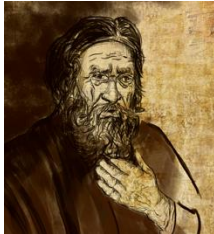


Prophecy and Promise

What should I already know?	What will I know at the end of the unit?
• Sunday is the Christian holy day. • Catholics gather for Mass to worship God. • Mass has the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. • Angels brought God's message to Mary and Joseph about Jesus. • Mary and Joseph trusted God and followed His plan. • Prophets were inspired by God to share His message. • Isaiah prophesied that Immanuel ("God with us") would be born. • Christians believe Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy. • Advent is a season of preparation for the birth of Jesus. • Advent symbols help Christians prepare for Christmas.	• Prophets are chosen by God to share His message and help people turn back to Him. • Elijah was a prophet who called King Ahab and the people of Israel back to God's covenant. • Elijah encountered God in a gentle whisper on Mount Horeb. • John the Baptist was a prophet who preached repentance and prepared people for the coming of Jesus. • Christians believe John the Baptist fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy to "prepare the way of the Lord". • Matthew presents John the Baptist as a new Elijah preparing the way for the Messiah. • Advent is a time when Christians prepare their hearts for Jesus through prayer, worship and acts of kindness. • Matthew's Gospel shows that Jesus is descended from King David and is the promised Messiah. • The Jesse Tree helps Christians remember Jesus' ancestors and prepare for Christmas. • Christians believe Jesus is Christ the King, the King of the Universe. • The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's year. • Christians believe Jesus will come again in glory and that His kingdom will have no end.
Key Vocabulary and definitions	
John the Baptist - a prophet who prepared people for Jesus Prophet - a person chosen by God to share His message Isaiah - a prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah Elijah - a prophet who called people back to God Messiah – God's chosen Saviour	Advent - a season of preparation for Christmas Jesse Tree - a way of remembering Jesus' ancestors Christ the King – Jesus, the King of the Universe Creed - a statement of Christian beliefs Second Coming of Jesus – the belief that Jesus will return in glory
What Bible stories and other texts will I read?	
The Preaching of John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-12 & Mark 1:1-8)   Elijah meets God (1 Kings 19:4-15)	Linking Elijah and John (2 Kings 1:7-8))  Preparing the way of the Lord (Isaiah 40:3) The ancestry of Jesus – The Jesse Tree (Matthew 1:1-17) 