

# The promises

BIG QUESTION

Does God keep his promises?



About 700 years before Jesus, a prophet named Isaiah wrote a poem about a servant of God. The servant would be rejected, suffer, and die for other people's wrongs.

Other prophets added details. Micah named the small town where the ruler would be born: Bethlehem. Zechariah said the king would come riding on a donkey.

In 1947, a young shepherd near the Dead Sea found a cave with tall clay jars full of old scrolls. One was a whole copy of Isaiah, made around 125 BC, more than 100 years before Jesus was born.

So the promises were written down long before they came true. Then Jesus came, and he fit them all. God said what he would do, and he did it.



## Promise kept!

Draw a line from each promise to what happened.

1 Micah 5:2: a ruler from Bethlehem

2 Zechariah 9:9: a king on a donkey

3 Psalm 22:18: they divide his clothes and cast lots

4 Isaiah 53:5: pierced for our wrongs

5 Isaiah 53:9: a grave with the rich

6 Isaiah 53:11: he will see the light of life

A A soldier pierced Jesus's side with a spear.

B Three days later, his tomb was empty.

C Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

D A rich man laid Jesus in his own new tomb.

E Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a young donkey.

F Soldiers split up Jesus's clothes and cast lots.

Answers: 1-C • 2-E • 3-F • 4-A • 5-D • 6-B

### Memory verse

**“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”**

Isaiah 53:5

Fill it in: “But he was \_\_\_\_\_ for our transgressions, he was \_\_\_\_\_ for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us \_\_\_\_\_ was on him, and by his \_\_\_\_\_ we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

### ★ Bonus verse

“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Isaiah 53:6



## Word search

Find these words. They go across, down, and on a slant, and some are backwards!

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☐ BETHLEHEM

☐ ZECHARIAH

☐ PROPHET

☐ SERVANT

☐ PROMISE

☐ DONKEY

☐ SCROLL

☐ ISAIAH

☐ MICAH

## Talk about it

1. Why does it matter that the Isaiah scroll was copied before Jesus was born?
2. Which promise would be hardest for someone to fake? Why?
3. Isaiah says we have all gone astray like sheep. What does that mean?



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