

## Chapter 9: The Prophets Speak

*God sent prophets to prepare His people for the Messiah.*

### Chapter Summary

God chose prophets, such as Elijah, Micah, and Isaiah, to speak to the people on His behalf and prepare them for the Messiah. The prophets also taught God's Law to the people and called them to turn from their sin. These prophets called the people to conversion and prophesied about the coming of the Messiah, or the Christ, who would reconcile the people to God. The people waited for the Messiah, who would be born in Bethlehem, be anointed with the Holy Spirit, perform miracles of healing, and suffer and sacrifice Himself in atonement for sins.



*“We speak to God when we pray;  
we listen to Him when  
we read the Scriptures.”  
—Saint Ambrose*

*“Ignorance of Scripture is  
ignorance of Christ.”  
—Saint Jerome*

### An Easy Way to Pray as a Family

One of the most popular and simplest ways to pray together as a family is *lectio divina*, or “divine reading.” In this form of prayer, families can gather and follow a four-step process of praying with Sacred Scripture. **You can find general information on *lectio divina*, as well as its four-step process, on the parent portal.**

In this unit, students are exploring the amazing truths God reveals in Sacred Scripture through the words of the prophets in the Old Testament and, most perfectly, in the words and deeds of Jesus the Messiah.

In the coming chapters, you will find guided *lectio divina* meditations for your family to pray with. For now, here are some quotations on the importance of Scripture in our lives.

*“All Scripture is inspired by God  
and profitable for teaching, for  
reproof, for correction, and for  
training in righteousness, that  
the man of God may be complete,  
equipped for every good work.”  
—2 Timothy 3:16–17*

For more family faith formation resources, go to the parent portal.