Prophet

Light a candle and remember the presence of God is with you. Lay out the dark purple felt and road on top.

Come close to this story that leads us through a special journey called Advent.

Advent is the church season of getting ready for when Jesus will be born. There are many stories and people that prepare us to meet Jesus. I wonder who we get to meet in today’s story?

This is Isaiah. He lived many, many years before Jesus was born. He was a prophet. A prophet is someone who listens to God and shares important messages from God to the people.

Place Isaiah on the road.

The people of God during Isaiah’s time were not happy. They had been torn apart from their homes and separated from one another. They were lonely and scared.

Isaiah told the people that the light was going to shine again on their dark lives. There will be a new day and a new HOPE.

This is what Isaiah said, “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.”

The first candle of Advent represents HOPE. Place the green felt circle (wreath) on the purple square. Place a purple candle and light in the bottom left corner.

We will place this candle on our wreath and remember the HOPE Isaiah provided for the people in his time, in Jesus’ time, and in our time.
Wondering with God’s Story

I wonder...
... how prophets listen to God?
... if you know a prophet?
... how prophets show us the way?

Working with God’s Story

1. Have each person retell the story without reading the words. Just use items.

2. Find the story in your Bible and highlight it. You can also look in a Storybook Bible or online.

3. Ask the wondering questions more than once. Dinner? Car? Bedtime?

Check the “Weekly Faith FITness Plan” card.

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Advent Week One: HOPE

Isaiah 9:2
(Common English Version)
Those who walked in the dark have seen a bright light.
And it shines upon everyone who lives in the land of darkest shadows.

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1. Color this candle purple (or dark blue).
2. Write the word “HOPE” on the front.
3. Write or draw what gives your family hope on the back.
4. Cut out the wreath below and the candle.
5. Place the candle in the lower right corner of the wreath.