



# Black Panther: Nakia Lesson Plan

## **Purpose:**

To look at Nakia's desire to "save my country" and how it relates to the call of the prophets in Scripture to help bring Israel back to God.

## **Examples from Scripture and Tradition:**

### The Prophets:

- All the prophets offer up good examples that connect with Nakia's desire to "save" her country. Below are some particular examples you could start with. Feel free to also use your own examples from the prophets.

### Amos 5:14: Seek Good, Not Evil

- Amos was a shepherd and prophet to Israel. In Amos 5, the prophet gives lamentations for Israel and also calls the kingdom to seek out the Lord again.

### 1 Kings 18:36-37: Elijah asks God to turn the hearts of the people back

- Elijah speaks directly to King Amos to repent and then goes and gives a sign to the people that God is above all gods.

### 2 Samuel 12:1-7,(8-13): Nathan rebukes King David

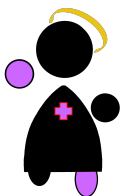
- David has committed a grave sin that has led to the death of another, and Nathan uses a story to point out what David has done wrong. (This story is more suited for an older audience. There is a retelling of this story for younger audiences in *VeggieTales: King George and the Ducky*)

## **Supplies:**

+ Computer/Device to Stream (Something else to project to, depending on

group size)

+ Bible





+ Clips from *Black Panther*, specifically:

- 1) Nakia's conversation with T'Challa in the market on foreign aid
- 2) Nakia and Okoye talking after Killmonger defeats T'Challa.

(Requires DVD, movie file, or streaming service. You can also search for these clips individually online.)

*Note: if you have younger viewers, make sure you get signed permission from parents. This film has a PG-13 rating.*

### **Procedure:**

1. If you have not already used the lesson plan for “Black Panther: Growing in Faith- Moving Beyond our Cultural Past with Killmonger”, show the clip of Nakia talking with T'Challa in the market about how Wakanda should open itself up to the world and provide aid to countries that need it. Point out Nakia's call to help others and ask what this might remind participants about in Scripture. Feel free to help the conversation along by talking about how Jesus told us to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:39). Ask how Nakia's vision might help us do that.
2. Show the clip of Nakia and Okoye talking after Killmonger defeats T'Challa. Ask participants what they think about Nakia's line that she doesn't just serve her country, but that she *saves* her country.
3. Point out that the prophets of ancient Israel often went to the kings of their day as well as their fellow Israelites to help them bring them



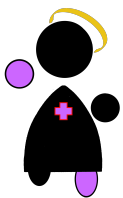


back to God. Use either the passages listed above or stories from other prophets.

4. Talk about the similarities between Nakia and the prophets. Both want to help save their nations. Both bring a word about what their nations could be.
5. End with a discussion on who we feel are prophetic voices today. Ask how these voices help bring us closer in relationship to God, as the prophets of old tried to help us do.

**Questions for Further Thought:**

- + Nakia suggests using Wakanda's resources to help the world. What are the ways we could do this? Does Jesus' command to love "your neighbor as yourself" make doing so a moral responsibility?
- + In Matthew 22:21, Jesus says "render unto Caesar's what is Caesar's, and unto God what is God's." How might we look at the conversation between Nakia and Okoye in light of this verse?
- + Nakia and Okoye take stances that both have merit. Which of their arguments do you find more convincing and why?





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