

Prophets to Judah - Part 2

Nehum

What is God like?

God is holy, good, and loving.

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

Story Point:

God sent prophets to tell the people to repent of their sins.



PREPARE HEARTS

- ☐ Starter Activity and Question of the Day
- ☐ 11:00 - Kids Worship



ACTIVATE HEARTS

- ☐ Lesson Review - Prophets to Judah
- ☐ Discussion Questions
- ☐ Group Demonstration" God's Protection



ENGAGE HEARTS

- ☐ Share and Care Prayer Time
- ☐ Group Game: Balance Challenge
- ☐ Group Activity: The Minor Prophets - Sword Drills

SHEPHERD GUIDE

There are countless facets of God's character that we encounter in His Word, however it can seem like some are in direct conflict. For example, God is loving, but He is also just. Both God's love and His justice are on display at the cross. God shows His love for us in that He was willing to give up His only Son in order to save us from destruction and we see His justice as Jesus took on the wrath of God in payment for the sin of the world.

The book of Nahum explores these truths, bringing us a sense of rest and peace. We are confident that God will show Himself to be faithful to rescue those who trust Him and punish those who turn away. As you prepare to teach kids this week, consider the following three truths about God.

God will punish the guilty. No sin will go unpunished. God has made it clear that sin deserves punishment, yet He is slow to anger and incredibly patient with us. Those who turn their backs on God will be eternally separated from Him. God is a safe place for those who go to Him.

God is merciful to rescue those who obey Him. He tells us that He is a refuge in times of trouble and He cares for those who trust in Him. God is faithful to keep His promises and we know that He will indeed save us from our sin.

God will be honored before the nations. God's work does not go unnoticed. When He rescued the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, the Egyptians took notice. When He delivered them from their enemies in order to gain access to the promised land, the surrounding nations saw that the Lord was with His people. God's name will be honored and glorified through His love and justice in the world.

In this session, help the kids understand that it is right for God to punish sin, even when it seems harsh. The reality is that we are all sinful and deserve God's wrath, but in His love for us God made a way for us to be set free from sin and made whole again

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 10:20 - 10:30 in C1.
Your supply bin will be in your classroom.



GRADES 3-4

KNOW + LOVE + FOLLOW

November 2, 2025
2nd Service

MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

- *KNOW that God is patient and kind.
- *TRUST in Him and His promises.
- *GO to God in their times of trouble.



As you arrive and children come and go - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the others. Use this time to get to know your kids - ask them about their week, about their likes and dislikes and about their school, family and friends.

Ways to connect - Play a game from the closet, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, etc.

When most kids have arrived for 2nd service (by 10:50ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.

**Option - Pen Pal Kit!!*



PREPARE HEARTS

Starter Activity

Welcome and
Question of the
Day

Question of the Day: **What comes to mind when you hear the word “rest?”**

Usually when we think of rest we imagine sleeping in late on a Saturday morning or taking a break from hard work. Sometimes rest means having peace or not worrying about something. When we trust in God, He allows us to rest, or have peace, knowing that He has rescued us and will care for us.

Today, we will read from the minor prophet book, Nahum. It's in the Old Testament, and in it we read about a vision that Nahum had about God punishing the city of Nineveh for their continued sin. It also contains a message of hope for the people of God who continue to trust in Him. God promises to rescue and protect His people. We can rest in God's promise, trusting that He is good and faithful to do what He says He will do.



KIDS WORSHIP

11:00

Take children to LG2 for combined Pre-K -4th grade worship time.



ACTIVE MINDS

You can use the REVIEW VIDEO on your TV and / or use this lesson as a review of what was taught 1st service.

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Bibles,
Review Video –
Bible story on TV

Open your Bible to Nahum. You can use the Kids Sermon Outline as you go through the story.

KIDS SERMON OUTLINE

God will punish the guilty (Nah. 1:1-6): The Assyrians were enemies of God's people and God was going to judge them.

God is a safe place for those to go to Him (Nah. 1:7-8): God is good and He takes care of those who trust in Him.

God will be honored before the nations (Nah. 3:1-7): God is powerful and He brings freedom to His people.

God gave a message to Nahum (NAY huhm) the prophet. Nahum took God's message to Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria. The Assyrians were mean, evil people. They were enemies of God's people, and God was going to judge them.

First, Nahum told the people what God is like. God is a jealous God. That means He wants people to worship only Him. Only God deserves to be worshiped. When people worship created things, they are saying that those things are like God. But nothing is like God!

Nahum said God punishes the guilty, those who do wrong. He is angry with His enemies, and He will judge them. God does not lose His temper; He is patient.

He is powerful, too. When God comes, He will make the sea and the rivers dry up. The mountains will shake, and everyone will be afraid. No one can stand up against the power of God.

Nahum said the Lord is good. When there is trouble, He is a safe place. He takes care of people who trust in Him. But the people of Nineveh did not trust in Him. They were God's enemies, and He was going to destroy them.

Then Nahum took a message to God's people: "The Assyrians are strong and have big armies, but I will defeat them. You have been hurt, but you won't hurt anymore." The Assyrians had power over God's people, but God was going to set His people free!

God's message was bad news for Nineveh and good news for the people of God. Peace was coming for God's people! Now they could worship God and obey Him freely. Their enemies would be gone.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Nahum brought a message of comfort to God's people, reminding them that God loves His people and will protect them from their enemies.

Jesus also brought a message of comfort, salvation, and peace to His people. All of the enemies of God and His children were defeated at the cross. One day, God will finally judge all evil.

God is good to rescue those who trust in Him, and He is right to punish those who turn away from Him. God had been exceedingly patient with the people of Assyria, even sending the prophet Jonah to warn them to turn away from their sin. They repented and worshiped God for a little while, but then fell back into the sin of idolatry and violence against God's people. The message for them was one of punishment and judgment for their sin, but Nahum had a good message for the people of God. Nahum brought a message of comfort to God's people, reminding them that God loves His people and will protect them from their enemies.

Jesus also brought a message of comfort, salvation, and peace to His people. All of the enemies of God and His children were defeated at the cross. One day, God will finally judge all evil. We have an important choice to make. Will we continue to sin and have to accept God's punishment, or will we humble our hearts and turn to Jesus, allowing Him to forgive our sin and heal our hearts? We can find rest in God, knowing that He will save us from eternal punishment, and also bring justice to those who have disobeyed Him.



Discussion

Discussion
questions listed
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Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

How should you respond to people when they are mean to you? Discuss how the Assyrians were mean, wicked people that hurt the people of Israel. Lead kids to understand that God is Judge and will judge people for their sin. Encourage kids to model the same forgiveness Jesus has shown them. Remind kids that Jesus said we are to pray for our enemies. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Matt. 5:44-45.)

How have you seen God's goodness in your life? Answers will vary. Lead kids to remember that God is good and that He promises to take care of us. Encourage kids to remember that God always does what is best and that we can trust in Him. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Ps. 31:19-20.)

How can you share the good news of the gospel? Answers will vary. Encourage kids to continue to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others in their lives. Remind kids that Jesus commanded us to share the gospel with all people. Lead kids to think about how people cannot believe in Jesus if they have never heard about Him. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Rom. 10:13-15.)



God's Protection

- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Oven mitt
- Hand sanitizer

Display the large bag full of the supplies at the front of the room. Explain that there are several items in the bag that are used for protection. Call up one volunteer at a time to reach into the bag and pull out an item. Ask the volunteer to tell you what that item is used for and how it might protect someone.

SAY: All of these items are important to help protect us in different situations.

Can you think of anything else that we might need to protect us? [Accept answers.]

What protects us from the punishment from sin? That's right, God protects us from punishment. God is merciful to forgive us when we humble our hearts and repent.

But how are we forgiven? [Accept answers.] The answer to that question is the story of the gospel! We know that God, in His great love for us, sent His Son Jesus to live a perfect life and die on the cross. When Jesus was on the cross, He took on the sins of the whole world. We know that the punishment for sin is death, and when Jesus died, He took that punishment for us. Jesus stood in our place so we don't have to bear that punishment ourselves. While it is true that our physical bodies will still die someday, we will live forever with God. Jesus promises that one day even our bodies will be raised from the dead, just as He was. Putting our faith in Christ means we will have life with Him for eternity!

In our story, did everyone trust in God? No, the people of Nineveh continued to worship false idols and turn away from the one true God. They deserved punishment for their sin and God was right to punish them. God always does what He says He will do. He is true to His word. So when God spoke through the prophet Nahum, the people of Nineveh should have listened. Sadly, they continued in their sin and their city, and later the whole nation of Assyria, was completely destroyed. God is right to punish those who turn away from Him, but He is also merciful to protect those who trust in Him!



Share and Care Prayer

Spend some time as a class sharing about:

- Our Global Partner Family of the Month (**The Saragih Family**)
- Ask for specific prayer requests that any of the kids have to share about something going on in their own lives.

Have the class sit in a circle as you share and care for one another's needs. Ask for and share requests with one another. Review and follow up with any prayer requests from the chain made the week before. Use the Global Partner of the Month spotlight sheet (In the Pen Pal Kit) to talk about prayer requests from the Saragih Family.



Balance Challenge

- Spoons
- Ping pong balls

We have learned so much about what God is like and how He wants us to live. Let's play a fun game now to help us remember something important about our Bible story. Form two teams and have them line up on one side of the room. This game will be played in two rounds. For the first round, give each team a spoon and a ping pong ball. With the ping pong ball balanced on the spoon, the first kid on each team must race to the other side of the room and then back to their team. If the ping pong ball falls, they will do a challenge and then continue on with the race. Challenges can include doing 10 jumping jacks, spinning around in a circle four times, hopping on one foot for 30 seconds, etc. For the second round, tape the ping pong ball securely to the spoon. Let the kids repeat the race.

In the first round of the game, was it easy or difficult to keep the ping pong ball on the spoon? [Accept responses.] It was pretty tough, and you guys had to complete a lot of challenges. What changed in the second round to make it easier? [Accept responses.] That's right, we used tape to attach the ping pong ball to the spoon and it didn't fall off!

In today's story, we saw that God is just and that He punishes sin. That is like when the ping pong ball would fall off the spoon and you would have to do a challenge to keep going, the challenge was a consequence. But we also saw that God offers protection to those who trust in Him. God is just, but He's also loving. In the second round of the game, you had the protection of the tape. When we are following God, we are still going to struggle with sin and bad things will still happen in our lives. However, God offers us His protection by sending Jesus to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. God cares about the way we live, because we belong to Him. He created us and we are special to Him. God loves us too much to let us be separated from Him forever, so He made a way for us to be forgiven of sin and be close to Him again. When we give our lives to Jesus, our hearts are cleansed of sin and we are set free. We are praying that, if you haven't already, you would give your life to Jesus and experience the rest He provides, and the abundant life He offers us.



The Minor Prophets - Sword Drills

- Bibles

Provide each kid with a Bible. Tell kids that you will call out a book from the Minor Prophets division of the Old Testament.

Explain that when they hear the book, they should find the book in their Bible. Remind kids they can use the table of contents for help. Begin calling out one of the Minor Prophet books such as Nahum.

Once every kid has found the book, call out the next book. Encourage kids to help their neighbor, if needed. Tell kids to close their Bible before they begin the next round.

SAY: These 12 books are not less important, but because they are shorter, they are referred to as the Minor Prophets. Talk about how Nahum and the other Minor Prophet books are still meaningful and show us important information about God's character.