Lesson 14

Promised Messengers Haggai 2:1–9; Malachi 3:1–7; 4

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

☐ Crayon Resist

Use a white crayon to draw a cross on each child's paper. Say, It's hard to see the picture, isn't it? It's hidden. Sin hides or separates us from God. But God had a plan to save us from our sins. What was His plan? As children tell, give them watercolor paint to wash over the image to reveal the cross. Say, God promised to send a Savior, who would pay for our sins by dying on the cross for us. Jesus is our Savior!

☐ Special Delivery

Download and photocopy pictures of Jesus. Cut each into six puzzle pieces. Put each set of puzzle pieces in separate envelopes, one per child. Print a child's name on each envelope. Pretend to be a mail carrier. Hold up a letter and say, I have a message for someone. Who is it for? Hand out envelopes one at a time. Then, have children assemble the pictures. Relate to God sending messages through His prophets to tell about Jesus' coming.

☐ Arrow Craft

Cut a large arrow from poster board for each child. Give children markers and decorating supplies (e.g., ribbon, dry pasta, tissue-paper snippets, glue) to personalize their arrows. Draw a cross on the point. Say, Long ago, God's people waited and waited for the Savior. God's helpers, the prophets, told them God had a plan to save them. God kept His promise when He sent Jesus.

Celebration Snack
Set a timer and have children wait till it goes off before you hand out their snack. Hand out popcorn or another "party" food. Say, God's people had to wait for a Savior. We can celebrate because Jesus is here!