

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

A Ruler from Bethlehem

from Micah 5:2-5

Watch for a leader bringing peace and hope!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Micah
- Hope
- Prophet
- Good Shepherd
- Peace
- Bethlehem

During Micah's time, Bethlehem was an obscure and insignificant little town. Nobody expected anyone wonderful to come from Bethlehem! Micah's prophesy would have seemed quite strange to those hearing it.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 194-195

Spark Bible page 1016

Family Prayer

God of peace, we pray for peace in our hearts, our home, our community, and our world. Make us instruments of your peace. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1** Have you ever had special news to share? What was it?
- 2** How does your family work for peace?
- 3** What are some ways you can remind each other to be hopeful?
- 4** Make a list—a long one!—of ways your family works for peace or experiences peace in your daily lives. Post your list somewhere in your home so you can remember all the different ways peace comes into our lives.



Eye Spark

Whenever you see something that reminds you of peace or hope, say a quick prayer of thanks.



Ear Spark

What kinds of music sound peaceful? When you hear that music, remember God's promise of peace to the world.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Using craft materials like paper or clay, make and decorate "ornaments" in the shape of peace signs. Hang them around your home—in windows, on plants/trees, from door-knobs. Let them be your reminder of God's peace for the world.

For younger kids

Draw a picture of what you think the world would look like if there was no fighting.

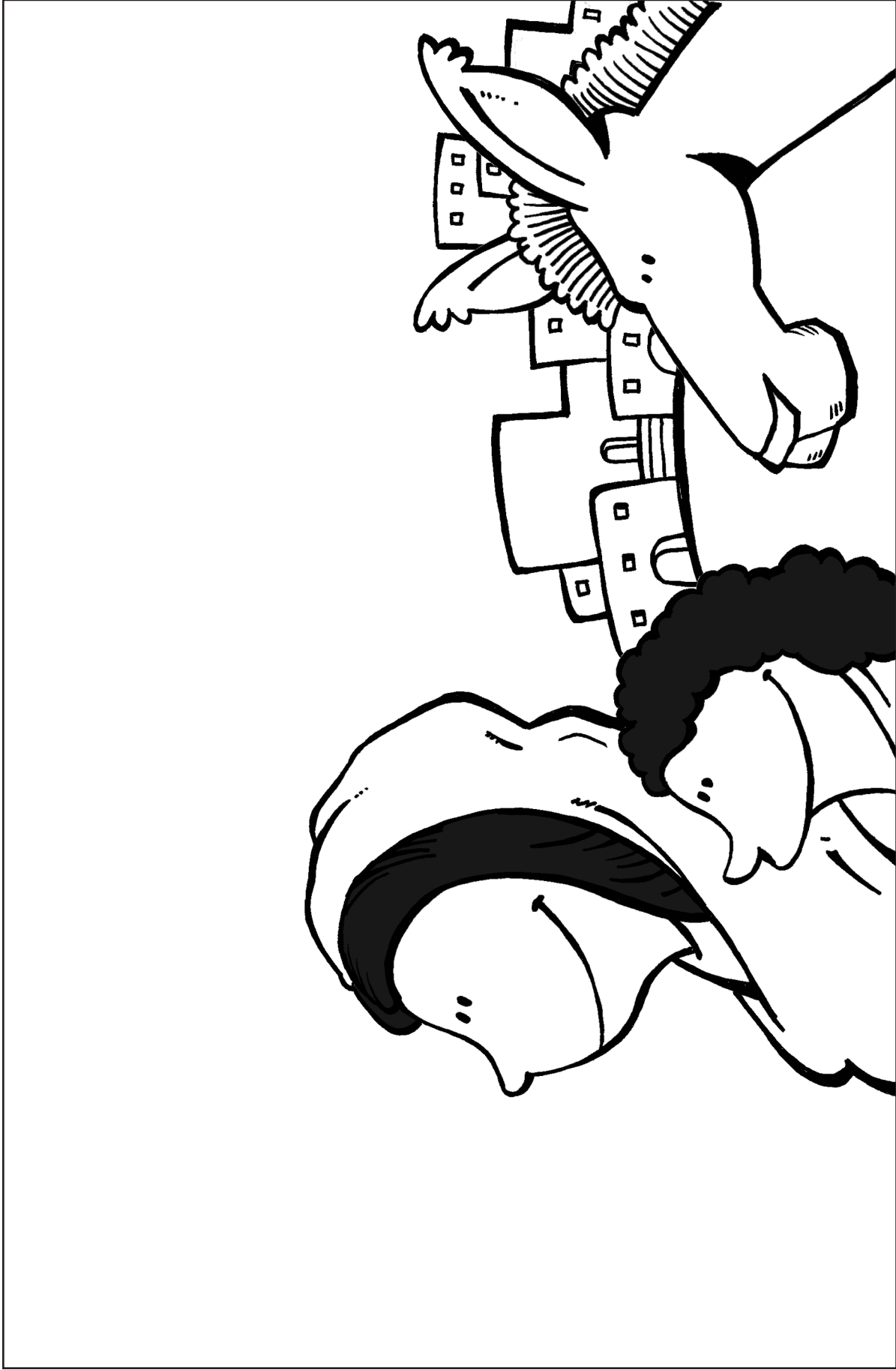
For older kids

Go through your CDs or playlists searching for songs of peace. Which do you like best and why? What can you find out about the artists?

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A Ruler from Bethlehem



“Live with hope, you people of Bethlehem!”

Wonderful News!

Micah prophesied good news for the people of Israel. Circle every letter that isn't an X or a Z to discover the promise. When you have circled the whole message, write it on the lines below.

XZFZZRXZOZMZXXYXOZUZZLXIZTZZTX
LZEXBXZEXTZHXLZEXHXXEZMZWXIXIZ
ZLXLXCZOZMXXEZAZZWXOXNZDX
ERXZFUZZLXLXEZADXEXRXZ



Prophetic Haiku

A Haiku is a type of Japanese poetry where the first and third lines have five syllables and the middle line has seven syllables. These prophetic verses have been made into Haiku and split apart. Use your Spark Bible to find the verses and connect the beginning of each Haiku to its end.

Micah 5:2
Little Bethlehem,
You will bring forth a leader

Daniel 3:28
Blessed be the God
Who brought Shadrach and his friends

Ezekiel 37: 4-5
Bring these bones to life
Oh dry bones, hear the Lord's word

Isaiah 41:10
Know I am your God
Do not fear, I am with you

Jeremiah 1:5
God's word said to me:
I knew you before your birth

God will make you live

I will strengthen you

Out of the hot fire

To rule Israel

Please be my prophet

This is the symbol
for "Haiku"

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Map It Out

Micah prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. Even 2000 or more years later, Bethlehem and Israel still exist! Can you unscramble these other modern cities and countries around Israel? If you are having trouble, look for a helpful map on page M16 of your Spark Bible.

