

THE THREAD | A PEOPLE RISE. A PEOPLE FALL.

Lesson 9: The Prophets

Dear Parents,

Hello! We just wrapped up the ninth of our 13 lessons looking at the story of Israel seeking to establish itself as a nation. These 13 lessons are all a part of our study called *The Thread: Discovering the Thread of the Gospel Through the Big-Picture Story of the Bible*. This lesson entitled “The Prophets” spanned 17 books of the Bible in one sitting! Kind of cool, isn’t it? We discussed the concept of the prophets and learned the role the prophets played in the history of God’s people. We used Jeremiah as an example of what a prophet’s relationship looks like with both God and God’s people. We talked about the patterns that prophecies had—charges against the nation for not upholding their covenant with God, judgment, and the reminder of future hope. We saw how God demonstrated His great love in His patience with humankind. And we challenged your student to embrace their role in sharing the news of the Gospel with those who most need it.

Lesson Overview: As you attempt to tell the big-picture story of Scripture, you’ll inevitably have to leave out some details and condense others. This is one of those moments where we’re going to fast-forward over an important aspect of Israel’s history: namely, the role of the prophets. There’s simply no way to cover the entire amazing ministry the prophets undertook. But our students are going to get the chance to learn all about Jeremiah and how his message to the Israelites was representative of the ministry of the prophets in general. This lesson will also help them to understand how they are called to be kind of like the prophets in their own way, telling the world about the Good News of the Gospel.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: Understand the role the prophets played in the history of God’s people and see how God demonstrates His great love in His patience with humankind.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned: Embrace their role in sharing the Good News of the Gospel with those who need it.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Jeremiah 2:1-13; Jeremiah 16:10-13; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 2 Peter 3:8-10

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What are some of the “big issues” in the world that feel hopeless at times? How could those issues use a prophet?
- What are some ways that God can use you to speak to His people?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don’t hesitate to let me know.