



UNIT 17 | SESSION 1 | JANUARY 4-5, 2020

2s-3s Lesson

Obadiah the Prophet

Bible Passage: Obadiah

Story Point: God promised to take care of His people.

Key Passage: “I know the plans I have for you ... plans ... to give you a future and a hope”
Jeremiah 29:11.

Christ Connection: We can trust Jesus to make wrong things right.

KID CONNECT:
30 MINUTES

LARGE GROUP:
15 MINUTES

SMALL GROUP:
15 MINUTES

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

The conflict between Edom and Israel began in the story of Jacob and Esau. The twins struggled in the womb, and their mother Rebekah asked God why. God explained that from her womb would come two nations, and the older would serve the younger (Gen. 25:23).

The nation of Israel descended from Jacob (the younger), and the nation of Edom descended from Esau (the older). For centuries, the two families were at odds.

The Book of Obadiah is God’s message about Edom in response to their sin—specifically their gloating over the Babylonian invasion of Jerusalem. When the Babylonians invaded Jerusalem, the people of Edom didn’t help. Like an envious brother, Edom was glad to see Judah overcome. In fact, Edom was a guilty participant in the harm against Judah (Obad. 11).

The prophet Obadiah gives the charges against Edom and handed down the sentence from the Lord: Edom would be totally destroyed. No remnant of Esau’s family would remain. On the other hand, Obadiah said God’s people would be restored.

God said the people of Edom would get what they deserved. “As you have done, it will be done to you; what you deserve will return on your own head” (Obad. 15). God’s rule is just. The fate of the

Edomites might as well be ours. But here's the reality-as you have done, it was done to Christ; what you deserve was returned on His head. Jesus is King, and one day He will deliver His people from their enemies once and for all.

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.

HUNT FOR ITEMS IN SAND

(2-4 sealed plastic bags with nature items inside per class)

Invite children to search for items in the sand while sharing about today's Bible story.

SAY • What do you see inside the sand? All of these things are found on land. God made these things. Today, we will hear about a man named Obadiah. Obadiah gave people a message from God. God said He would bring His people home to their land and make everything right. Listen to what else God said through Obadiah in today's Bible story.

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: JESUS LOVES ME, VIDEO: JEREMIAH 29:11)

Sing "Jesus Loves Me" and "Jeremiah 29:11."

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

(CG: GIANT TIMELINE)

(Bible, Bookmark)

Place a bookmark at Obadiah 1 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it. Display the open Bible.

SAY • The Bible is a true book. It tells us everything we need to know about God. Our Bible story today comes from the Book of Obadiah.

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

(VIDEO: OBADIAH THE PROPHET, CG: BIBLE STORY PICTURE, CG: STORY POINT)

Invite children to make an “O” with their arms each time they hear the name Obadiah by clasping their hands and rounding their elbows.

Show the Bible story video.

SAY • Obadiah told God’s people a message. Obadiah said that God promised to take care of His people. God always keeps His promises. The people of Edom were not kind to God’s people. God told the people of Edom that they would be punished for hurting God’s people.

CHRIST CONNECTION

SAY • Later, God’s people hurt His Son, Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to be punished for people’s wrong choices. We can trust Jesus to make wrong things right.

PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

(CG: KEY PASSAGE)

(Bible, Key Passage Marker)

Place the key passage marker at Jeremiah 29:11. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Watch the key passage song for an example.

SAY • “I know the plans I have for you (*point to temples*) ... plans (*display arms in front*) to give you a future and a hope (*rainbow arms from left to right*)” Jeremiah 29:11. God’s plans are very good! He knows exactly what will happen in the future—your future! God wants the best for you. God wants to use you in His plan!

PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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FIX WHAT IS BROKEN

(1 paper plate per group, 1 roll of colored tape per group)

Show the two halves of the broken plate to the children in your group and let them each take a turn holding it before passing it to another child. Then show children how to fix the plate by putting it back together and placing a piece of colorful tape on the plate to hold it together. Encourage preschoolers to add a piece of tape to the plate and fix what is broken as you retell the Bible story.

SAY • This plate is broken and needs help just like the people in our Bible story today needed help. Obadiah said God would help His people and bring them back home. We can fix this plate together and make it better, but one day, Jesus will make all wrong things right.

BUILD A HOME

(1 large paper square, 1 paper triangle, 2 small paper squares, 1 small paper rectangle, 1 paper person – 1 set per group)

Display the shapes for preschoolers and help them form a house. Talk about how the shapes represent the roof, windows, and doors. Retell the Bible story reminding children about how God helped bring His people home.

SAY • Let’s build a home together! Our homes have a roof, a door, and maybe some windows. Obadiah said God would bring His people back to their home. God’s people were so happy to be home. God always keeps His promises.

KEY PASSAGE WITH MOTIONS

Say the key passage using motions. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying. “I know the plans I have for you (*point to temples*) ... plans (*display arms in front*) to give you a future and a hope (*rainbow arms from left to right*)” Jeremiah 29:11.

GOSPEL GEMS

(1 Key Passage Card per group, 1 Bible Story Picture per group)

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

- Edom was happy when God punished Judah.
- Obadiah said God would bring His people back to their land.
- Jesus will be King over God's people forever.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Big Picture Card & Story Point coloring page (optional), 1 per child)

Two & Three-year olds may color the optional Story Point coloring page as parents arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool Christ Connection with their child this week.