



UNIT 15 | SESSION 3 | NOVEMBER 2-3, 2019

## 2-3's Lesson

# Jeremiah, Prophet to Judah

**Bible Passage:** Jeremiah

**Story Point:** Jeremiah told about a new and better promise.

**Key Passage:** "If my people ... turn from their evil ways, then I will ... forgive their sin, and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Christ Connection:** God forgives us when we trust in Jesus.

**KID CONNECT:**  
30 MINUTES

**LARGE GROUP:**  
15 MINUTES

**SMALL GROUP:**  
15 MINUTES

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Each time God calls someone, He equips that person to do His work. Like Moses, Jeremiah was hesitant: "Oh no, Lord GOD! Look, I don't know how to speak since I am only a youth" (Jer. 1:6). God assured Jeremiah: "I will be with you" (Jer. 1:8).

God called Jeremiah to be a prophet. The people of Judah had broken the covenant God made with them at Mount Sinai. Judah was deep in idol worship and other sins. God punished the unfaithfulness of Israel by sending the Northern Kingdom into exile. Now God's judgment was coming for Judah, and Jeremiah's job was to warn them.

Along with the warnings, Jeremiah brought a message of hope. Jeremiah told God's people about a new and better covenant. He prophesied about a day when God would forgive sin and write His law on the hearts of His people. The new covenant promised that God would forgive sin. God forgives sin through His Son, Jesus. Jesus did not come to get rid of the law. (See Matt. 5:17.) Through His sinless life, Jesus fulfilled the demands of the old covenant. He changes our hearts and gives us power through His Spirit to obey His commands.

## KID CONNECT

### WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

*Play* intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

### TAKE CARE OF BABIES

(baby dolls & blankets – per group/class)

*Provide* baby dolls and blankets for preschoolers to snuggle. Demonstrate how to wrap a baby in a blanket. Talk about God's plan for Jeremiah.

SAY • God called Jeremiah before Jeremiah was born to be part of a special plan. Jeremiah was God's messenger to the people of Judah. Jeremiah had a hard job, but he also had good news. God made a new promise to forgive His people. GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS.

## LARGE GROUP

### COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

*Show* the countdown video and say "God knew you before you were born" to each child as the children move to Large Group.

### WORSHIP

(VIDEO: WHEN I LOOK UP, VIDEO: I HAVE HOPE)

*Sing* "When I Look Up" and "I Have Hope."

### INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

(CG: GIANT TIMELINE)

(Bible, Bookmark)

SAY • Today's Bible story comes from the Book of Jeremiah in the Old Testament. All of the Bible is God's Word. Today's Bible story is about a message that God wanted Jeremiah to give to His people.

*Point* to the Bible story picture on the giant timeline. Remind children that all the stories in the Bible fit together to tell an even bigger story. The Bible tells us the big story of how God rescues

people through His Son, Jesus.

## TELL THE BIBLE STORY

**(CG: BIBLE STORY PICTURE, CG: STORY POINT)**

**(army picture, scroll, heart)**

Tell the Bible story using the script and props provided.

SAY • God told Jeremiah, “Before you were born, I chose you to tell people My words. Do not be afraid. I am with you.”

Then God showed Jeremiah what He was going to do. God was going to send the army of Babylon to take away God’s people. (show army picture)

God’s people stopped loving God and worshiped gods that people made. They did not want to listen to Jeremiah either!

One king even cut up the scroll God told Jeremiah to write and put it in the fire! (show the scroll)

Jeremiah’s job was very hard. But Jeremiah said that God had a plan to change His people’s hearts so they would want to love Him and obey Him. (show heart)

God was going to make a new promise with His people. God was going to make a way to forgive His people for their wrong choices forever.

God planned to send Jesus. Jeremiah said that God was going to forgive us and change people’s hearts. Jesus made these words come true. God forgives us when we trust in His Son, Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to take away our sin. He changes us and gives us power to obey Him.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

SAY • God forgives us when we trust in Jesus.

## PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

**(CG: KEY PASSAGE)**

**(key passage marker)**

Place the key passage marker at 2 Chronicles 7:14. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage.

SAY • “If my people (display arms in front) ...turn from their evil ways (turn your body), then I will (point up) ... forgive their sin and heal their land (cross arms over chest)” 2 Chronicles 7:14. Our key passage reminds us that when we turn to God, He will forgive and heal us.

## PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

## SMALL GROUP

**Session Title:** Jeremiah, Prophet to Judah

**Bible Passage:** Jeremiah

**Story Point:** God planned to send Jesus.

**Christ Connection:** God forgives us when we trust in Jesus.

### DO WHAT I DO

(no supplies needed)

*Invite* preschoolers to perform a task with you, such as jumping, turning around, giving a high-five, and so forth. Thank the children for watching and obeying your actions.

SAY • Great job listening and following directions friends! God's people could not keep their promise to love and obey God. God made a new promise to forgive His people. God always keeps His promises. GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS. God sent Jesus to forgive His people forever.

### SING A SONG

(no supplies needed)

*Invite* preschoolers to hold hands and walk in a circle as you sing to the tune of "Ring Around the Rosy": "God is always with me. He will never leave me. I can trust, I can trust, I can trust God!" When you say "God," invite children to sit down.

SAY • GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS. God forgives us when we trust in Jesus. Jeremiah said God will always be with His people.

### READ ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR PRESCHOOLERS

(God chose you book - 1 per group)

*Read* the God Chose You book to the preschoolers, reminding them that just as God had a plan for Jeremiah, God has a plan for them.

SAY • Jeremiah told people God's words. GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS. God sent Jesus to forgive His people forever.

### CIRCLE TIME

(2-3 small Bibles - per group, key passage card, Bible Story Picture Poster)

*Provide* Bibles for preschoolers. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to the Book of Jeremiah.

*Show* the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story.

*Say* the story point and gospel gems.

## GOSPEL GEMS

- Jeremiah was a prophet to Judah.
- God made a new promise to forgive His people.
- God sent Jesus to forgive His people forever.

*Pray* with your group. If you can, pray for your preschoolers by name. Encourage them to talk to God in prayer throughout the week.

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

**(Big Picture Card, 1 per family)**

At pickup or drop off, hand this week's Big Picture Card to each child's influencer. Encourage them to discuss the Big Picture Question & Answer with their preschooler this week.