as an alternative, fill deflated balloons with confetti and then blow them up. On each blown-up balloon, have the kids write (using a permanent marker) words from the story that show us who Jesus is or what he does. For example, your balloons might contain these words or phrases: Jesus, Messiah, strong legs, evil spirits – GONE!, joy, He told the good news, honor, he healed every disease, etc. Gather the kids and make it a praise and thanks time as they read what they wrote. Let the balloons float to heaven with a praise song and a prayer of thanks.

#### Preach and Heal Contest

Everywhere Jesus went, he almost always preached and healed. Divide your class into two teams. On a marker board create two sets of two headings: Jesus Preached. Jesus Healed. Give the kids Bibles and markers. Let each team spend 5 minutes going through the gospels and writing down the references under the correct column. For example, one student might write: "Luke 13 Jesus healed a woman who was crippled." After 5 minutes, see which side was the busiest – the teaching or healing side.

**Echoes of Eternity** (Part 1)

Jesus is the Messiah, but who or what is that? See Isaiah 9:1-7. Color and create a bright, colorful border.

**M**ighty God



**E**verlasting Father

**S**poke about by the prophets

**S**on given to us

**I**siah's prophecy fulfilled

**A** great light – the prince of peace



**H**ealer from heaven,  
our Wonderful Counselor

## **Echoes of Eternity** (Part 2)

Jesus is the Messiah, but who or what is that? Match the words below to the words in part 1 and also in the story to show the continuity from the Old Testament to the New Testament to today.

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### **Are you depressed?**

Say good bye to gloom! Jesus is the Messiah. He is our Mighty God.  
Isaiah 9:1

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### **Are you upset?**

Those in distress, hang on! Jesus is the Messiah. He is our Everlasting Father.  
Isaiah 9:1

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### **Are you in the dark?**

Those walking in darkness have seen a great light! Jesus is the Messiah. He is the one who was spoken about by the prophets.  
Isaiah 9:2

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### **Are you sad?**

For those living in the land of deep darkness, rejoice! A light has dawned! Jesus is the Messiah, the light of the world, the prince of peace.  
Isaiah 9:3,6

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### **Are you discouraged?**

Those living in defeat, wait! He shatters burdens. Jesus is the Messiah, the king of victory.  
Isaiah 9:3-5

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### **Are you confused?**

Jesus is your counselor, your wonderful counselor. He is the Way and he will lead you.  
Isaiah 9:6

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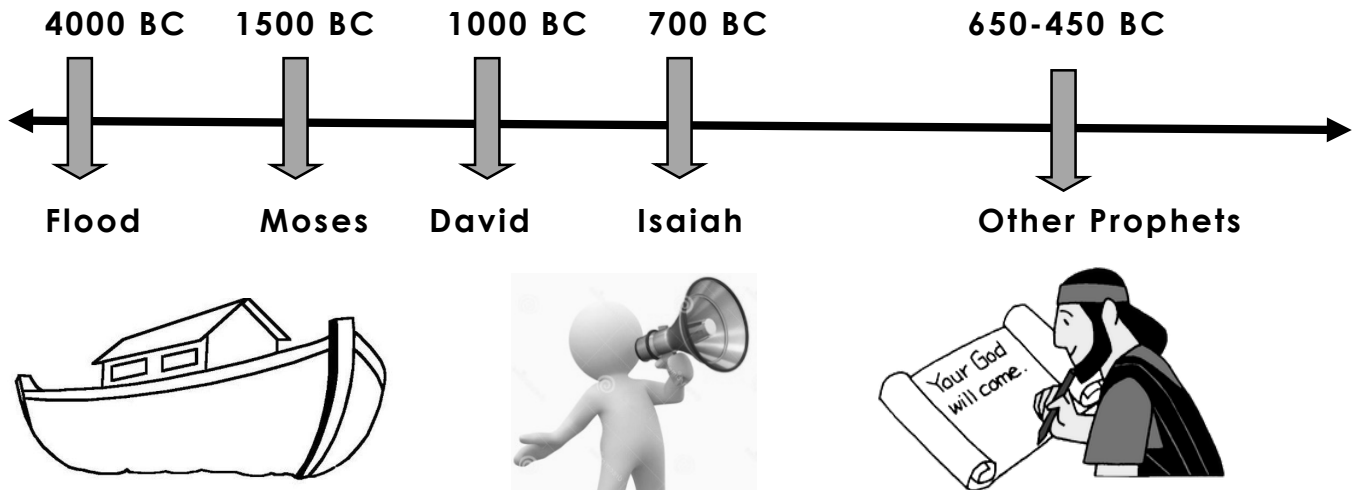
### **Are you hurting?**

Jesus is our healer from heaven. He takes away burdens. He gives justice and joy. He will make wrongs right.  
Isaiah 9:4

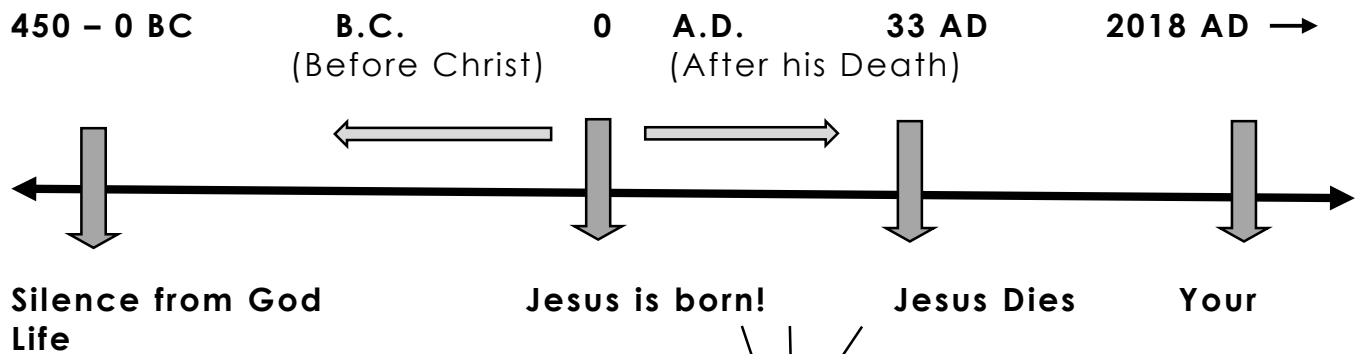
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## Echoes of Eternity - Timeline

The prophet Isaiah looked hundreds of years into the future and told us what he saw...Jesus - before he was even born! A prophet is a person who speaks for God. Have the kids roll up paper to create a megaphone and stand on one side of the room and shout the prophecy from Isaiah 9:2. The kids on the other side answer with John 4:25-26 and John 8:12.

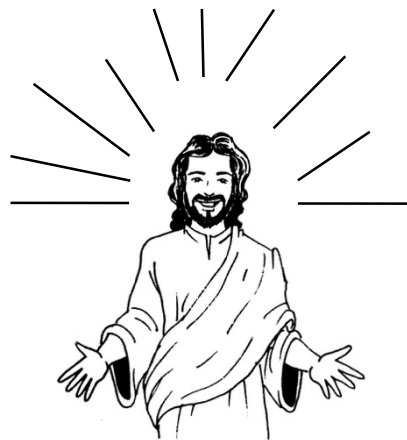


Write Isaiah 9:2 here:



For more than 450 years, Israel did not hear from God through any prophet. It was a time of deep distress, sadness, and darkness.

Color this box black.



Write John 8:12 here:

## This Child Changes Everything!

On the top, rewrite some negative words in blue, which stands for tears of sadness. Ask: How can a little child change all this? A newborn cannot even say one word. Who is this little baby anyway? Have the kids say aloud while coloring in the baby from Isaiah 9:6: Jesus is our wonderful counselor. He gives us advice and help. Jesus is our Mighty God... On the other bottom, rewrite some happy words in yellow, which stands for joy. For older children, let them match the words to verses in Isaiah 9:1-7

gloom, sadness  
disgrace  
darkness  
defeat, failure  
suffering  
war  
blood  
battle  
sin  
hate  
GONE...

FOR... unto us a CHILD IS BORN!  
A son is given. He will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Because of Jesus our Messiah, Now, we have...

honor  
light  
understanding  
growth  
joy, more joy  
happiness  
rejoicing  
victory  
freedom  
burdens gone  
peace  
king, forever  
fairness

