



DAY 13 Malachi the Prophet

Step 1: Read

Malachi 3:1-4, God Promises to Send a Messenger

Step 2: Discuss

1. Malachi is the last prophet to speak before Jesus was born 400 years later. What messenger is he speaking of that would “prepare the way” in verse 1?
2. How did John the Baptist prepare the way for Jesus?
3. In verse 3 and 4, how would Jesus sit as a “refiner and purifier” of the sons of Levi, so their offerings would be pleasing?

Step 3: Sing Together - I am the Lord <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 for the week:* 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.

Optional Family Activity

- *Crazy directions:* Create a sign with a large arrow on it. Instruct your kids to stand on one side of the room. They must get to the other side, but they must follow the direction that the arrow is pointing. Continue directing them around the room by changing which way the arrow is pointing. After many twists and turns, let them reach the wall on the other side of the room. Play another round, but this time allow the kids to walk straight to the opposite wall with a straight path.
- *Say:* Was it frustrating for you when I kept changing the direction of the arrow? In our story today, we heard that Malachi prophesied about a messenger who would come from God. This messenger would point people to Jesus and help make their paths straight.
- *OR: Instruct your kids to make a map of Bainbridge Island.* Encourage them to mark special places, like their favorite playground, their friends’ houses, or their school. Guide them draw paths from their home to the other destinations.
- *Say:* A map helps us get from one point to the next. It shows us which way to go and helps us recognize our final destination. Today we learned about a messenger whom God sent to help His people stay focused on where He wanted them to go and what He had planned for them. This messenger helped them get ready for Jesus.