

The Library of the Prophets

This activity (on the next page) will help the children learn all the names of the Old Testament prophets... not just the ones we name (sing about) in the musical... and to do that in biblical-placement order!

In the song “Prophets? Who Were They?” the prophets are not in order of appearance in the Bible! Sorry, but the syllables and the rhyme- schemes didn’t cooperate!

Print copies for each of the OLDER CHILDREN (grades 4-6). Have a drill each week on memorizing these prophet names/books in the proper order.

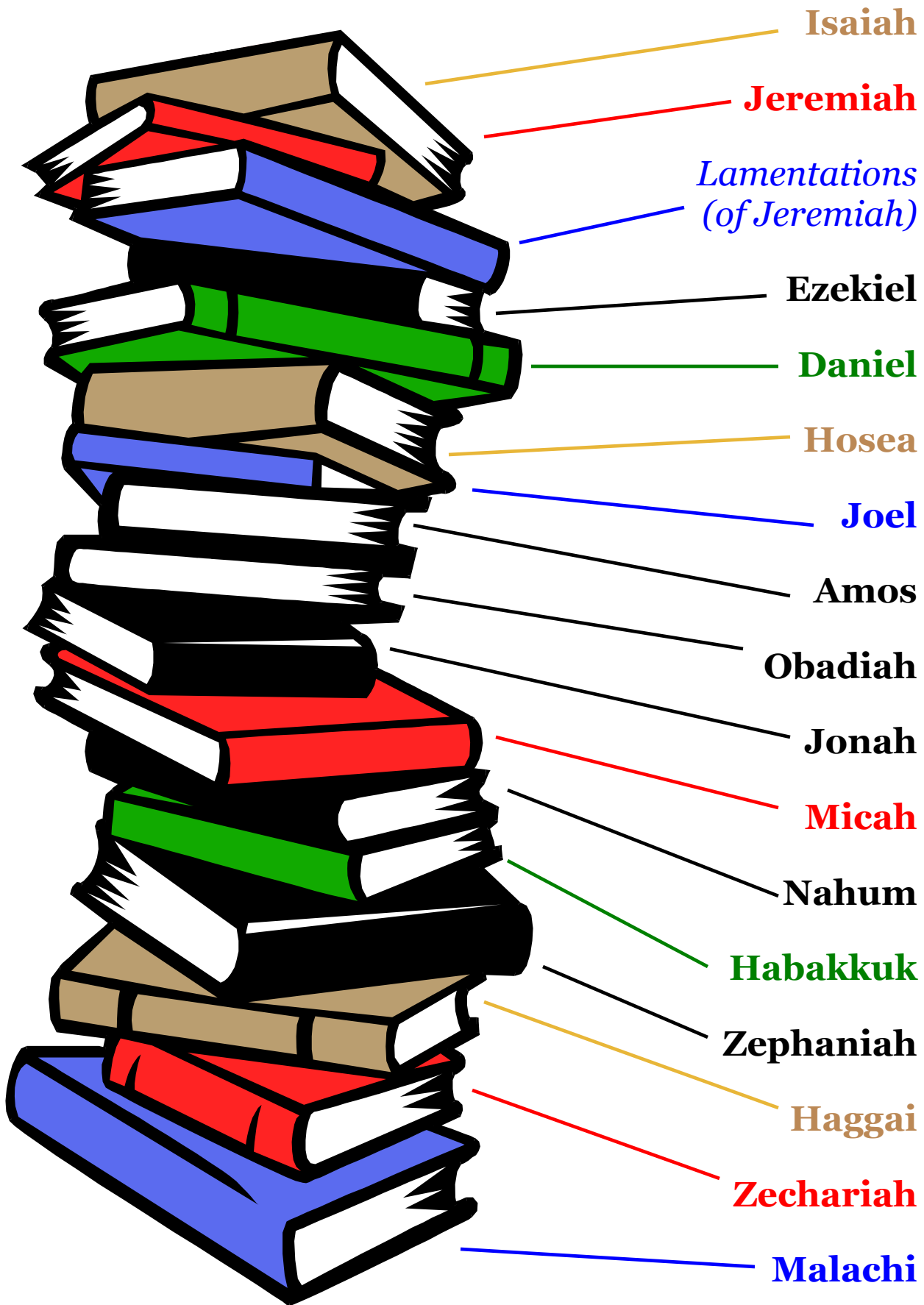
To help them memorize, consider teaching this as a rhythm exercise; the first week, have them clap a steady beat; the next week add some percussion instruments.

I - sai - ah, Je - re - mi - ah, (La - men - ta - tions), E - ze - kiel, Dan - iel, Ho - se - a, Jo - el.
A - mos, O - ba - di - ah, Jo - nah, Mi - cah, Na - hum, Ha - bak - kuk, Ze - pha - ni - ah, Hag - gai,
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Zech - a - ri - ah, Ma - la - chi. O, my! (I)

Variation on the Activity – Have them circle the names of prophets we do NOT sing about in “Prophets? Who Were They?” These may be harder to remember.

If you really want them to remember this activity-- take 17 books, make new covers for them, on the spine of each one, put the name of one of the prophets. Put them out in random order and have the children stand them on a table side by side in correct order. Time it, make it a contest, whatever it takes!

NOTE: The book of Lamentations is considered by many to be the “Second Prophecy of Jeremiah.” It may be a little complicated to explain to the children that Lamentation is not one of the prophets!!! You might explain what a “lament” is, and how this book is Jeremiah is genuinely crying out in sorrow. There are also examples of lamenting in the Psalms of David; have them read Psalm 22:1-2 as an example.



Isaiah

Jeremiah

*Lamentations
(of Jeremiah)*

Ezekiel

Daniel

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi