



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 8, Lesson 39

Micah and God's Courtroom

Lesson Aim: To know the three choices
God expects us to make.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: How has God kept a promise to you?

GAME: Judgment Relay

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS FAITHFUL

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 98:7-9.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

THE WORD MICAH AND GOD'S COURTROOM

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God gave Isaiah the message of hope about the coming Savior.

Today, we will see God showed the prophet Micah three choices. Point to Micah (Circa 700 B.C.). **God saw people were harming and tricking others, stealing, cheating, and lying. Micah showed us God was the perfect and fair judge who had a case against the people for their sins. He gave the people warnings from God about the coming downfall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple.** Point to Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Micah 6:1-2, 6, 8; 7:8b-9, 13, 18-19. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Micah 6:8. Pray.

READERS' THEATRE: Let's act out our Bible passage.

THE WAY THREE CHOICES GOD EXPECTS US TO MAKE

What was the WARNING from God? ("I will strike you down. I will destroy you because you have sinned so much.") **Micah described God as the perfect and fair judge who sees our sin and fairly punishes it, yet loves to show mercy by forgiving us. The people said God's anger would continue until God would take up their case. They said, "Then we'll see Him save us." As judge, God's final punishment for sin was death. How did Jesus' death on the cross change the case God had against us?** (Jesus fully paid the death penalty for our sin, so our case is dismissed. God views all who belong to Jesus as innocent.)

What were the three CHOICES God expected of His people? (Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.) **What does it mean to act justly?** (To treat everyone fairly.) **How can you act justly with your friends and family this week?** **What does it mean to love mercy?** (To enjoy showing kindness even to those who do not deserve it.) **Do you know someone who you believe has lied or bullied others and does not deserve to be treated with kindness? How can you forgive that person and show loving kindness to him or her this week?**

To be humble is to treat God and others as more important than yourself. What does it mean to walk humbly with your God? (To live the way He wants us to live.) **How can you do that this week? How did Jesus humbly treat the lives of others as more important than His own?** (He gave His life so we might have life forever close with God.) **Walking humbly with God includes giving Him the credit for your right choices. God not only told us the good choices, by His own actions He has shown us how to act justly and love mercy.**

Prophets used the word "remnant" to mean the small group of God's people who stayed faithful. Micah believed even though God was angry, He loved them. What did God PROMISE to do with the sins of the faithful? (Tread their sins underfoot and hurl all their iniquities into the depths of the sea.) **How did God keep that promise?** (He sent His Son Jesus to pay for our sins.) **If we believe in Jesus, we are part of that remnant and God promises to forgive us, too.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

700 years after Micah explains the three choices from God, Jesus Himself explains the choices He expects His followers to make. Reveal Matthew 20:26-28. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **Why do you think we must serve in order to be great in God's eyes?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: ASK ME ABOUT MICAH sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: God as the judge of all people
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Seafood Snack

GAME: Sin Stomp and Toss

CRAFT: Micah's ID Tags

DISCUSSION: The Highest Court

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Passing the Light, Kneel & Say

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW