

*Biblical Drama based on Micah 4:1-7**Character Parts: Narrator 1-2, Student, Micah, Blacksmith, Farmer, Lame Man*

Narrator 1: A long time ago, there was a man named Micah. He was a prophet and spoke the Word of the Lord to God's people.

Student: What is your lesson for today, master?
I have done what you asked and gathered together the people to hear what you have to say.

Micah: God has given me a message, and he wants me to tell you this: In the future, the mountain with the Lord's temple will be the highest of all. It will reach above the hills, and every nation will rush to it. People of many nations will come and say, "Let's go up to the mountain of the LORD God of Jacob and worship in his temple."

Student: You mean that someday even the foreigners who have never heard of God will come to believe in him?

Micah: Yes. The Lord will teach us all his Law from Jerusalem, and we will obey him. He will settle arguments between distant and powerful nations. They will pound their swords and their spears into plowshares and other farming tools; they will never again make war or attack one another.

Blacksmith: You mean that there will come a day when no one will use weapons any more? We will all be at peace? That sounds good to me. I'd rather make solid and sturdy tools that can be used to build things up, instead of weapons that tear things down.

Farmer: I wouldn't mind having a few extra tools around my farm. I could put them to good use!

Micah: Yes. Everyone will find rest beneath their own fig trees or grape vines, and they will live in peace. This is a solemn promise of the Lord Almighty!

Student: But how can we make this happen?

Micah: We are not the ones who will make it happen. That is God's work! We just pray that God will allow us to be a part of it! Others may follow their gods, but we will always follow the Lord our God.

Blacksmith: I have heard that someday, God will send a great leader called the Messiah. Maybe he could use a strong guy like me ...

Farmer: Or maybe he could use a wealthy landowner like me ...

Micah: God is able to use all of us to serve his purpose in faith. That includes even the smallest and weakest among us. The Lord said: "At that time I will gather my people — the lame and the outcasts, and all others who live their lives in sorrow. Then the lame and the outcasts will belong to my people and become a strong nation. I, the Lord, will rule them from Mount Zion forever."

Student: Are you saying that God cares about everyone — even those who are poor and have nothing?

Micah: Yes. That is God's promise!

Blacksmith: But I thought that when the Messiah comes, he will be a great military leader. I thought he is going to lead us to victory!

Micah: The Lord will lead us, but it will be a different kind of victory. The Messiah will not come with swords and spears; he will come with forgiveness and healing, to give us eternal life with him!

Narrator 2: People in Micah's day did not know that the Messiah would come to die for our sins, to give us the victory over sin and death. But later, when Jesus Christ came into the world, we all learned what kind of Messiah he would be!