



UNIT 15 | NOVEMBER 2019

Babies -Toddlers Lesson

Jeremiah, Prophet to Judah

Bible Passage: Jeremiah

Story Point: God planned to send Jesus.

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

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

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

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. God's people stopped loving God and loved other things. 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! 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. 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.

BABIES 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.

HOW TO USE THE ACTIVITIES

As a nursery volunteer, your primary focus is on keeping babies-toddlers safe and happy. We understand that your classroom is busy, and your hands are literally full. However, we know that your influence on these children is more than childcare. The activities included in this lesson are suggestions of how to be more intentional in pointing little ones to Jesus. The theme will remain the same all month long. Choose one activity per week to focus on and don't worry if you run out of time.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

Each month make sure to pass out the Big Picture Card for families to interact with at home.

BABIES ACTIVITIES

LOOK IN THE BIBLE

(small Bibles)

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Jeremiah. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY • Isaiah saw God on His throne in all of His power and glory. God told Isaiah to tell people about the Messiah. GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. [Pray for babies.]

SING A BIBLE STORY SONG

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:
“God had a plan to rescue us, rescue us, rescue us!
God had a plan to rescue us. God sent Jesus.”

SAY • GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS. God sent Jesus to rescue us. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

READ ABOUT GOD’S PLAN FOR BABIES

(“God Chose You Book” printable)

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

SAY • Jeremiah was a prophet to Judah. Jeremiah told people God’s words. GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS. God sent Jesus to forgive His people forever.

TODDLER ACTIVITIES

CIRCLE TIME (5 MINUTES)

(small Bibles)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God’s words. Read the key passage card to toddlers. Open your Bible to Jeremiah. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the story. Say the story point and gospel gems. Pray.

TAKE CARE OF BABIES

(baby dolls, blankets)

Provide baby dolls and blankets for babies 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 a prophet to 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.

READ ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR TODDLERS (**"God Chose You Book" printable**)

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

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