



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
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 He expects us to make. Point to Micah (Circa 700 B.C.). **God saw that many 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 there.** Point to Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Micah 6:1-2, 8; 7:9, 13, 19. Pray.

THE WAY THREE CHOICES GOD EXPECTS US TO MAKE

God was angry because He saw the many sins of His people. What are some examples of ways children your age steal, cheat, lie, harm others, or try to fool others by what they say? God gave this WARNING to the people: "I will destroy you because you have sinned so much."

What were the three CHOICES God expected His people to make? (Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.) To act justly means to treat everyone fairly. What are some ways you can act justly this week by treating your friends and family more fairly? To

love mercy is to show 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. To walk humbly with your God is to live the way He wants us to live. How can you do that in your life this week?

God has shown us by His own actions how to act justly and love mercy. Micah described God as the perfect and fair judge over all people—a judge who sees our sin and fairly punishes it, yet loves to show mercy by forgiving us.

Jesus showed us the perfect example of walking humbly with God. Whose lives did He treat as more important than His own? (The lives of all people including each person here.) Jesus treated all of our lives as more important than His own life by dying for us.

The word "remnant" means the small group of God's people who stayed faithful. Did Micah believe, even though God was angry, He still loved the remnant? (Yes.) If we believe in Jesus, we are part of that remnant. God PROMISED to tread our sins underfoot and hurl them into the sea. How does it feel to know God forgives you and throws your sins away? To keep that promise of forgiveness, who did God send to pay for our sins by dying on the cross? (Jesus.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Micah also announced a PROMISE God made about where baby Jesus would be born. Do you remember where He was born? (Bethlehem.) 700 years later, because the Magi (wise men) had studied Micah's words, they knew they would find this newborn king in Bethlehem when the time came. Reveal Matthew 2:4-6. Read.

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

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW