

## YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

*This chapter teaches that Jesus is the Messiah, God's promised one, and identifies prophets as messengers from God who speak the truth and call people to justice, and who are still needed today.*

### Scripture



Read **Isaiah 7:14; 9:5b–6** to find out what the prophet Isaiah had to say about Emmanuel.

### Catholics Believe

- Prophets are messengers from God who speak the truth and call the people to follow the laws of God's covenant and act with justice
- We understand that Jesus is the Messiah described by the Old Testament prophets.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #709–714, 2581–2584 at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Blessed Jacinta Marto, one of the three children to whom Mary appeared at Fátima. Jacinta is remembered for her happiness and obedience to God.

## CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

**How They Understand the Prophets** Because they have grown in their ability to understand the various eras in Scripture, children this age might think of prophets as people who foresaw the future. This is a part of what prophets did, but prophecy means more than this; it is sharing God's Word with others. Understanding this can help your child begin to grasp and live out our anointing at Baptism to share in Christ's mission as "priest, prophet, and king."



## CONSIDER THIS >>>

*Have you ever tried to pound a nail with something other than a hammer?*

Life is easier when we use things for their created purpose. The prophets warned against unfaithfulness (people living not according to their purpose). As Catholics, we know that "though God is totally other, hidden, glorious, and wondrous, he communicates himself to us through creation and reveals himself through the prophets and above all in Jesus Christ, whom we meet in the Church, especially in Scripture and the Sacraments. In these many ways, God speaks to our hearts where we may welcome his loving presence" (*USCCA, p. 51*).

## LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you about why God sent prophets to his People.
- Discuss some of the messages of the biblical prophets and how they apply to your family today.

## LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear God, help us to be happy to follow the example of Blessed Jacinta and obey God's laws.



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