

SUBJECT: Spirit of Prophecy

Grade: 5+

LESSON TOPIC: The Gift of Prophecy- What does the Bible say?

Lesson Behavioral Objectives: To lead students to the Spirit of Prophecy Bible truth.

Materials Needed: Student Bibles, Large family Bible

Lesson Procedure:

(a) Motivation/Introduction:

"We all looked up, and saw that she was in vision. Her hands were folded across her breast. Her eyes were directed intently upward, and her lips were closed. There was no breathing although the heart continued its action." Ellen G. White Prophet of Destiny, p. 45, by Rene Noorbergen,

Many times Ellen White had visions in the company of large groups of people. These visions were sometimes accompanied by unusual physical phenomena that all were able to witness. One such story relates how on several occasions witnesses recorded her holding a large family Bible for extended periods of time (in one case 20-25 minutes) at arms length just above her head while quoting Scriptural passages out loud; she would trace the verses in the Bible with her free hand as she spoke the words, and was apparently unaware of other people in the room. During such incidents, Adventists claim, several skeptics attempted to pull her arm down, as well as double-check the verses she was speaking aloud against the verses she traced with her finger. The story concludes that these unbelievers could not pull her arm down, and the verses were verbatim quotations from the Bible. Adventists also point to "the overall ministry of her life" as evidence of her inspiration. (Wikipedia)

Contest: Give students a chance to hold a family Bible with one hand above their head while reading where they point. See how long they can hold the Bible in this position.

(b) Lesson Content:

Vocabulary:

Vision- Something seen in a dream or trance, a supernatural appearance that conveys a revelation

Prophet- One who utters divinely inspired revelations, one who foretells future events.

Prophecy- The inspired utterance of a prophet

Read:

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

(c) Student Activities:

Activity #1

Timed Challenge- Divide students into two teams: Students use their Bibles to create a list of Bible characters with corresponding texts identifying them as prophet or prophetess. Give point for correct text and correct name. Give extra credit for finding physical characteristics of the prophet while in vision.

Activity #2

Who is identified in Revelation 19: 9-10 as the Spirit of Prophecy?

Who will prophesy in the last days on earth according to Acts 2:17?

What repeated words in Revelation point to it being in a vision? Revelation

What will characterize God's people according to Revelation 14:12?

Wrap-up/ Application/Assessment

Write a paragraph to answer each question.

1. How and why would being a prophet be difficult?
2. How and why would you respond if God called you to be a prophet?
3. What should characterize the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

Extended Activities

List Bible prophecies of prophets that came true.

List Bible prophecies of prophets that did not come true due to the fulfillment of set conditions.