

# Family Faith Packet

Bethany Green Lake | Sunday, November, 1

**Big Idea:** When things go wrong, I can choose what's right.

**Scripture:** Micah 3:5-12

## **Introduction**

Today we're going to hear a story about a fascinating job given to some fascinating people. **Does anyone know what a prophet is?**

- A prophet brings people the news, kind of like a person you might see on TV who shares what's happening in the world, or a person who writes for a newspaper or blog and shares all that's happening we may have missed.
- But a prophet doesn't bring just any news. A prophet brings news from God. Sometimes, that made them really unpopular, but they had to be truthful about what God had to say . . . which was like breaking news coming straight from Heaven!
- Sometimes, the breaking news was exciting! Other times, it was a bit intense.

## **Story & Discussion Questions**

BIBLE STORY | Micah 3:5-12 (**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read or act out the Bible story together.)

*Now reflect together on the story:*

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Recruit two readers to play the parts of the reporter and Micah
- Today, we're going to hear about a prophet named Micah.
- Micah was a prophet who lived during Bible times way before Jesus was born. Here's a fun fact: Micah actually brought the news about *where* Jesus would be born! That's pretty cool, huh?
- Micah lived in Israel, near a city called Jerusalem. Micah had some "breaking news" for the people, and it wasn't good. Let's hear an interview with Micah. I take you now to our news reporter.
  - **Reporter:** Good day. This is [Insert name.] here with breaking news from the prophet, Micah. Micah has heard from God and is sharing

what he's been told. Micah, what message do you have from God today?

- **Micah:** Well *[reporter's name]*, God wants to let us know about some prophets who are leading people in the wrong direction. When they get what they want, they call for peace. But when they don't, they're ready to call for war!
- **Reporter:** Oh, my! That sounds like the prophets are speaking out of self interest.
- **Micah:** Indeed. And this is what God has to say about that. Those prophets will soon be unable to hear from God at all because they do as they like instead of following the things God says.
- **Reporter:** But what about you, Micah?
- **Micah:** Oh, God still speaks to me and uses me to share the news because I am willing to tell everyone the hard truths. So listen up, rulers and leaders in Israel! There are some things that need to change around here. There are those of you who are unfair to people who need your help, and instead, only help people who bribe you with money! If you keep that up, our nation is doomed! Doomed, I tell you!
- **Reporter:** Wow. You have really given us a lot to think about. Until next time, this is *[reporter's name]* leaving you with this sobering news from the prophet, Micah.
- Micah had some pretty big breaking news from God! He probably became the most unpopular person around. You see, the people of Israel – especially the rulers and leaders – had become dishonest and were treating people badly. Instead of pointing people to God, they were turning them away.
- Micah called them out on their unjust ways and warned them that terrible things would happen if they continued disobeying God and kept mistreating people.
- Here's the awesome thing about Micah and his news: Micah still followed and listened to God, and wanted others to obey, too. No matter what others did, Micah chose to stand up for what's right.
- **What can we learn from Micah's breaking news?**
- **Have you ever wished you would have said something about something going wrong around you?**
- **Share a story about a time when you saw people around you doing what was wrong, and you didn't stand up for what was right.**
- **If it were your job to bring news to your friends from God like Micah did, how would you feel delivering it?**
- **As people who follow God, why is it important to remember that people notice how we live?**
- **How will you choose to do what's right this week?**

## **Prayer**

Dear God, thank you that even when things go wrong we can choose what is right. Thank you that your Spirit gives us the strength to do good and wonderful things for others and ourselves. Would you help us each day to ask you what the right choice is for us no matter what our situation is. Thank you for your love and guidance! In Jesus name, amen.

## **Activities**

### OBJECT LESSON | **Thermometer Vs. Thermostat**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show images of a [thermometer](#) and a [thermostat](#) or bring in a thermometer and talk while standing next to the thermostat in your room.
- On the screen, you'll see a picture of a thermometer and a thermostat. Both of these things have to do with the temperature in a room. However, there's one difference between them. A thermostat's temperature doesn't change – but it changes the temperature of a room so that it is only as hot or cold as it's supposed to be. A thermometer changes itself anytime the temperature changes in the room.

The people of Israel were all like thermometers: they seemed to adjust themselves to what everyone else was doing. But Micah chose to be a thermostat. He stood up for what was right and decided the "temperature" needed to change.