



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
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.

God saw people were harming and tricking others, stealing, cheating, and lying. Point to Micah (Circa 700 B.C.). **The prophet Micah showed God was the perfect and fair judge who had a case against the people for their sins. He gave 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 Micah gave? (God said, "I will strike you down. I will destroy you because you have sinned so much.") **What were the three CHOICES God gave 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 this week? What does it mean to love mercy?** (To enjoy showing kindness even to those who do not deserve it.) **What does it mean to walk humbly with your God?** (To treat God as more important than yourself. Live the way He wants you to live.) **How can you do that this week? Which is hardest for you—to do justly, love mercy, or walk humbly with your God?**

God not only told us the good choices, by His own actions He has shown us how to act justly and love mercy. 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.)

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.**

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 He would take up their case. They said, "Then we'll see Him save us." What happened 700 years later that caused God as judge to take a second look at His case against all people? (Jesus died on the cross.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

700 years after Micah explains God will judge us for our sin, Paul explains the judgment (wages) for sin and why we need Jesus to save us. Reveal Romans 6:23. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How does this explain why we need a savior? The Bible says God will judge everyone one day. Since His punishment for sin is death, what is the fair punishment sinners deserve? (Death.) **Someone had to pay the price for our sins. How did Jesus pay that price?** (He died on the cross.) **God gave His Son to take the punishment of death. What does God give believers instead of eternal death?** (Eternal life.)

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: ASK ME ABOUT MICAH sticker
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #39
- 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