



DAY 14 Malachi the Prophet

Step 1: Read

Malachi 4:1-6, The Day of the Lord is Coming

Step 2: Discuss (see curriculum notes below for support)

1. In these very last words of the Old Testament, what day is God predicting will come? And how would this encourage his people?
2. How many years passed before this day came to pass?
3. God promised that when the Messiah came the righteous would jump like what kind of animal freed from their stall?
4. In verse 5, how does he describe the day of the Lord?

Step 3: Sing Together - Always in Control <https://www.crosssound.org/family-videos>

Step 4: Review

- *Story Point:* Malachi called God's people to repent to prepare for the Messiah.
- *Memory Verse:* 1 Peter 5:10 "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."
- *Big Picture Question:* Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and earth.

Step 5: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud.

Curriculum Notes:

Malachi was a messenger—a prophet—who told God's people to repent. Malachi also told about another messenger God would send. This messenger, John the Baptist, would call people to repent and get them ready for a final Messenger, Jesus Christ. Jesus would bring good news of salvation. Four hundred years would go by between the last words of Malachi and the beginning of the New Testament. The next time God spoke directly to people, it would be through angels proclaiming the births of two special babies. Malachi, John the Baptist, and Jesus Christ all remind us that God keeps His promises and that He is trustworthy

Our key passage reminds us that God has promised to restore, establish, strengthen, and support us. God keeps His promises. God has a purpose and a plan for our lives. This verse also tells us that our life will have suffering and hard times. In today's story, the Jewish people questioned whether God loved them because they did not hear His voice. We can still trust that God keeps His promises, even when life is hard or it seems like God is silent. Remind kids that God always speaks to us through His Word.