

# THE WISDOM OF THE PROPHETS

God sent prophets to help the Hebrew people keep the covenant.

Different prophets had different messages.

We can look at their messages for our own lives.

With the prophets' names below are Bible citations. Use your Bible to find them. Identify each prophet and complete the quotes.\*

Elijah in 1 Kings 18:24    Isaiah in Isaiah 2:6-8    Hosea in Hosea 6:1    Micah in Micah 6:8

1. The prophet Micah advises the best way to live our lives.

"You have been told,... what is good; and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do the good, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

2. The prophet Isaiah warns against loving things above God and people.

"You have abandoned your people... Their land is full of silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures... Their land is full of idols; they worship the work of their hands, to what their own fingers have made."

3. The prophet Elijah warns those not following God to change their lifestyle.

"You shall call on your god and I will call on the Lord. The God who answers with fire is God."

4. The prophet Hosea assures the people that God welcomes sinners back.

"Come, let us return to the Lord. For it was he who has rent (torn), but he will heal us."



\* The New American Bible translation was used here. Translations will vary some.

**Parents and Catechists:** These quotes are from the New American Bible. Note that prophets are not very popular because they challenge people to do things that are hard to do. Open a discussion on how these ancient prophetic words still apply. Ask for examples of following each of the prophet's messages today.