

# Week 1 Lesson Overview

**Bible Lesson Title:** Prophets Foretell the Light of the World

**Bible Lesson References:** John 1:1-34; Isaiah 9:2

**Bible Point:** Jesus Gives Us Hope!

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 71:5 ESV – *For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.*

**Weekly Video:** Everything included in this lesson is also in our weekly video – and more! We encourage families to watch the video and complete activities together.

## Sing & Play Rock

Dance and sing along to worship the Lord! You can use VBS worship videos, the CM Spotify worship playlist, or your own musical talents.

## Imagination Station

**What You Need:** sandwich ziplock bag, black construction paper, flashlight template, black permanent marker, markers/crayons/colored pencils, scissors

**What You Do:**

- Kids can write a special message or draw a hidden picture on the outside of the ziplock bag.
- Cut the black construction paper, just smaller than the ziplock bag. Then, place the black construction paper inside the bag.
- Color the flashlight, if desired, but leave the shining “light” area white. Cut the flashlight and “light” out from the paper.
- Slip the flashlight and “light” inside the ziplock bag to see the hidden message or picture!

## Deep Bible Quests

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Throughout the Bible, God sent prophets to foretell future events, especially in proclaiming the Messiah. These claims would be nothing unless they had actually come true. Imagine someone today trying to predict that would come true hundreds of years from now. How amazing that hundreds of years in advance, prophets like Isaiah foretold about Jesus as the light of the world! Jesus fulfilled all of these prophecies exactly. Only God can fulfill promises like that!

John the Baptist’s role is like a preview before the movie, announcing that Jesus was coming soon. John the Baptist knew that he himself was not the “feature film,” but rather “he was simply a witness to tell about the light” (John 1:8). Jesus is the true light of the world—the main event!

Hope is confident patience that God will carry out what he has promised. Although they struggled to have “confident patience,” God’s people definitely hoped that the promise of a Messiah would come true, and it did! We can have hope that God will fulfill his promises made in the Bible to us, just like he fulfilled his promises then.

### **Why It Matters**

*Kids today can feel hopeless in the troubles they face and those they see around them in the news and other social media. They may not understand why a good friend has to move away, why pets get sick, or why loved ones die. Wars, pollution, and even natural disasters can make kids feel hopeless. No matter how dark life seems, Jesus is the source of light and hope for our world today! Jesus Gives Us Hope that God loves us enough to give his greatest gift—and is still in control when the world seems to be in chaos.*

## **Explore God’s Word**

**What You Need:** Bibles, memory verse cards

### **What You Do:**

- Look up the memory verse (Psalm 71:5) together in the Bible.
- Practice saying the memory verse.
- Explain any confusing concepts to help kids understand the verse better.
- Kids can utilize the memory verse cards to help them practice the verse throughout the week.

## **Seek God**

Jesus loves us so much and has good plans for us. Jesus Gives Us Hope, and we can always count on him! Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

## **At Home Journey**

**What You Need:** activity page, coloring pages, Daily Quiet Time page, pens/pencils, markers/crayons/colored pencils

### **What You Do:**

Assist kids, as needed, to complete the activity and coloring pages. Each day, kids can continue learning that Jesus Gives Us Hope through utilizing the Daily Quiet Time suggested activities!