

Grade 7 - Lesson 6

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Proclamation:

God sent prophets as witnesses to the truth. Prophets call men back to the ways of God.



Catechetical Points

- A prophet is a person appointed by God to speak God's truth.
- Elijah and Elisha were prophets that prefigure Jesus.
- Isaiah foretold the coming of the Messiah.
- John the Baptist was the last of the great prophets and was the bridge between the Old and New Testaments.

Materials

- Catechism board game

Before class starts:

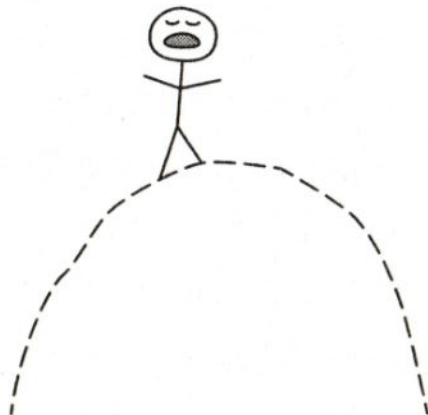
- Students who arrive early can play Train Wreck with students from the other grades.

[10 min] **Silent Prayer**

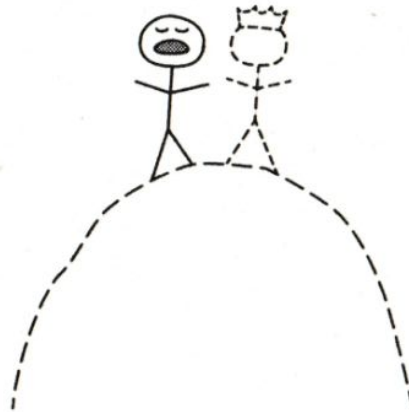
- Bring the class into church for a few minutes of silent prayer.
- Before praying, give the students some ideas of what to pray for:
 - Is there something troubling you this week?
 - Is there someone you know who needs God's help?
 - What are you grateful to God for?

[15 min] **Old Testament Prophets**

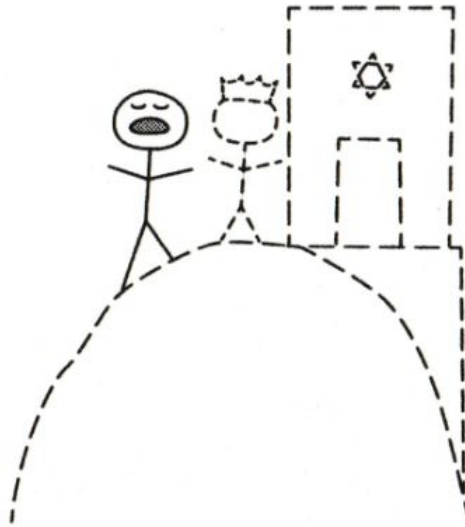
- In the last lesson, we talked about David becoming King and establishing Jerusalem as the center of worship. David's son, Solomon, built the temple of Jerusalem, which is where they kept the Ark of the Covenant (which contained the Ten Commandments, manna from the desert, and Aaron's staff).
- After Solomon's reign, the 12 tribes of Israel were divided, and eventually the people were conquered and sent into exile. During this time, God sent prophets to bring messages to the people, warning them of how they had broken the old covenants with God.
- The central message of the prophets was the coming of the Messiah and the establishment of a new covenant. This new covenant would be granted on a new Mount Zion.
- Draw a prophet on the new Mount Zion with dotted lines to show that it will be a future reality. It is expected, but hasn't arrived yet



- The prophets said that the Davidic covenant would be restored through a descendant of David (Jesus). Draw the return of the Davidic king with dotted lines to show that he hasn't returned yet:



- The prophets also said that there will be a new temple:



- Review and compare the Old Testament covenants that we've covered:



Adamic Covenant



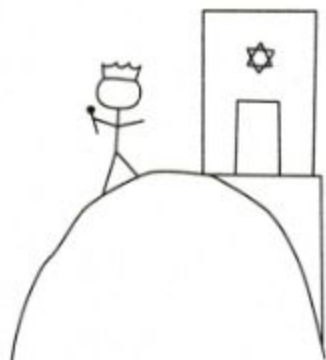
Noahic Covenant



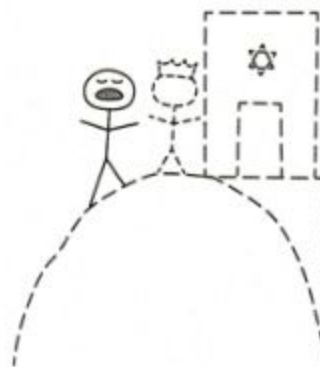
Abrahamic Covenant



Mosaic Covenant



Davidic Covenant



New Covenant

[10 min] **The Mission of the Prophets**

- Read page 41 in the student text (page 70 in the teacher's manual)
- Draw the **Chalk Talk** on page 63 of the teacher's manual to explain the 3 roles of a prophet: get rid of sin, nurture with God's Word, and throw away false idols).
- **Have you ever turned away from God or felt that God abandoned you?**
- **Has God ever sent someone into your life to help you turn back to God?**

[10 min] **Elijah and Elisha**

- Read about Elijah and Elisha on page 42 of the student text.
- The miracle Elijah performed in God's name gave the people proof that the God he followed was the one, true God. **What other miracles do you know of that showed that God exists? Why do you think that God doesn't always show us these kinds of miracles?**

[10 min] **Isaiah**

- Read about Isaiah on page 43.
- **Have you ever had a warning from a parent or person in authority about what would happen if you did not obey?**
- **Who do you think are some modern-day prophets who are speaking to our culture today, warning us as a people to repent and turn to God?**

[10 min] **John the Baptist**

- Draw the **Chalk Talk** on page 67 in the teacher's manual.
- Read about John the Baptist on pages 43-44.
- **Why was John called "the Baptist"?**
- John was not afraid to die for what he believed. **What other saints were willing to die for their faith?**
- **Would you be willing to be a martyr for your faith?**

[10 min] **Catechism Board Game**

- Split the class into teams and play the Catechism board game, using the easy set of questions.

[1 min] **Closing Prayer**

- Pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

[1 min] **Announcement:** November 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation (All Saints Day), and Mass will be at 6:00PM.