

Advent 1 - Prophecy

Parent Devo & Bible Study

BIBLE PASSAGE: Isaiah 9:6

STORY POINT: God prophesied about the coming Messiah all throughout the Old Testament and Jesus fulfills them all.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 9:6

Hope from Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6

The Old Testament contains many words from prophets who often talked about God's promises. There is a special word we use for God's plans and promises that are told to us in the Bible. Do you know what that word is? Prophecy.

God used prophecy, like Isaiah 9:6, to share His plans and promises to give people hope. He wanted them to know that He was in control, He had a plan, and He was with them.

Throughout all of history, God has never left His people hopeless. God promised to send Jesus to rescue people from sin and make a way for us to be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever!

When we think about hope, we might say, "I hope to get a new video game for Christmas" or "I hope it snows this year on Christmas Eve." In those cases, we don't know if what we are hoping for will really happen, and we have no control over the outcome.

But when the Bible talks about hope, there is a certainty for the outcome. There is confidence in the outcome because God is in control, has revealed His intention, and has the power to make it happen. Hebrews 1:2-3 shows us that God kept His promise to send a Savior.

In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of his nature, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. (Hebrews 1:2-3, CSB)

When we read through the prophecies of the Old Testament and see how God kept His promises, we know we can trust God to keep all of His promises. Jesus promised that He would return one day and we would be with Him forever (John 14:1-3). We live in hope today as we eagerly await Jesus' return to make all things new.