THE WISDOM OF THE PROPHETS

God sent prophets to help the Hebrew people keep the covenant. Different prophets had different messages. We can look at their messages for our own lives.

With the prophets’ names below are Bible citations. Use your Bible to find them. Identify each prophet and complete the quotes.*

Elijah in 1 Kings 18:24 Isaiah in Isaiah 2:6-8 Hosea in Hosea 6:1 Micah in Micah 6:8

1. The prophet _________ advises the best way to live our lives.
   "You have been told,... what is ____good____; and what the Lord ____requires____ of you:
   Only to do the ____good____, and to love ____kindness____, and to walk ____humbly____ with your God."

2. The prophet _________ warns against loving things above God and people.
   "You have abandoned your ____people____... Their ____land____ is full of ____silver____ and gold, and there is no end to their ____treasures____... Their land is full of ____idols____; they worship the ____work____ of their hands, to what their own ____fingers____ have made."

3. The prophet _________ warns those not following God to change their lifestyle.
   "You shall call on your ____god____ and I will call on the ____Lord____. The God who answers with ____fire____ is ____God____."

4. The prophet _________ assures the people that God welcomes sinners back.
   "Come, let us ____return____ to the ____Lord____. For it was he who has ____rent (torn)____, but he will ____heal____ us."

* The New American Bible translation was used here. Translations will vary some.

Parents and Catechists: These quotes are from the New American Bible. Note that prophets are not very popular because they challenge people to do things that are hard to do. Open a discussion on how these ancient prophetic words still apply. Ask for examples of following each of the prophet’s messages today.