

PROPHETS TO JUDAH PT. 2

Bible Reference: Nahum

Date: 11/2/25

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

1st Service

Memory Verse:

"The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made."
Psalm 145:9

Big Picture Question:

What is God like? God is holy, good, and loving

Christ Connection

- Nahum told God's people good news. God loves His people and takes care of them. Jesus has good news for people who love and trust Him. All of the enemies of God and His children were defeated at the cross. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things.

Schedule

- **Welcome/ Intro Activity.....5 minutes**
 - **Kindergarten in Large Group Lesson @ 9:20.....15-20 minutes**
- **Circle Time and Bible Story.....10 minutes**
- **Movement Activity.....10 minutes**
- **Craft.....5-7 minutes**
- **Music.....5 minutes**
- **Global Partner Feature.....5-7 minutes**
- **Prayer and Bible Verse.....10 minutes**
- **Snack/ Discussion Time.....5-7 minutes**
- **Group Game.....10 minutes**
- **Additional Activities.....As Needed**

Notes and Reminders

Happy November! Last week, our PreK-4th graders learned an overview of the prophets to Judah. This week, we are focusing in on Nahum. We will discover how Nahum learned about God's justice!

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

Our hyper-vigilant culture is full of warnings: warnings of what will happen if you take certain medicines, warnings not to use forbidden words in particular places, authoritative warnings against actions deemed inappropriate or illegal, and many more.

Though at times these warnings may feel harsh, unnecessary, or far too limiting, they exist to guide people to right decisions that are often best for them and the people around them.

The same is true with the warnings we find in the Bible, both those directed toward people in a particular place at a particular time and those generally made for all readers of all times. They exist as God's reminder to us of what is ultimately for our good.

The warnings of Nahum fit this bill as well. These warnings come as stern and even harsh language through the prophet, intended to wake up a group of spiritually sleepy people who had again turned to their wicked ways. Nahum warned of a coming judgment and painful punishment. He warned of devastation and destruction as a consequence for sin.

Yet, these warnings stood as God's gracious gift to rebellious people. Through the prophet Nahum, God told these people of His holiness, their sin, His pending consequences, and the urgency with which they ought to heed to these warnings.

I can imagine that these people could have received these in much the same way that we often receive warnings today: frustrations with the limitations, severity, and apparent inconvenience they present; however, as we see throughout the pages of Scripture, these warnings serve as an invitation to people far from God to turn to Him for hope, joy, and peace that can only be found by His grace.

The next time you read the warnings of Scripture, celebrate the hope they bring as they demonstrate His good grace to show us a better way, the way to Him. Remember, God doesn't desire devastation but true repentance that results in ultimate deliverance

JUNIOR SHEPHERD HIGHLIGHT

The prophet Nahum gave strong warnings to the people of Nineveh. They had turned away from God and gone back to doing evil things. Through Nahum, God warned them that judgment and punishment were coming if they didn't change their ways.

Even though Nahum's message sounded harsh, it was actually a sign of God's kindness. God wanted to give the people a chance to turn back to Him before it was too late.

Just like people today, the people of Nahum's time might have felt frustrated by God's warnings. But God doesn't give warnings to make life harder — He gives them to bring us back to Him, where we can find real hope, joy, and peace.

So, when you read warnings in the Bible, remember: they're not meant to scare us, but to show us God's love and guide us toward what's truly good. God doesn't want to destroy us — He wants us to turn back to Him and find freedom and life.

What does it mean for us to trust in God? Is it something we do, something, we say, something we think?

It is all of these things! God wants us to count on him with everything that we have! Maybe when you are worried you take time to pray that God will help you to be calm. When you are happy you can shout thanks to God! When everything feels normal, you can think about how God has blessed you and helped you get to this calm feeling!

We can teach the kids in our classes each week to trust God by showing them how we trust God! Talk to the kids about ways you trust God at school, or how you trust God to work out a problem with your friends. You could ask the kids if there is anything they are worried about, and help them pray for God to show them how to solve the problem.

Even if you don't realize it, these sweet kiddos are learning from everything you do! What are some other things you can teach them by the way you act?

OUTLINE



Welcome and Intro Activity

5 minutes

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

- Instruct children to sit. Share good news and bad news such as you broke your favorite toy; it is your birthday, your friend is sick and can't play; or you scored a goal in your soccer game. Tell children to make a thumbs up for good news and a thumbs down for bad news.
- **SAY** It is much better to receive good news than bad news. In our Bible story today, a prophet named Nahum delivered both good and bad news. Listen closely to find out who received the good news and who received the bad news.

Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes

Thinking Activity

- Bring in a newspaper then open it to point out age-appropriate good news. **Make sure** all images and headlines are appropriate for young children.
- **SAY** Newspapers contain both good news and bad news. People want to know about the good things and be warned about the bad things. In our Bible story today, God sent the prophet Nahum to deliver good news and bad news. Let's learn about this true story now

Bible Story

- Nahum (NAY huhm) was a prophet, and God gave him an important message. Nahum went to the city of Nineveh (NIN uh vuh) to share God's message. Nineveh was in a country called Assyria (uh SIHR ih uh). The people who lived in Assyria were mean. They fought with God's people. Nahum told the people about God. God is jealous. That means only God deserves to be worshiped, so He does not want people to worship other things. Also, God is fair. He punishes people who do wrong things. He does not get angry too easily. God is powerful. He has power over everything because He created it. God can make the sea and the rivers dry up. Nahum said, "When God comes to punish Nineveh, the mountains will shake and the earth will move. People will be afraid because God is so powerful." God is good. When bad things are happening, He can keep people safe. He takes care of people who know and love Him. But the people in Nineveh did not know God. They did not love Him, and they did not trust Him. God was going to punish them. Then God spoke to His people.



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- He said, “The people in Assyria are strong and have big armies, but I will win against them. You have been hurt, but you won’t get hurt anymore.” God was going to set His people free! The message Nahum shared from God was bad news for the people of Nineveh, but it was good news for the people of God. God’s people would live in peace. They could worship God and obey Him. Their enemies would be gone.

Christ Connection

- Nahum told God’s people good news. God loves His people and takes care of them. Jesus has good news for people who love and trust Him. All of the enemies of God and His children were defeated at the cross. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things.

Review Activity

- Ask children what they remember about today’s story One by One invite them to stand up and share one thing they remember. Encourage the children to stand with their hands on their hips and their feet shoulder-width apart and talk like a prophet as they share.
- **SAY** You all have great memories today! When the prophets shared what God told them to say. They had to make sure everyone heard them and listened to them. Nahum probably had a strong voice to talk to so many people. Just like the people had to listen to Nahum and follow what he said, we have to listen to what Jesus tells us. We can use the Bible to understand more about how Jesus tells us to live.

Movement Activity

10 minutes

Place children in groups of two. Assign one child in each pair to stand in a pose. Ask the other child to stand in the exact same way, copying the pose. Invite the first child to have a few turns to pose. Then switch and let the second child be the leader and the first child mirror the pose. Continue play as time allows.

SAY Did that feel like you were looking in a mirror? Every time you moved, your partner matched your movement. Was it difficult to match your partner? It was kind of like the images we see in a mirror. Our big picture question and answer is, What makes people special? People are special because God made us in His own image. We are all special because God made us. Have you ever thought about the fact that God made every single person in the world?





Craft

5-7 minutes

Distribute a popsicle stick square and paper shield to each child. Read through the verse together and remind the children that God protects his people and loves us! Encourage the children to decorate the paper shield with crayons or markers. Help the children to use a glue stick to fasten the paper shield to the popsicle sticks. Show how when they hold the rubber band, they can hold their new shield in front of them!

SAY Those are some wonderful scrolls you made of Nahum's message. God wants people to know that He is good and fair. Nahum's message was good news for God's people. God loves His people and takes care of them. What makes people special? People are special because God made us in His own image. Jesus has good news for people who love and trust Him. All of the enemies of God and His children were defeated at the cross. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things. That's the best news ever!

Music

5 minutes

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you like! You may distribute the Activity Page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.

Friends From Afar

5-7 minutes

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Prayer and Bible Verse

10 minutes

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear God, we praise You for being good and fair. You love and care for us all. We are sorry for the wrong things we have done. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive us. We love You God. In Jesus' name, Amen

Bible Verse

- Instruct children to whisper the passage, then progressively recite it together louder and louder.
- SAY Our key passage gives us a great reason for praising God. God made us! And because God made us, He loves us and cares for us. That is why God sent Nahum to tell His people the good news that He was going to finally punish their enemy. Let's praise God for making us, loving us, and caring for us!

Snack and Discussion Time

5-7 minutes

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

1. Who is the prophet we talked about today? (Nahum)
2. Who is the only One that deserves our worship? (God)
3. Who is powerful enough to make the sea and the rivers dry up? (God)
4. What does God do for people who know and love Him? (He cares for them.)
5. Was Nahum's message good news or bad news for the people of God? (Good news)
6. What makes people special? People are special because God made us in His own image.

SAY God sent Nahum with a message. The message was bad news for God's enemies, but good news for the people who loved and followed God. The Bible tells us we are all sinners, and deserve punishment. But the Bible also tells us Jesus died in our place, taking the punishment for our sins. God loves and saves everyone who trusts that Jesus died and rose again for them.





Group Game

10 minutes

- Draw a happy face on a piece of paper before the session. Fold the paper with the happy face on the inside. Instruct the children to sit in a circle. Tell the first child in the circle to carefully unfold the paper and look inside to see if the paper contains good news or bad news. If he thinks it is good news, he should smile; if he thinks it is bad news, he should frown. Instruct the child to silently pass the paper to the next person. Continue to pass the paper around the circle until everyone has had a turn.
- **SAY** When God gave Nahum good and bad news to deliver, it was not a game. The people of Nineveh refused to listen to God's warnings. It was time for God to punish them. But this was good news for God's people. God loved His people and protected them. Jesus has good news for people who love and trust Him. Even though we all do bad things, Jesus took away all our sin when He died on the cross.

Additional Activities

As Needed

Play Games Together

- Suggest that the children gather and play a board game, work puzzles together, or use flashcards to with friends. Pray, thanking God for friends who tell each other about Jesus.
- **SAY** Sometimes our church has events that we can invite our friends who don't know Jesus so that they can become more comfortable at church. As you play games together, you can get to know one another better and tell your friends that Jesus loves them

Look At Signs

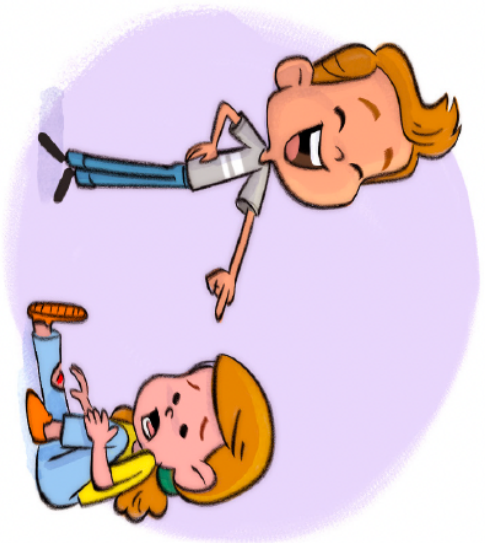
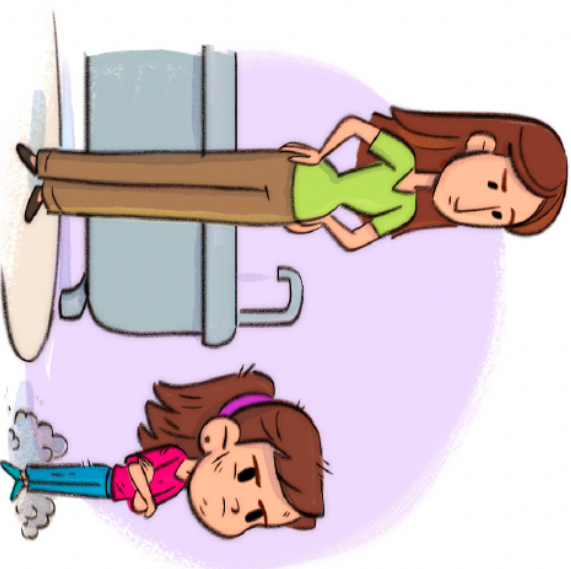
- Cut out each traffic sign from the "Traffic Signs" printable. Tape a craft stick to the backside of each sign so it can stand. these signs in the block area. Read each sign and use a toy car to demonstrate what the sign means. Encourage preschoolers to use the signs as they play with toy cars.
- **SAY** Traffic signs help warn people and keep them safe while driving. Nahum warned the people what God was about to do. Nahum's warning had both good and bad news. Jesus has good news for people who love and trust Him. All of the enemies of God and His children were defeated at the cross. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things.





Which is Wrong?

INSTRUCTIONS: Examine the children below and draw an X on the pictures of children doing what is wrong.



NAME: _____



the **GOSPEL** PROJECT.

Nahum Warned of God's Judgment

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Nahum told the people in Nineveh that God is jealous, fair, powerful, and good.
- God would punish the people in Nineveh because they did not love or trust Him.
- God told His people He would set them free from their enemies.
- The message Nahum shared was bad news for the people of Nineveh, but good news for the people of God.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Nahum told God's people good news. God loves His people and takes care of them. Jesus has good news for people who love and trust Him. All of the enemies of God and His children were defeated at the cross. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 139:14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What makes people special? People are special because God made us in His own image.









***The Lord is good, a
stronghold in the day of
trouble; and he knows
those who trust in him.***

NAHUM 1:7