

Preparing for Advent

I thought this might be a great study to do with older children. As we look to the birth of our Savior, how can we be sure that this baby that was born in a stable is really the Messiah? How do we know he really was the Son of God? Here are 25 prophecies fulfilled! Advent comes from the Latin word Adventus meaning "coming". What a great way to wait expectantly for the Messiah as you discover as a family all the ways he certainly was who we believe him to be!

1. Messiah would be born of a woman.
Genesis 3:15 Matthew 1:20 Galatians 4:4
2. Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.
Micah 5:2 Matthew 2:1 Luke 2:4-6
3. Messiah would come from the line of Abraham.
Genesis 12:3 & 22:18 Matthew 1:1 Romans 9:5
4. Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah.
Genesis 49:10 Luke 3:33 Hebrews 7:14
5. Messiah would be heir to King David's throne.
2 Samuel 7:12-13 Isaiah 9:7 Luke 1:32-33 Romans 1:3
6. Messiah would be called Immanuel.
Isaiah 7:14 Matthew 1:23
7. Messiah would spend a season in Egypt.
Hosea 11:1 Matthew 2:14-15
8. A massacre of children would happen at Messiah's birthplace.
Jeremiah 31:15 Matthew 2:16-18
9. A messenger would prepare the way for Messiah
Isaiah 40:3-5 Luke 3:3-6
10. Messiah would be rejected by his own people.
Psalm 69:8 Isaiah 53:3 John 1:11 John 7:5
11. Messiah would be declared the Son of God.
Psalm 2:7 Matthew 3:16-17
12. Messiah would be called a Nazarene.
Isaiah 11:1 Matthew 2:23
13. Messiah would bring light to Galilee.
Isaiah 9:1-2 Matthew 4:13-16
14. Messiah would speak in parables.
Psalm 78:2-4 Isaiah 6:9-10 Matthew 13:10-15, 34-35
15. Messiah would be called King.
Psalm 2:6 Zechariah 9:9 Matthew 27:37 Mark 11:7-11
16. Messiah would be praised by little children.
Psalm 8:2 Matthew 21:16
17. Messiah would be betrayed.
Psalm 41:9 Zechariah 11:12-13 Luke 22:47-48 Matthew 26:14-16
18. Messiah would be silent before his accusers.
Isaiah 53:7 Mark 15:4-5
19. Messiah would be crucified with criminals.
Isaiah 53:12 Matthew 27:38 Mark 15:27-28
20. Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced.
Psalm 22:16 Zechariah 12:10 John 20:25-27
21. Soldiers would gamble for Messiah's garments.
Psalm 22:18 Luke 23:34 Matthew 27:35-36
22. Messiah would pray for his enemies.
Psalm 109:4 Luke 23:34
23. Soldiers would pierce Messiah's side.
Zechariah 12:10 John 19:34
24. Messiah would resurrect from the dead.
Psalm 16:10 Psalm 49:15 Matthew 28:2-7 Acts 2:22-32
25. Messiah would ascend to heaven.
Psalm 24:7-10 Mark 16:19 Luke 24:5