# In the Beginning...Jesus

## Lesson 30
## The Day of the Lord's Coming

### Themes:

- More than 400 years separates the events of the Old and New Testaments.
- God promised to send a messenger to prepare the way for the coming King.
- John the Baptist was born in fulfillment of God's promise.
- God is faithful to all His promises.

### Scripture:

Zechariah 9:9; Malachi 3:1a; 4:5-6a; Luke 1:13-14, 16-17, 57, 60b

### Memory Verse:

John 1:11 (and review verses 1-10)

### Today's Clue:

KING ON A DONKEY

### Home and Heart:

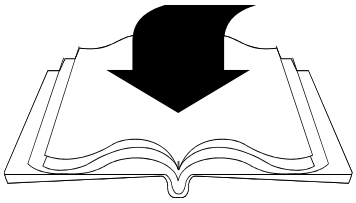
Read Zechariah 9:9. How does the last part of verse 9 describe this King? [Humble and riding on a donkey.] Is there anything unusual about this? Are great kings usually humble people? Do great kings ride on donkeys? Can you think of a place in the Bible where this prediction is proven to be true? [Jesus came into Jerusalem on a donkey.] Did Jesus look like a king at the time? Why not? What was He going to do? Read and discuss Philippians 2:8-11.

Read Malachi 4:5-6. These are the last words of what we call the Old Testament. Malachi was the last of the Old Testament prophets. Through Malachi, God made a promise to send a special messenger to prepare the way for the coming King. More than 400 years passed, and still no messenger came. It appeared as if God was silent. He sent no new prophets during this time. Recall a time when your child had to wait a long time for something special. Suppose you told your child that your family would be going on a special vacation six months from now. But what if, as the days and weeks passed, you never mentioned the trip again and wouldn't even answer questions about it? Can you imagine what that would feel like? Would your child become discouraged? Would he begin to have doubts? As you look back through the Old Testament, did God prove Himself to always be good and trustworthy? Is He the same God today? Do you trust Him with all the things that happen—or don't happen—in your life?

Read and discuss John's birth in Luke 1:57-79. What did God plan to do through John? How does this show God's continued love, mercy, and faithfulness toward His people?



# DISCOVER MORE



# THE PROPHETS

In the Old Testament, Isaiah through Malachi are often called the books of the prophets. Sometimes Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations (also written by Jeremiah), Daniel, and Ezekiel are called the "major" prophets, while the others are called the "minor" prophets. The prophets were men God chose as His messengers—to communicate His words. Listed below are all 17 books of the prophets, but the spelling of each has been scrambled. See if you can unscramble them.

**PANIZAEHH** _____

**MAJIREEH** _____

**SOAM** _____

**MANUH** _____

**CLAMIHA** _____

**SALEMANITTON** _____

**HIMCA** _____

**KAHUKABK** _____

**LANDIE** _____

**EJOL** _____

**NOAHJ** _____

**GAGAHI** _____

**HAHARECIZ** _____

**KEELIZE** _____

**SOHEA** _____

**DIBOHAA** _____

**AISIAH** _____