

Malachi Role Play Script

Choose 6–7 students to act out the roles: Malachi, John the Baptist, Jesus, and four students to hold the 100 Years, 200 Years, 300 Years, and 400 Years signs. Give them props or costumes if available. You or an assistant will narrate and guide the actors. You can make signs to tape on your actors for Jesus and John the Baptist.

Narrator: *Coach Malachi to come to the front.* Malachi was a prophet of God. God spoke through Malachi. What did God tell the people through Malachi?

Malachi: *Coach Malachi to say.* God will send a messenger to prepare the way for Someone very special. And we must all be ready!

Narrator: *Asking the students.* Who was that Someone special Malachi spoke of? Class?

Class: Jesus!

Narrator: The message from Malachi gave hope to the people. But they had to wait many years before it would happen. How long?

Sign Holders: *Coach the sign holders to march across the room holding the signs as the class says, “100 years, 200 years, 300 years, 400 years!”*

Narrator: But after 400 years what happened? *Direct John the Baptist to come before the class.* God sent John the Baptist! What was his message?

John the Baptist: *Coach John the Baptist to say: “Prepare the way! Make straight the way of the Lord.”*

Narrator: And while John was preaching, what did he see?

John the Baptist: *Coach Jesus to come toward John. Coach John to say: “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”*

Narrator: John told the people who Jesus was—that He would take the punishment for sin. And all who would turn away from their sin and believe in Jesus would be forgiven.

Narrator: Malachi told the people about John the Baptist and about Jesus, 400 years before they came. That’s a long time. How long?

Sign Holders: *Coach the sign holders to march across the room holding the signs as the class says, “100 years, 200 years, 300 years, 400 years!”*

Narrator: God is faithful. He will do what He says. Sometimes God wants us to wait a very long time. But remember, God’s plans and timing are always perfect.