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THE GIFT OF SPECIAL MESSAGES

Neuro scientists study how nerves, the brain, and spinal cord work. They are starting to understand better how the brains of babies work. At 6 months old, a baby can understand many sounds that are part of the English language. If babies hear another language at that time, they can learn that language, too. During this time, babies can understand the 40 or more sounds that are part of their parents' language. They can tell these sounds apart from the 800 other sounds they can understand when they are born. But for babies to develop this special skill, something important must happen first. People must speak to the babies. So, you can say that speaking to a baby is the same as 'voice lessons' for newborns!

Why would God give us this wonderful skill to understand words and language if He didn't want to talk with us? Of course, He wants to talk with us! The Bible tells us, "Many years ago, God spoke to our ancestors by [with] his prophets. He spoke many times and in many different ways. But in these last days, he has spoken to us in his Son. In the beginning, God worked through [with] his Son to make the whole universe [everything in the skies, on the earth, and in outer space]. He decided that everything should belong to his Son" (Hebrews 1:1, 2, EASY).

After Adam and Eve sinned, their face-to-face communication with God stopped. But God did not reject Adam and Eve or destroy them. God went to look for them both! The Lord asked Adam, " 'Where are you?' " (Genesis 3:9, NKJV). God also gave Adam and Eve a special message. He announced that the Savior would be born. The Savior would save people from sin (Genesis 3:15). That first special message, or prophecy, from God honored Jesus. Jesus is the sinner's only hope.

This quarter, we will study God's gift of special messages. The Bible talks about the gift of prophecy in 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Corinthians 14; Ephesians 4; and Romans 12. God uses these special messages to talk to us, now that we no longer can talk with Him face-to-face. The Holy Spirit gives us this special gift and all other gifts. The Holy Spirit "decides which gifts he will give to each person" (1 Corinthians 12:11, EASY). God chooses people to speak for Him. Then God sends these messengers to warn or preach to His people.

God's messages help make our lives and relationship with Him new again.

We will learn how God chooses His messengers. We will learn how we can test messengers, too, to know if they really are from God. We will study about God's messengers in the Old and New Testaments. How are these messengers different? We will try to understand how God shares His messages with them. Some messengers only preached. Others wrote. Some messengers did both. We will look at their sermons, warnings, and promises. We will ask: "What does God promise the people who obey His messages?"

**God wants to
talk with us!**

God uses the gift of prophecy for five important reasons: (1) to show Himself, Bible truth, and His saving plan to sinners. (2) To give advice to people during hard times. (3) To help the church do its work for Jesus. (4) To encourage His followers. (5) To help sinners come back to God. Also, the gift of prophecy is one of two things that help us to know who is God's end-time church (Revelation 12:17; Revelation 19:10).

God wants to save His people and bring them back to Him. That's why He gave the church the gift of prophecy in the end-times (Joel 2:28–31). Seventh-day Adventists believe that God gave the gift of prophecy to Ellen G. White. That is why each Friday we will study about Ellen G. White's work for God. Her writings are a wonderful gift from God. How do we, as a church, best use this gift?

Yes, from the time we were born, God made us to be spoken to. So, we must pay special attention to what His messengers tell us!

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