

SUBJECT: Spirit of Prophecy

GRADE: Grades 4-8

LESSON TOPIC: What is a Prophet?

Lesson Behavioral Objectives: Students will:

- Explore Bible texts that identify the tests of a true prophet.
- Identify Ellen White as a prophet

Materials:

Handout – Biblical References for a True Prophet

Biblical Text	What it Says
1 John 4:1-3	
Isaiah 8: 20	
Deut. 18:22	
Matthew 7:15-20	
2 Peter 1:20-21	

Lesson Procedures:

(a) Motivation/Introduction

Begin the lesson with one quick game of “swords up”. Call out 2 Chronicles 20:20 and ask the first student to find it, to read the text.

(b) Lesson Content

Explain that Ellen White is a very important messenger from God. She came at a time in history when the last revelation of God in the Bible was opened to understanding and she met the test of a true prophet. Read Fundamental Belief 17 (Seventh-day Adventists Believe...) and explain that our church believes that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is Prophecy.

Discussion Question: What would be your first response to someone that says he or she received a message from the Lord?

(c) Student Activities

Use the Bible to examine texts which highlight the tests of a true prophet. Record your responses on the handout provided.

Assessment

Completed “Biblical References for a True Prophet” handout

Wrap-up

Repeat the fact that Ellen White has been tested and proven to meet the test of a prophet. Provide a list of suggested readings from her writings and encourage them to put her to the test themselves.