



UNIT 15 | SESSION 5 | NOVEMBER 16-17, 2019

2-3's Lesson

Judah Taken Captive

Bible Passage: 2 Chronicles 36

Story Point: Judah did not listen to God's warning.

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: Jesus took the punishment for our wrong choices.

KID CONNECT:
30 MINUTES

LARGE GROUP:
15 MINUTES

SMALL GROUP:
15 MINUTES

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Warnings had come from the prophets for decades. God patiently waited for His people to turn from their sin. But the people of Judah did not change their ways. The time of judgment had come. God used Nebuchadnezzar—the king of Babylon—to deport the people from Judah to Babylon where they would live in exile for 70 years.

The people of Judah were unfaithful to God. Nebuchadnezzar showed no mercy to the people of Jerusalem. The Babylonians set fire to the Lord's temple and the king's palace. They destroyed the wall around Jerusalem. Nebuchadnezzar's armies carried most of the people away to Babylon as prisoners; only poor farmers were allowed to stay and work the land. The people were held captive in Babylon, serving the king for 70 years.

Yet God did not abandon His people. The prophet Jeremiah told what would happen next: "The days are coming ... when I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel and Judah" (Jer. 30:3). God was going to save His people from captivity and raise up a new King—a forever King—from the line of David. (See Jer. 30:9.)

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.

MAKE PAPER CHAINS

(1-2 strips of colored construction paper per child, tape)

Cut thick strips of construction paper. Demonstrate to preschoolers how to make interlocking loops with the strips. Use tape to attach the ends of each loop. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY • The king of Babylon took away the people of Judah. God promised He would bring them home. GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS. Jesus took the punishment for our wrong choices.

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video to help preschoolers' transition 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)

Place a bookmark at 2 Chronicles 36 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it. Display the open Bible.

SAY • God gives us His true words in the Bible. Let's find out if the people listened in our Bible story from 2 Chronicles.

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.

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

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

(no supplies needed)

Show the Bible story video.

SAY • Even though King Josiah led the people back to God and God sent messengers to warn them, Judah did not listen to God's warning. They kept doing wrong things. God allowed an army to attack His people. God was right to punish His people because they disobeyed Him. But God still loved them, and He was going to give His people a good king. Many years later, God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our King forever.

CHRIST CONNECTION

SAY • Jesus took the punishment for our wrong choices.

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

God told His people that He would forgive them when they turned back to Him, but Judah did not listen to God's warning.

PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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PLAY SIMON SAYS

(no supplies needed)

Have children stand up and follow your commands and motions as you choose to say, "Simon says" or not. Keep the instructions simple for preschoolers like pat your head, touch your toes, and jump. Play several rounds and finish by saying "Simon says, let's all have a seat."

SAY • Great job listening friends! You did a great job obeying the commands. In today's Bible story, the people of Judah did not listen to God's warning. But God still loved them. GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS.

MAKE MEGAPHONES

(colored construction paper - 1 per child, stickers & tape per group)

Provide colorful construction paper and stickers. Help preschoolers stick stickers to their paper; then roll up the paper into a cone shape. Tape the cone to seal it. Demonstrate how to talk into the megaphone.

SAY • The last kings of Judah did not obey God. They did not listen to God's messengers. The king of Babylon took away the people of Judah. GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS. Jesus is the perfect King who obeyed God.

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 2 Chronicles 36.

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

Say the story point and gospel gems.

GOSPEL GEMS

- The last kings of Judah did not obey God.
- The king of Babylon took away the people of Judah.
- Jesus is the perfect King who obeyed God.

Pray with your group. Pray for your preschoolers by name if possible. 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.