

Unit 14 • Session 3
October 12-13, 2019
K-1 Lesson
Israel Taken Captive

BIBLE PASSAGE:
2 Kings 17

STORY POINT:
Israel ignored God's prophets and was captured.

KEY PASSAGE:
2 Peter 3:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:
Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.

Kid Connect
(10 minutes)

Large Group
(30 minutes)

Small Group
(20 minutes)

LEADER Bible Study

God's people had a history of disobeying God. Sin separated them from God. But man was created to know and love God, and God was working out a plan to bring His children back to Himself. Like any good father, God knows that disobedience needs to be punished. "The LORD disciplines the one he loves, just as a father disciplines the son in whom he delights" (Prov. 3:12).

After the tribes of Israel split into the Northern Kingdom and Southern Kingdom, God sent prophets to both kingdoms to warn the people to turn from their sins and obey God. Over the course of 200 years, the prophets Elijah, Elisha, Jonah, Amos, and Hosea spoke to Israel and warned them of the consequences of their idolatry. They called for Israel to repent and turn back to God. But Israel did not listen.

God had been very patient with the Israelites. He had helped them in times of trouble and delayed their punishment because He is gracious and compassionate. (See 2 Kings 13:23.) But God knew His people would not love Him with all their hearts.

Finally, God had had enough. Evil King Hoshea ruled over Israel, and God allowed Israel's enemies to send the people into exile. The king of Assyria attacked Israel and laid siege to Samaria. Assyria captured Samaria and forced the people to leave the city. The Northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed, and the people were scattered, just as God had said it would be. (See 1 Kings 14:15.)

Israel's exile was God's judgment on their sin, but God was not finished working among His people. God was still working out His plan to keep His covenant promises. As you teach, point kids to Jesus, the answer to God's promises. We too disobey God, but Jesus took God's judgment for our sin upon Himself. Jesus changes our hearts, brings us into God's presence, and keeps us there.



KID CONNECT

Welcome time

[Intro Music](#)

Play intro music and greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group.

SAY • Prompt kids to think of a time they faced consequences for their actions. Were they sorry for their actions or just sorry they got caught? How can consequences be helpful?

Emoji masks

Paper plates, 1 per kid, markers

Provide paper plates and markers. Invite each kid to make an emoji mask. Suggest kids choose from the following: happy, sad, angry, afraid, disgusted, surprised. Give various scenarios, inviting kids to hold up their mask if it represents how they would feel in that certain instance.

(Example scenarios: Your mom makes lasagna for dinner; your cousin can't come to your birthday party; your brother breaks your favorite toy; you hear a strange noise at night; you discover a bug in your room; your parents announce a family vacation.)

SAY • Were you surprised by any of the reactions? How would you feel if someone you loved did not love you back? How do you think God feels when someone He loves doesn't love or obey Him?

Transition to Large Group

LARGE GROUP

Countdown

[VIDEO: Countdown](#)

Show the countdown video as you transition to Large Group. Set it to end as the session begins.

Large Group game

Bucket, fish, pole net

[SFX: Game Intro Music](#)

[SFX: Fish Music](#)

Fresh Catch

Select 2 teams (2 boys and 2 girls) to play. Ask the audience to make room in the middle. Choose 1 team to go first and have the other team stand to the side and watch. Make 1 kid the "thrower", give them a bucket of rubber fish and have them stand ON the stage. Make the other kid the "catcher", give them a pole net and have them stand OFF the stage. When you say go, the thrower has to throw a fish (underhanded) to their teammate who tries to catch it in the net. If they do, they get a point. They will have 30 seconds to get as many points as possible. If the bucket runs out, have their Small Group Leader run the fish back up to the thrower on the stage to keep trying. Then have the other team go. Whoever ends with the most points wins!



Worship

VIDEO: Wavewalker
VIDEO: God is For Us

Leader • Hi guys! Let's stand and worship!

Introduce the session (3 minutes)

leader attire

CG: Theme Background

[Leader enters wearing a rain poncho.]

Leader • Welcome back to the docks, kids! I'm glad you could make it again. I set out tomorrow on a long fishing expedition, and I won't be back for weeks. That means this is our last chance to hang out and talk about the Bible together.

This week I was thinking about the way we catch fish. We drop huge nets into the water. Sometimes we drag them along, but for the most part, we just leave them there and wait for fish to swim into them. You might think a fish could learn to avoid nets, but the fish who get caught never get a do-over.

In a way, that reminds me of our Bible story. God's people had run right into the tangling net of sin. They worshiped gods that were not real and repeatedly ignored the one true God's warnings. Eventually, the net closed around them, and they were caught. As you can imagine, it wasn't a fishing boat captain who caught them, but a brutal enemy nation. I'll tell you all about it.

Big picture question (1 minute)

CG: Big Picture Question

Leader • As we hear today's Bible story, keep our big picture question in mind: *Why should we obey God?* Do you remember the answer? *[Allow kids to respond.] Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.*

Giant timeline (1 minute)

CG: Giant Timeline

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

Leader • Our story today is a great example of God's best being very different from what people think is easiest. From the story of Jonah, we learned that **God loves all people and showed mercy to the Ninevites**. From Hosea's life we learned **God is faithful to His people even when they do not love Him**. This week we will see what happened when God's people still would not obey God. It's a sad story, but even in the sadness there is hope.

Watch the Bible story

Bible

Show the Bible story video "Israel Taken Captive."

VIDEO: Israel Taken Captive

CG: Bible Story Picture

CG: Story Point

Leader • Sin is dangerous. It leads us away from God. Sin hurts us, our relationships with other people, and our relationship with God. Sin keeps us from enjoying the goodness of God.



In a way, you can think about it like this: would your mom or dad buy you a fully grown, hungry tiger as a pet? If that tiger was certainly going to hurt you and try to eat you, would your parents say it was OK to own it as a pet? Of course not!

Your parents love you and want to protect you from things that can hurt you. If you kept going to a place where you were in danger, they may even ground you to keep you from going back to get hurt again. That's a little bit like what God did to the Israelites. They kept ignoring God's warnings and disobeying Him.

The Israelites may not have realized how much danger they were in by disobeying God, but God did. He loved them too much to allow them to keep making wrong choices. He wanted something better for them. **Israel ignored God's prophets and was captured.** Even in that sadness, God was working things together to bless His people.

Christ connection

Leader • When the Israelites disobeyed God again and again, God punished them by removing them from His presence. We disobey God, but Jesus took the punishment for our sin upon Himself. Jesus brings us into God's presence and keeps us there. Because of Jesus, we can be close to God. We can know and love Him.

Note: You may use this opportunity to use Scripture and the guide provided to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.

Key passage

Bible

CG: Key Passage

Show the key passage slide. Lead the kids to read together 2 Peter 3:9.

Leader • The Bible teaches us that God's view of time is very different from our view of time. It sometimes feels like God is taking forever to send Jesus back and fix all the brokenness of the world. Our key passage teaches us that what feels like slowness is really just God's being patient with us and giving more time for more people to believe in what Jesus did. We can use that time to share Jesus with others.

Pray and dismiss to small groups

Halloween Costume Announcement!

Leader • Before we head to small groups, I want to let everyone know that KidCity wants you to wear your Halloween costume to church on the weekend of October 26-27. It's going to be a lot fun! Please remember a few things: No masks, nothing scary, and please keep it kid friendly!



SMALL GROUP

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Key passage activity (5 minutes)

Key Passage Posters, scissors, paper bags

Before the session, make copies of the key passage poster. Cut each poster into several strips to make a puzzle. Keep each set in a separate bag. Then distribute the poster puzzle for kids to assemble. When a group finishes, help them read the key passage together.

SAY • God is so patient. We see in today's Bible story that instead of immediately punishing the disobedience of Israel, He sent prophets to warn them to turn back to God. But **Israel ignored God's prophets and was captured**. This story teaches us that God desires for everyone to know and love Him!

Patience game

stickers

Have children sit in a circle facing one another. Explain that they must sit quietly without making a sound, but that they may try to make each other laugh only using facial expressions. If they make a sound or do not stay seated, they are "out" and must wait to play in the next round. The kid who can stay absolutely silent the longest gets wins and gets a sticker. Play a few rounds making sure to allow for discussion and prayer.

SAY • Great job being patient! We can learn to be patient like God. Explain, that part of patience is waiting our turn to talk and sitting quietly. Ask children if they found it hard to be patient and why? Remind children that God is more patient than anyone.

Reflection and prayer (5 minutes)

pencils and crayons, paper, Activity/Bible Story Coloring Page, 1 per kid

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child and allow them to color while asking the following questions:

What did today's story teach me about God?

What does this story teach me about myself?

Who can I tell about this story?

How can I pray for you this week?

Make sure to send home the activity page so that parents can see what their kids have been learning.

Make time for prayer requests and pray for your group. If you have additional time, allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page provided with this session.

