

This week *Westworth Kids*

Will be learning about
A Ruler from Bethlehem

Micah 5:2-5



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

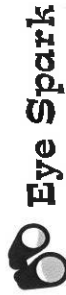
Have you ever had special news to share?

1 What was it?

2 How does your family work for peace?

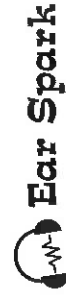
3 What are some ways you can remind each other to be hopeful?

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?



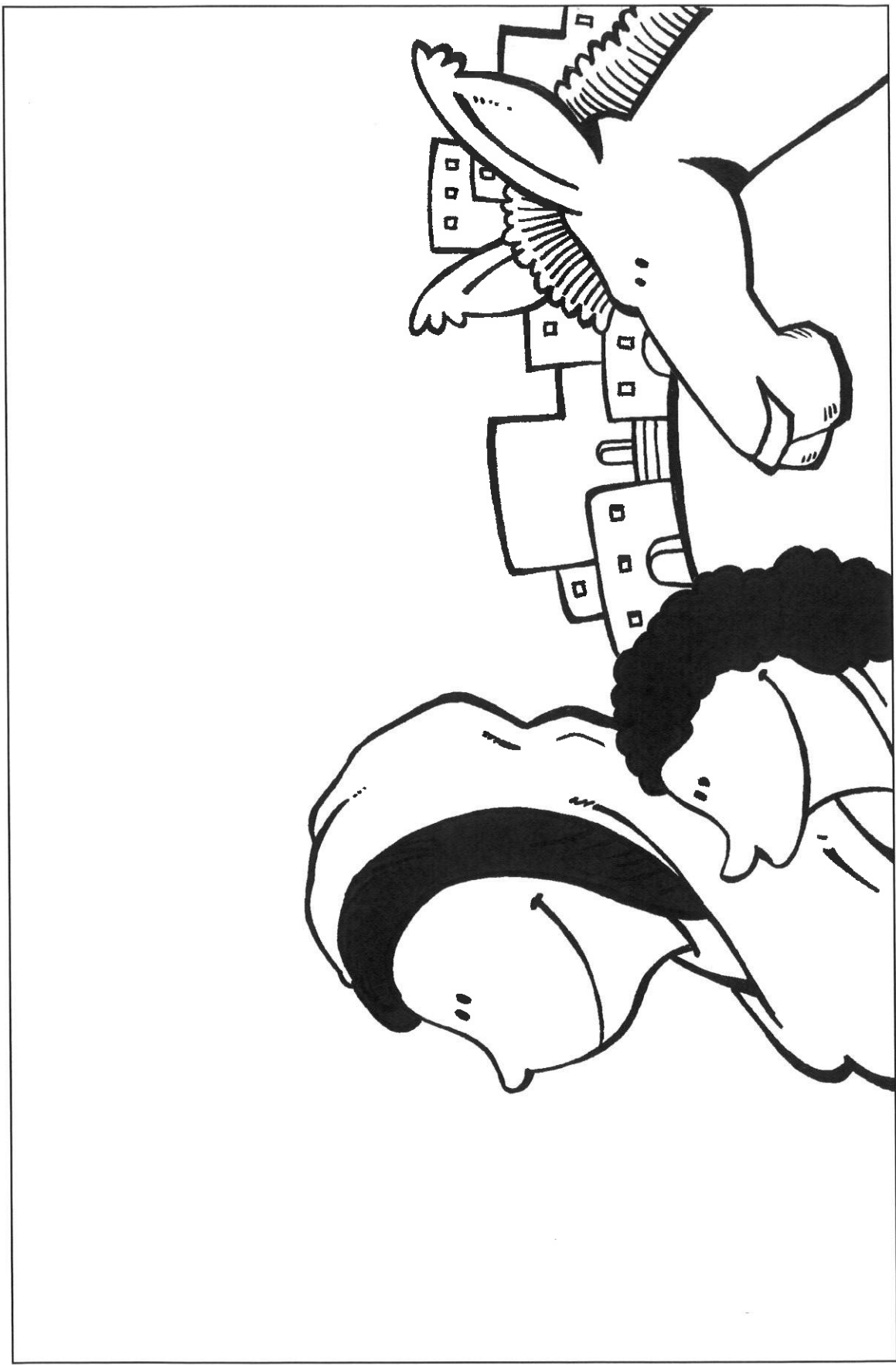
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A Ruler from Bethlehem



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A Ruler from Bethlehem



“Live with hope, you people of Bethlehem!”

Wonderful News!

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B E T H L E H E M
W I L L C O M E A
W O N D E R F U L L E A D E R



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Jesus is coming with **peace** and **hope**.

I wonder...

- What makes me most hopeful.
- How God will use me as I grow.
- If peace and hope mean different things for us as Christians.

At the Arrival Gate

We waited.

There were special passes around our necks. A security guard led us to where the international flights come in. Passengers were coming out of other gates. Languages I'd never heard before were being spoken all around me.

This was the first time I'd been to the airport.

Dad and I stood at the arrival gate. Waiting.

It had been two years since our family started the adoption process. For two years I had wondered if I would have a little brother or a little sister. What would the baby be like? What would this baby grow up to do? Would we get along? Soon I would find out. Soon Mom would come off the plane with the newest member of our family.

The plane taxied up to the gate.

The waiting was unbearable!

The flow of unloading passengers began. Tired, poorly rested, wrinkled-clothes passengers. Then I saw Mom's smile. I saw a tiny baby bundled in blankets resting in her arms. We ran towards each other. I stretched my arms wide.

The wait was over.



Fun Facts

Israel was the northern kingdom. Judah was the southern kingdom. Micah spoke to both.

The northern kingdom was conquered about 20 years into Micah's work as a prophet.

Isaiah, also a prophet during this time, lived in Jerusalem.

Micah was from Moresheth.

Bethlehem is about 6 miles (9.6 km) south of Jerusalem and 17 miles (27 km) northeast of Moresheth.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem

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

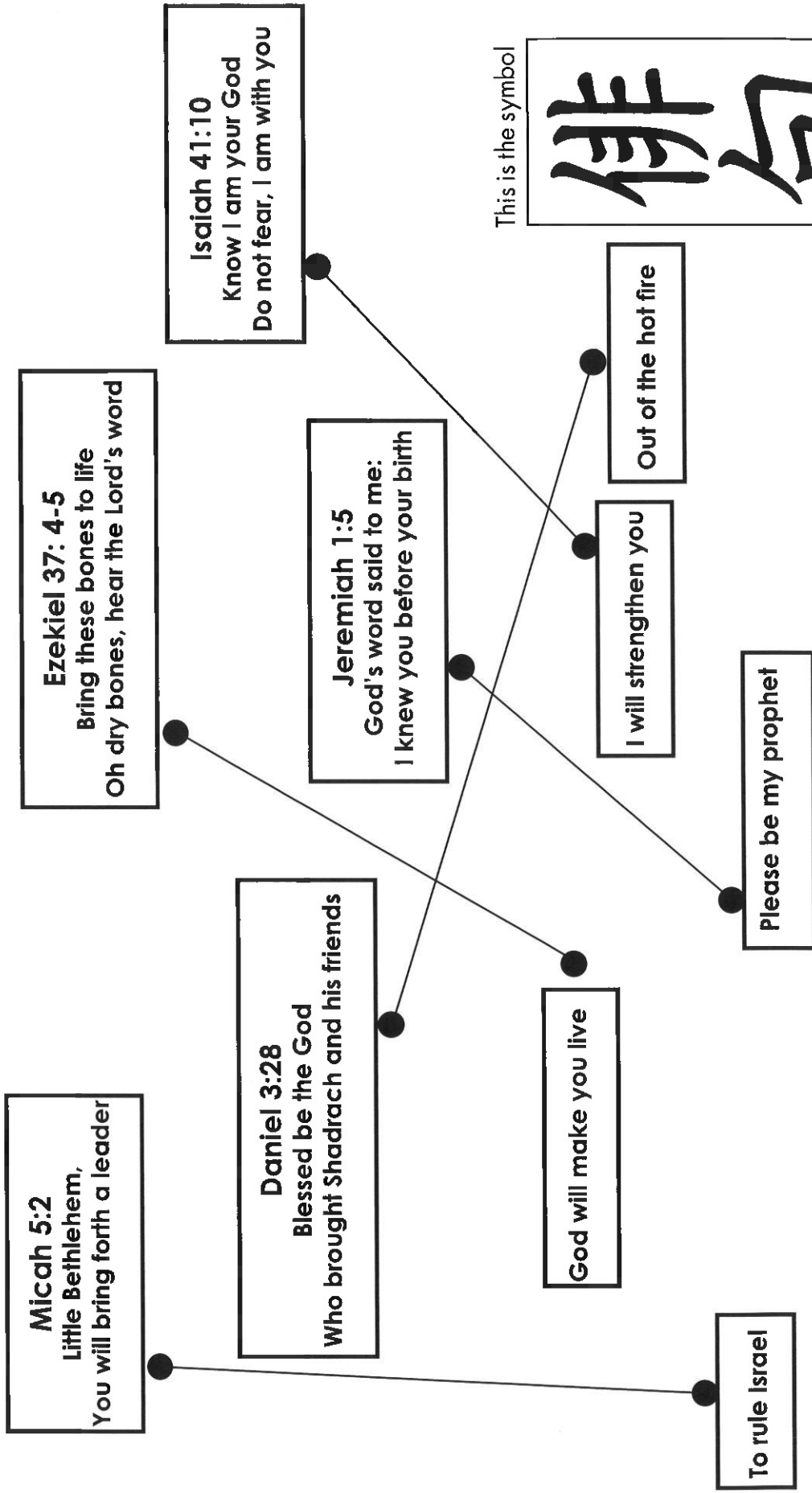
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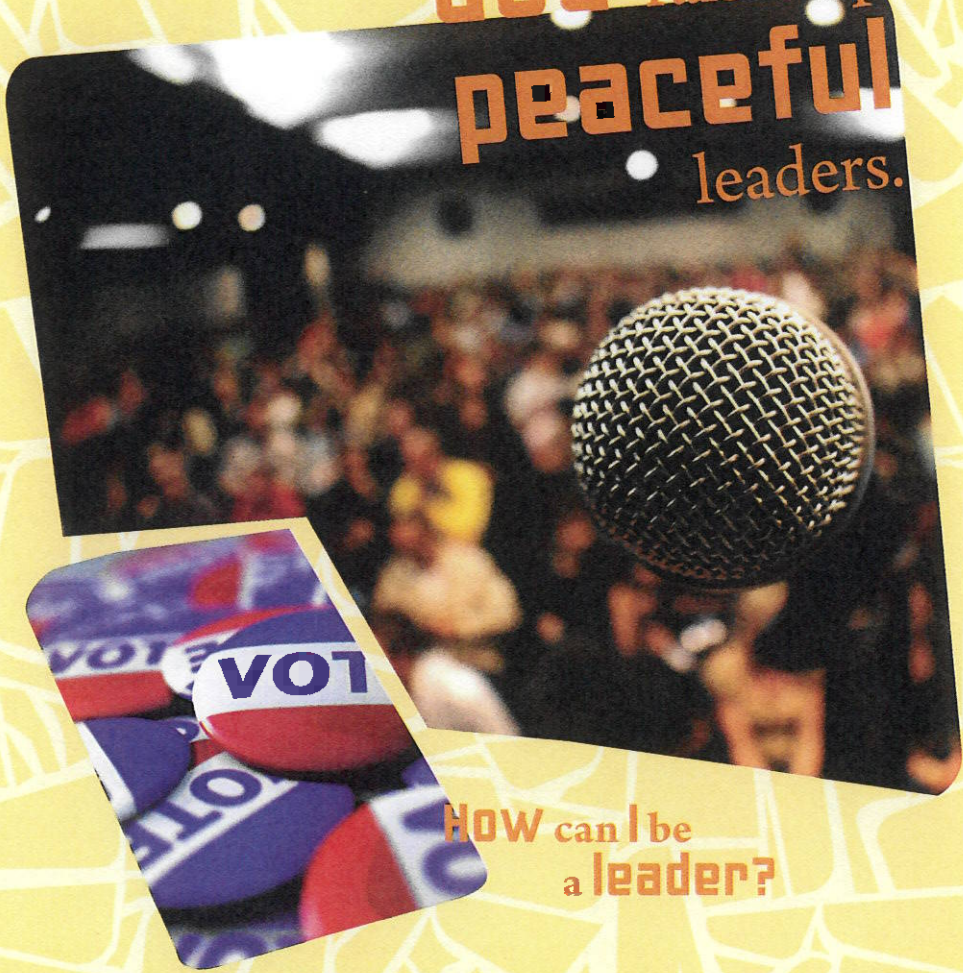
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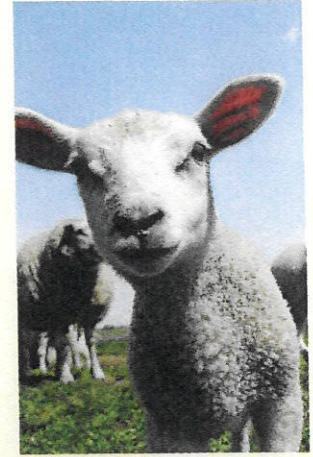


How can I be
a leader?

A Leading Acronym

What makes a great leader? For each letter in the following word, think of a new word that starts with that letter. This word should be something that a great leader shows, or has, or is.

S _____
H _____
E _____
P _____
H _____
E _____
R _____
D _____



Did You Know?

Queen Victoria was the queen of England for longer than anyone else—EVER! She was queen for over 63 years!

Help Wanted

Your town needs a new mayor, and they want you to come up with a description of the job for the application! Make sure you include the job title, the experience needed, information about what the job is like, and the personality traits you're looking for. Be creative!

Job Title: _____
Other Jobs We Hope You've Had: _____
Description of Job: _____
The Kind of Person We're Looking For: _____

Sugar Cube Trick

Here's a magic trick you can do at home.

It makes it look like something has appeared out of nowhere!

You need:

A pencil (no pens!)

A sugar cube (have a few extra in case one breaks)

A glass of water



Ask for a volunteer from the audience, and have them pick a number between one and ten. Write their number on the sugar cube in pencil, pressing firmly on the cube. Hold the sugar cube between your thumb and forefinger long enough to rub the number onto your thumb.

Drop the cube into the glass of water, and hold the volunteer's hand over the glass of water while you say some magic words. Hold their hand by pressing your thumb onto their palm. The number should transfer onto their palm. When they turn their hand over, TA DA!

Guess Who?

Answer these questions to find out who the prophet Micah is talking about:

1. In verse 5:2, Micah says the new ruler will come from a specific town. What town is it? _____
(Hint: check out Matthew 2:5-6)
2. In verse 4, Micah says the new ruler will "feed his flock." What kind of person feeds a flock? _____
(Hint: try John 10:11)
3. In verse 5, Micah says the new ruler will be "one of peace."
Who do you know who is called "the Prince of Peace?"

(Hint: look up Isaiah 9:6)
4. Who do you think Micah is talking about? _____



Peace Plan



Try to make

a plan to increase the peace in your own life.

First, name someone in your family who could use some love:

Next, complete this sentence with that person's name:

The next time I see _____, I will show them that I love them by _____.

Now finish this possible scene: If I see two people fighting, I will

_____.

Finally, try finishing this thought: One peace-thing I will pray about every night this week is: _____.

Faith on the Go!

Have you ever wondered if any famous leaders were born in your hometown? Find a local place that records your town history. This can be a historical society, or even your local library. Ask the people there for help finding out about your town's celebrities!

When you're done, create a short description of the person and share it with your group, post it online, or send it to your town leaders!

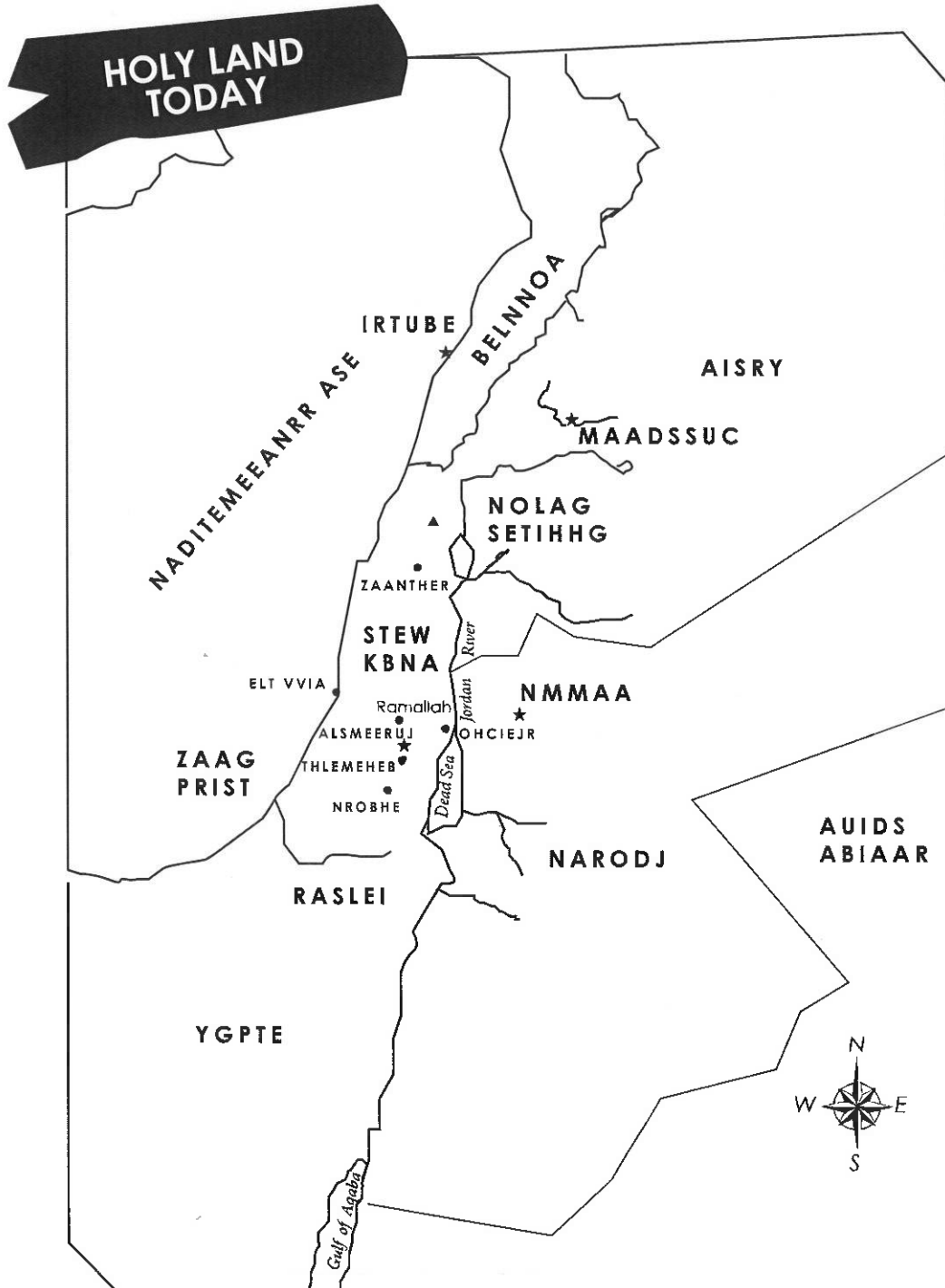
Memory Verse

And he shall be the one of peace.
Micah 5:5a



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.



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