

NEELB Primary 7 RE Worksheets



Module 3

Great Hope for the Future

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Teacher's
Page

The thread running through this Module is that the birth of Jesus was not a random event, but one which had been predicted for centuries. The whole of the Old Testament was pointing towards, and focussing in on, this one momentous and history-changing event.

Answers for wordsearch (Pg. 43)

Horizontally: Frankincense, Prophecy, Bethlehem.
Vertically: Gold, Wise Men, Herod.
Diagonally: Boys, King, East, Myrrh, Wife.

Predicting the Future (Pg. 44)

In these two pages the point to be made is that trying to find the future through astrology, fortune tellers, tarot cards, seances etc., is not only condemned in the Bible, but dangerous, as you may be opening yourself to harmful spirits.

The difference with Biblical prophecy is that God reveals what He wants people to know, when He decides to. In astrology, people decide what they want to know in their time.

The teacher needs to bring some daily papers, weekend papers, and magazines in for the class, or forewarn your class to do so.

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Using resource/background books, find out about the following groups:-

Shepherds (Luke 2 : 8-20) Inn Keeper/Romans (Luke 2: 1-7)

Mary & Joseph (Luke 1: 26-35) Herod (Matt 2 :13-18)

Wise Men (Matt. 2 :1-12)

Bethlehem people/mothers (Matt. 1: 18-25).



Draw in a cartoon to show what one group would have been doing/talking about just before the birth of Christ.

Talkabout

- If you had been the father/mother of one of the Bethlehem boys would your views would have changed as regards the birth of Jesus?
- Would you have blamed the soldiers, Herod or God for your son's death?

Do a short roleplay showing the thoughts and feelings of one of the above groups.

Divide into 5 groups. Each group take one of the following passages:-

Is. 9: 2-7 Is. 42: 1-7 Is. 61: 1-3 Jer. 23: 5-6 Zech. 9: 9-10

On the back of this page draw a circle and inside write out what the passage says the promised Messiah or deliverer would do when He came. Display your answers and copy down what the other groups have said.

Talkabout

- Jews today are still waiting for the Messiah - in what way was the birth and life of Jesus different from their expectations?



From the passages, divide the descriptions of the Messiah into two categories - descriptions which Christ fulfilled/fitted and expectations He didn't and write them into the columns below.

Prophecies Fulfilled	Expectations Unfulfilled

"Different" Christmas Gifts

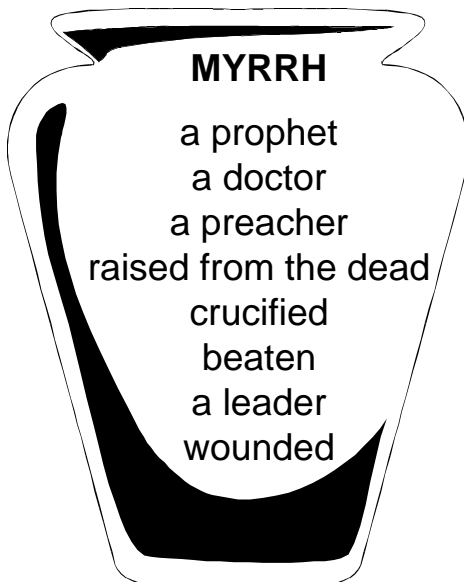


Talkabout

- Which two presents from above would you give to a baby?
- Who would normally give a baby presents?
- How were Jesus' presents different? (who gave them, what gifts He received)

Why do you think He received those presents? Write your answer below.

Underline which of the meanings inside these three pictures are the most symbolic of Jesus' work.



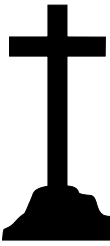


Place the following Bible verses in the most suitable column below.

John 19:18

Isaiah 53:12

Luke 19:37,38



1 Timothy 6:15

Hebrews 7:21

Mark 15:25

Matthew 27:26

John 12:12-15

Hebrews 7:24-26

Isaiah 53:8

Luke 23:33

<p>MYRRH for crucifixion</p>	<p>FRANKINCENSE for a Priest</p>	<p>GOLD for a King</p>

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The wise men whom God chose to reveal His star to, were not Jews. They came from the lands to the east of Judea - lands like Arabia, where trees and shrubs grow which produce frankincense and myrrh. Frankincense was used in the Temple by the priests and was therefore a symbol of worship (see Luke 1:10). It was also put in the special oil used to anoint kings. Myrrh was also used as a pain-killing ointment and to prepare bodies for burial, thus fulfilling the prophecy in Isaiah 60:6. Myrrh was a symbol of suffering and death. Gold was a very precious substance that only the rich could afford and therefore was a symbol of kings.

Herod was a very jealous and suspicious man and thought that there were several people trying to replace him as king. He killed his wife and several of his sons because he thought that they were plotting against him. The wise men decided for themselves that a king was to be born in Judea and they frightened King Herod when they asked him, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" (Matt. 2:2). He was so frightened by this question that he worked out what age the baby would be and ordered that all baby boys of two years and under were to be killed, fulfilling the prophecy in Jeremiah 31:15.



In the wordsearch below try to find 11 words to do with this story. Write a sentence for each of these words, explaining something about it

F R A N K I N C E N S E
E P R O P H E C Y U A A
S L A T E H W G T S H S
M K B F D E I K T R K T
N E I G L R S D R H E O
S W A N O O E Y P I S R
A Y G E G D M B R I A E
M E O M E H E L H T E B
L P R B N G N I F W M W

Extension

If you had to choose an object to be a symbol of your life to date, what would it be?

Do you think that gold, frankincense and myrrh were good symbols for the life of Jesus? Explain your answer.

Try to think of another symbol for his life.

Predicting the Future

John didn't want to go to his friend's birthday party. "I can't be bothered!" he said. Next day in school he discovered that the party had been taken to watch the football team play an important match and meet the team afterwards. All the other boys had autographs to show off. If only I'd known" sighed John....

Talkabout

- If he had known, what do you think he would have done?
- When do you think it might be useful to be able to predict the future?

Let's play a game!

With a partner hold one hand behind your back. Count 3 and simultaneously both show your hand in one of the following shapes: - Scissors shape for scissors, flat hand for paper or fist for rock. Scissors cuts paper - scissors win. Paper wraps rock - Paper wins. Rock blunts scissors - rock wins. Play the best of 15.

Can you always predict the future successfully?

1. Quite certain 2. Fairly certain 3. Not certain

Put the suitable number in each box.

- (a) It will rain tomorrow
- (b) When I get married I will have twins
- (c) I will see some of my family today
- (d) I will be set homework tonight
- (e) I will work on a bus when I get older

Every day different people try to predict what will happen in the future.



Writeabout

List some of these people in the box below.

In groups, check how accurate these different types of prediction are.

Group 1. Read the weather forecast in a local daily newspaper for a week.

Record the predictions on a daily weather table.

Write your weather observations beside each day's forecast.

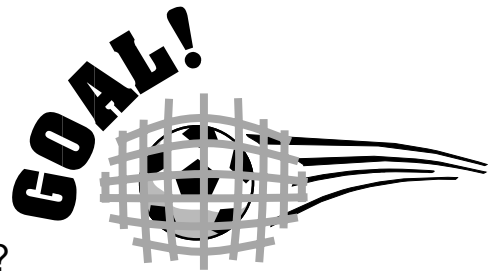


Thinkabout

How accurate do you think the weather predictions are?

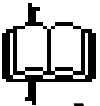
Group 2. Get a copy of a newspaper to find out the football fixtures for this weekend. Predict the results and check them later. How accurate were you?

How could this type of prediction be made more accurate?



Talkabout

- What other types of prediction are there?



Read Leviticus 19 : 26,31 and 20 : 6.



What type of forecasting does the Bible talk about in Leviticus 19:26?

What does it warn about this type of prediction? _____

Why do you think God tells us this? _____

Talkabout

- Why do you think God keeps us from knowing what the future holds?
- How does prediction in the verse above differ from predicting the weather?

The Bible teaches that God may reveal parts of the future if and when He wants to. But it is wrong when man decides to try to find the future for himself.

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Prophecies

Using the Old Testament references below, unjumble the prophecies.

king of the new will Jesse come
A from family

**Isaiah
11:1**

come Israel From will will one
Bethlehem who rule.

**Micah
5:2**

Fulfilments

Using the New Testament references, write in your own words how the prophecies were fulfilled.

**Matt 1:
6; 16**

**Luke 2:
4-7**

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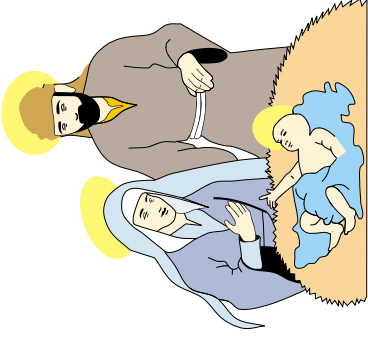
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**Isaiah
7:14**

**Luke 1:
26-31**



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to him bow.

**Psalms
72: 10, 11**

**Matt. 2:
11, 12**

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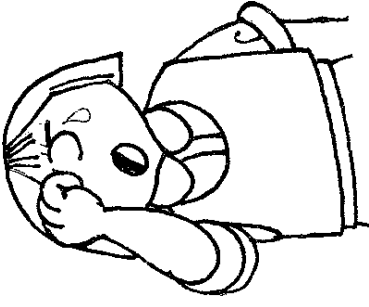
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**Hosea
11: 1**

**Matt. 2:
13-15**



children cries her Rachel for. cannot She
comforted be. children dead her are

**Jeremiah
31: 15**

**Matt. 2:
16-18**