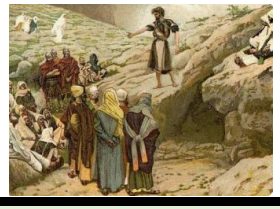
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Lesson One and Two

LI: Thinking about Matthew's Gospel

A **prophet** is someone chosen by God to share His message with people and help them follow His ways. In the Bible, Elijah and John the Baptist are examples of prophets who called people to turn away from sin and return to God. In Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 3:1–6), John the Baptist preaches in the wilderness of Judea. He tells people to repent, which means to say sorry for their sins and change their ways, because the Kingdom of Heaven is near. John baptises people in the River Jordan as a sign that they want to turn back to God. Like Elijah, John speaks bravely about God's message and prepares people for the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah.



Lesson Three and Four

LI: Elijah meets God



In the Bible (1 Kings 19:4–15), the prophet Elijah feels frightened, tired and alone, so he travels into the wilderness and asks God for help. God cares for Elijah and gives him food, water and rest. Elijah then travels to Mount Horeb, where he experiences God's presence. God is not found in the strong wind, the earthquake or the fire, but in a gentle whisper. This teaches Elijah that God can speak in quiet and unexpected ways. God reminds Elijah that he is not alone and gives him a new mission to continue his work as a prophet. This story teaches Christians that God cares for His people, listens to them when they are struggling and guides them when they need help.

Lesson Five and Six

LI: John the Baptist

In the Gospels of Matthew (3:1–12) and Mark (1:1–8), John the Baptist is described as a prophet who prepares people for the coming of Jesus. Both Gospel writers explain that John preached in the wilderness, called people to repent (turn away from sin and return to God) and baptised people in the River Jordan. John wore clothing made from camel's hair and a leather belt and ate locusts and wild honey. Matthew emphasises John's warning that people must show they have truly changed their ways, while Mark presents John as the messenger who prepares the way for Jesus. Both writers show that John is important because he helps people get ready for Jesus, the Son of God. John explains that someone greater than him is coming and that he is not worthy even to untie Jesus' sandals. This teaches Christians about John's humility and his special role in preparing people to welcome Jesus.



John the Baptist, prophet, Isaiah, Elijah

LI: Who was Elijah?

A prophet is someone chosen by God to share His message and remind people to follow His ways. Elijah was an important prophet in the Old Testament who lived in the Kingdom of Israel during a time when many people had turned away from God and worshipped false gods, including Baal. God sent Elijah to remind the people of their covenant, which was the special promise between God and His people. God had promised to love and guide His people, and they were expected to worship Him alone and remain faithful to Him. Elijah bravely spoke God's message to the people and challenged King Ahab, who encouraged the worship of Baal. Through Elijah, God called His people to turn back to Him and remember their covenant. Elijah's story teaches Christians that God remains faithful to His promises and wants His people to trust and follow Him.



John the Baptist, prophet, Elijah, Messiah

LI: Linking Elijah and John



In the Bible (2 Kings 1:7–8), King Ahaziah asks about the appearance of the man who delivered a message from God. The description of the man's clothing reminds readers of the prophet Elijah, who wore a garment of hair and a leather belt. Elijah and John the Baptist are linked because they both lived simply, spoke bravely about God and called people to turn back to Him. John the Baptist's clothing and life in the wilderness also remind us of Elijah. Both prophets prepared people to listen to God and challenged them to change their ways. Their messages are still important today because they remind Christians to be courageous, stand up for what is right, listen to God and live faithfully according to His teachings.

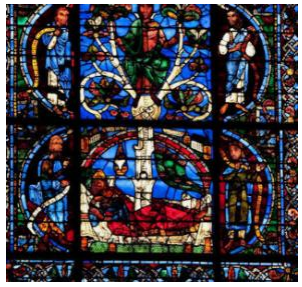
John the Baptist, prophet, Advent

LI: Preparing the way

The prophet Isaiah spoke the words, "Prepare the way of the Lord" (Isaiah 40:3). Christians believe these words point to John the Baptist, who prepared people for the coming of Jesus by preaching in the wilderness and calling people to repent and turn back to God. John's message links to the season of Advent, when Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas and remember His promise to come again. During Advent, Christians prepare their hearts for Jesus through prayer, forgiveness, kindness and helping others. John's message reminds Christians today that preparing for Jesus means trying to live in a way that shows God's love.



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Lesson Seven and Eight	Lesson Nine and Ten	Lesson Eleven and Tweleve
LI: The Jesse Tree The Jesse Tree helps us to understand the ancestry, or family tree, of Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 1:1–17), we learn about the people in Jesus' family, from Abraham and King David to Joseph, Mary's husband. The Jesse Tree uses symbols to tell the stories of these important people in the Bible and shows how God's plan to send a Saviour was fulfilled through the birth of Jesus. It reminds us that Jesus is part of God's family story and that God kept His promises to His people. 	**LI: Christ the King** The Feast of Christ the King celebrates Jesus as the King of Heaven and Earth. It marks the end of the Church's year and reminds Christians that Jesus is a different kind of king from earthly kings. He did not seek power or riches but showed love, kindness, humility and service to others. Jesus is a good leader because He cared for people, welcomed everyone and taught others to love one another. We can reflect on the qualities of a good leader and think about how we can follow Jesus' example in our own lives by helping others, being fair and showing kindness. 	**LI: Christ will come again** Advent is a special season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and remember that Jesus will come again. The prophet Isaiah spoke about the coming of a Saviour who would bring hope, peace and justice to the world. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by telling people to repent, turn away from sin and get ready for His coming. During Advent, Christians remember these messages and prepare their hearts for Jesus through prayer, kindness and helping others. Advent reminds us to have hope and to be ready for Christ, who will come again. 
Jesse Tree	**Christ the King**	**Creed, Second Coming of Jesus**
LI: The Jesse Tree in art In art, the Jesse Tree is shown in many different ways to tell the story of Jesus' family tree. Artists use colours, shapes, symbols and patterns to represent people from Jesus' ancestry, such as Jesse, King David and Mary. Some artists show the family growing from the branches of a tree, while others use stained glass, paintings or drawings. We can think about why an artist has chosen certain colours, symbols and materials and how these help to tell the story. We can also share our own opinions about different Jesse Tree artworks and explain which one we prefer and why. 	**LI: Christ the King in art** Christ the King is shown in many different ways in Christian art. Some artists portray Jesus wearing a crown and royal robes to show that He is King of Heaven and Earth, while others show Him with open arms to represent His love and welcome for everyone. Artists may use colours, symbols, materials and facial expressions to share messages about Jesus as a loving and caring King. We can look carefully at different artworks and think about why the artists made these choices. We can also share which artwork we prefer, explain our reasons and compare our ideas with others. 	**LI: Review of branch** In this branch, we have learned about prophets and how they share God's messages with His people. Elijah and John the Baptist are examples of prophets who called people to listen to God and turn away from sin. We compared how Matthew and Mark describe John the Baptist and explored how Isaiah's words and John's preaching help Christians prepare for Jesus during Advent. We also learned that the Feast of Christ the King celebrates Jesus as King of Heaven and Earth and marks the end of the Church's year. Finally, we explored the ancestry of Jesus and how the Jesse Tree uses symbols to show Jesus' family tree and remind us of God's promises. These stories help us understand God's plan to send Jesus as our Saviour. 