



Prophecy

MEMORY VERSE: **Acts 2:17**, "...your sons and daughters will prophesy..." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE: The gift of prophecy is when the Holy Spirit gives you words to strengthen, encourage and comfort others.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

This week you will learn:

1. Kids can prophesy.
2. Prophecy has three points.
3. Prophecy is supernatural.
4. Guidelines for prophecy.

Kids can prophesy. "Prophecy" is a big word, but it's not just for big people. The Bible says, "your sons and your daughters will prophesy." It is God's idea. You don't have to grow up to prophesy, you can do it today. You just need to listen to the Holy Spirit and be willing to help other people.

Prophecy has three purposes. (1 Corinthians 14:3 NLT)

1. Strengthen others - say kind words to others that build them up.
2. Encourage others to obey the Lord.
3. Comfort others when they are sad.

Prophecy is supernatural. You can't just sit around and think up good thoughts. A prophecy is when the Holy Spirit inspires you to say words to build up and encourage other people. Most of the time when the Holy Spirit speaks to you, it is just for you. But sometimes He will give you words to encourage someone else. It might just be just one person or a whole group of people.

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Guidelines for prophecy:

1. Do not use the gift of prophecy to correct other people. Do not say things like, "There is sin in your life. You need to repent." I find that God will talk to me about my sins, but He rarely talks to me about other people's sins.
2. Do not use the gift of prophecy to give directional words. Avoid saying things like, "God wants you to go to China and be a missionary."
3. All prophecies should be judged by the Word of God and by your own heart. If it disagrees with the Bible, don't listen to it. If it does not "bear witness" with your spirit, then throw it away. (Romans 8:16)
4. You should not seek out someone to prophesy to you. Sometimes God will use other people to minister to you, but keep your eyes on the Lord. Seek God and God alone.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #7
_____	6. Bottom Line:	The gift of prophecy is when the Holy Spirit gives you words to strengthen, encourage and comfort others.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Acts 2:17, "...your sons and daughters will prophesy..." (NIV)
_____	8. Drama:	Low Price Lou: "Lou's Rapture Kit"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Love Letters From God
_____	10. Short Film:	Black Out
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Here Comes The Judge
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	



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MOTION COMIC:
The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Holy Spirit: Episode #7

TO THE KIDS:

- Ouch! What happened to Johnny?
- He crashed on Suzie’s bike and hurt his foot.
- What did Suzie say to him?
- What do you think? Was Suzie trying to encourage Johnny?
- That is kind of like the gift of prophecy.
- The gift of prophecy is when the Holy Spirit gives you words to strengthen and encourage somebody else.
- Let’s take a look at the bottom line, “The gift of prophecy is when the Holy Spirit gives you words to strengthen, encourage and comfort others.”



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

Low Price Lou: "Lou's Rapture Kit"

CHARACTERS:

Low Price Lou
Homeless Man

PROPS:

"End Is Near" sign, homeless man costume

DRAMA SCRIPT:

Teacher: It's important, that when someone has a prophecy for you, to remember to listen to your own spirit man on the inside. That is how we know if the prophecy bears witness with our own spirit. Which is kind of like feeling if it seems right or seems odd.

A Homeless Man with a big "End Is Near" sign runs through the room.

HOMELESS MAN: THE END IS NEAR! THE END IS NEAR!

LOU PRICE LOU: Here pal. I'll take it from here. (Low Price Lou walks up to him and suspiciously hands him money.)

The Homeless Man exits.

Low Price Lou: Did you hear the news?

Teacher: What news?

Low Price Lou: The End is near, but don't worry pal. Old Lou's got your back.

Teacher: You do?

Low Price Lou: It's your lucky day. Sure, the world's coming to an end, but the good news is I have Rapture Kits for just three easy payments of \$99.95!

Teacher: What is a rapture kit?

Low Price Lou: Oh, it's got everything! A Bible in case you need to brush up on your way up, if you know what I mean. A foam kneeling mat so you don't hurt your knees begging for mercy on Judgement Day. A parachute...

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LOW PRICE LOU: "Lou's Rapture Kit" Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: A parachute? What do we need with a parachute?

Low Price Lou: In case you're on your way up...and then you sin!

Teacher: I'm just not sure about this whole Rapture Kit. I mean, we're Spirit-filled Christians, I don't think we need a kit or some wild story about the end of the world.

Low Price Lou: Alright you drive a hard bargain, I'll throw in a fireproof life vest.

Teacher: Why would we want that?

Low Price Lou: In case you find yourself doing the doggie paddle in a lake of fire.

Teacher: We're not going to be in a lake of fire. Come on, and get serious here.

Low Price Lou: You heard the man. The end is near.

Teacher: That guy looked crazy to me.

Low Price Lou: I'm sure when the Titanic was going down there were people standing on the deck without the good sense to see a bargain that could save their skin, but...

Teacher: Low Price Lou, we don't need any of this stuff. Besides, we know a real prophecy when we hear it, and that was NOT a real prophecy. You paid that guy money to lie to us about the end of the world so you could sell your little kits.

Low Price Lou: Who, me? I wouldn't do something like that to my best customers! A little bird told me that Jesus is coming back tomorrow, so you better act now and buy a kit to be on the safe side.

Teacher: The Bible says that no man knows the day or hour that Jesus is coming back. I just don't believe you.

Low Price Lou: Alright, final offer, I'll throw in a personal size trampoline to give you a boost!

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LOW PRICE LOU: “Lou’s Rapture Kit” Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: We don’t want it, Lou. Now get out of here.

Low Price Lou: How about special hammer and chisel to get gold off the streets in heaven?

Teacher: Good Bye Lou.

Lou finally exits.

Teacher: Remember, a prophecy will confirm what’s already in our heart. It won’t be some wild story or something that benefits only the person giving the prophecy.

THE END



OBJECT LESSON

Love Letters From God

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

I Corinthians 14:3

BOTTOM LINE:

Prophecy is like a love letter from God to us.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 1 greeting card
- 1 postage stamp

PREPARATION:

Write out a “pretend” love note to your son or daughter who is at camp. Make it short and sweet. Something like this:

*Dear _____,
How is camp? Are you making lots of new friends? You have always been a good friend maker. I miss you a lot. I miss your laughter at supper time and your silly jokes. I can't wait to see the camp bus pulling up to church on Friday.*

*Love,
Mom XOXOXO
P.S. Don't forget to change your underwear.*

Seal the letter and put the postage stamp on it. Select a volunteer to “pretend” to be your son/daughter. (Pick a 4th or 5th grader that can read well.)

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

Have you ever gone to camp? What is your favorite part of camp? One of my favorites is “mail call.” There is always something special about getting a letter from mom at camp.

(Hold up the letter.)

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Love Letters From God Object Lesson — continued

I am going to send this letter to my son Johnny who is at camp.

(Have Johnny come to front of room. Pick another volunteer to be the “Postman” who delivers the letter to Johnny. Ask Johnny to open the letter and read it to the class. Johnny takes the letter and gets real excited, jumping up and down, and then reads the letter and gets a big smile on his face.)

Isn't it fun to get a letter from Mom and Dad when you are away from home? Was Johnny excited about the Postman? No, the Postman is just the delivery boy. Johnny is excited because he loves his Mom and he just received a love letter from his Mom.

Prophecy is like a love letter from God. When you give a prophecy to someone, it is not about you. You are just the delivery boy. The prophecy is about strengthening the relationship between God and one of His kids.

The Bible says that New Testament prophecy has three purposes:

1. To strengthen
2. To encourage
3. To comfort

I have heard people give prophecies like, “There is sin in your life and you need to repent.” When I hear words like that I know it is not my Heavenly Father talking. It is not New Testament prophecy. The gift of prophecy is a powerful gift that communicates the love of the Father to His children.

**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON*****Here Comes The Judge*****▶ WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:**

Learn how to judge and evaluate prophecy.

▶ WHAT YOU NEED:

Small pieces of paper, a bowl

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The purpose of this lesson is to teach children how to judge or evaluate prophecy. The Bible tells us not to judge others, but we are to judge prophecy. If we are going to encourage children to step out into the gifts, we also need to teach them how to discern if a prophecy is from the Holy Spirit.

In this lesson we are not pretending to prophesy. Instead we are training children to discern what "bears witness" and what does not. Just because someone says this is a prophecy, it does not mean that it is.

▶ INSTRUCTIONS:

Write the following "hypothetical prophecies" on small pieces of paper. Fold the papers in half and put them in the bowl.

- You are my kids and I love you.
- I want to spend time with you, so take time to worship me.
- The Greater One lives inside of you, so you don't have to be afraid.
- Love your enemies. Be nice to those who have been mean to you.
- I have forgiven you. The past is gone and should be forgotten.
- I want you to go to China to preach the Gospel. It's time to pack your bags.
- I am angry with you.
- There is sin in your life and you need to repent or see the judgement of God.
- I want you to give \$20.00 in the offering.
- Love your friend, but hate your enemies. Make them pay for what they did.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Read I Corinthians 14:29 to the class. The Bible tells us not to judge others, but we are supposed to judge prophecy.

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Here are some guidelines for judging prophecy:

- Avoid giving prophecies that correct people.
- Avoid giving prophecies that give major direction to their life. "Suzie you will marry Joey when you grow up."
- Do not give out a prophecy if you are angry with someone.
- Judge prophecy by the Word of God. If it doesn't agree with the Bible, then throw it away.
- Judge prophecy by the inward witness. (Romans 8:16) Do you get a red light or a green light on the inside?

This is what you do:

- Pick out one of the papers and read it to the class, preceded by the words, "If you heard a prophecy like this" - then read the prophecy.
- Ask the children, "What do you think? Does this "bear witness" with your spirit?"
- Allow the children to respond.
- Go through all ten "hypothetical" prophecies and steer the conversation.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. Acts 2:17 says, “Your _____ will prophesy.”
 - A. cats and dogs
 - B. men and women
 - C. sons and daughters**
 - D. really spiritual people
2. What does the gift of prophecy do?
 - A. Strengthens others
 - B. Encourages others
 - C. Comforts others
 - D. All of the above**
3. The gift of prophecy is supernatural.
 - A. True**
 - B. False
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. All of the above
4. Most of what the Holy Spirit speaks to you is just for you. A prophecy is when the Holy Spirit gives you words to encourage somebody else.
 - A. Maybe
 - B. True**
 - C. False
 - D. Sometimes.
5. How do you judge prophecy?
 - A. By the Word of God
 - B. By the inward witness
 - C. Does it strengthen and encourage and comfort
 - D. All of the above**



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Low Price Lou: "Lou's Rapture Kit" — Pages 5-7

Characters

_____ Low Price Lou

_____ Homeless Guy

Props (Low Price Lou Costume, Homeless Guy Costume)

_____ "End Is Near" sign

Object Lesson: Love Letters From God — Pages 8-9

_____ 1 greeting card

_____ 1 postage stamp

Inter-Active Lesson: Here Comes The Judge — Page 10-11

_____ Small pieces of paper

_____ 1 bowl

Small Group: Special Delivery

_____ Pizza box (empty, from Dominoes or other delivery pizza shop)

_____ How many needed?

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed?