

PROPHETS TO JUDAH PT. 2

Bible Reference: Nahum

Date: 11/2/25

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

2nd 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
- Kids Worship @ 11:00.....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
- 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.

- Place the 'Things God made' page and crayons or washable markers on a table. Encourage children to draw things that God made. Let children name the things they draw. Label each item they draw on their papers. If children need help thinking of items to draw, prompt them as needed to think of an animal, a fruit, a vegetable, and people that they may choose to draw. Pray with the children and thank God for the things He created.
- SAY Nahum told the people in Nineveh that God is powerful. He said that God created everything and He has power over everything. We can thank God for the things He created. We can thank God for creating each of us. Do you remember what makes people special? People are special because God made us. He provided the way that we can be forgiven for our wrong choices.

Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes

Thinking Activity

- Greet the children as they arrive at group time. Bring the pages with the words 'good' and 'powerful' to group time. Talk about and point to each word, giving examples children will understand.
- SAY In our Bible story, Nahum told about God. God is good. God loves everyone and takes care of us. We learned last week that God sent a fish to swallow Jonah. God is good. God is powerful. God can stop a storm like He did when the sailors threw Jonah in the water. God loves us, and He is good and powerful. Listen to the story to hear more important words that describe God.

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. 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 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.



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- They did not love Him, and they did not trust Him. God was going to punish them. The message Nahum shared from God was bad news for the people of Nineveh, but it was good news for the people of God. They could worship God and obey Him.

Christ Connection

- Nahum told God's people good news. He said that God loves His people and takes care of them. Jesus also has good news for people who know and love Him. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things.

Review Activity

- Show the Bible story picture and talk about it. Roll a soft rubber ball to a child and ask a question about the story. After the child answers the question, encourage him to roll the ball to another child for the next question. Possible questions include these: "Where did Nahum go to share God's message? Who did Nahum tell the people about? What is an important word from the story that tells us about God? What does jealous mean? What was God going to do to the people of Nineveh who did not know God? Why was the message Nahum gave good news for the people of God?"
- SAY Nahum was a prophet, and God gave him an important message. Nahum went to the city of Nineveh to share God's message. Nahum said that God loves His people and takes care of them. Jesus also has good news for people who know and love Him. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things.

Movement Activity

10 minutes

Tape the happy and sad face papers on opposite sides of the room at the children's eye level. Say different actions and events from the Bible story. After each event, guide children to decide if it is good news or bad news and then walk to the area of the room with the corresponding paper. Possible actions and events include these: "Nahum told the people that God deserved to be worshiped; Nahum said that God punishes people who do wrong things; Nahum said that God is powerful and has power over everything; God is good and takes care of people who know and love Him; The people in Nineveh did not know, love, or trust God."





SAY The message Nahum shared was bad news for the people of Nineveh because they did not know or love God. [Point to the frown.] The message was good news for God's people because they worshiped and obeyed God. [Point to the smile.]

Craft

5-7 minutes

Distribute a half sheet that says either 'God is powerful' or 'God is good' to each child. Distribute straws, clear tape, and yarn to each child. You may find it helpful to distribute each item as the children need it. Assist children in taping the straws to the ends of the scroll. Lead children to color the scroll with crayons. Instruct children to roll up the ends of the scroll and assist them in tying yarn around their scroll.

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.





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!)

- God, thank You for sending Nahum and the prophets to Your people long ago. Thank You for giving us the Bible. We know the Bible is true and helps us know and follow You. We thank You for the gift of Jesus, who died for us so that we could be forgiven for our sins and be with You forever. Amen.

Bible Verse

- Place a bookmark in your Bible at Psalm 145:9. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage phrase. Encourage all the children to stand as if they were Nahum telling God's message to the people and say the phrase together.
- SAY God made each person in Nineveh. God made each of us. He wants us to know that He is good, fair, powerful, and jealous. God wants us to love and worship Him.

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.





Additional Activities

As Needed

Spell with Blocks

- Use masking tape to make large letters on the floor that spell GOD. Encourage the children to cover the tape letters with blocks such as wooden or plastic interlocking blocks. Spell the word as the children work. Encourage the children to remember the things Nahum told the people of Nineveh about God. Talk about the words good, fair, powerful, and jealous.
- SAY You are doing a great job of spelling God with the blocks. G-o-d spells God. Nahum told the people that God is good, fair, powerful, and jealous. Why did Nahum say that God is good? Why do you think God is good? Why did Nahum say that God is powerful? How do you think God is powerful?

Play with Play Dough

- Encourage children to use play dough to make things that God created. Provide small rolling pins and cookie cutters of animals, leaves, clouds, and other things God created. Talk about the shapes as the children play with the play dough.
- SAY You cut a play dough cloud and a leaf. God made the clouds and God made the trees. Nahum told the people of Nineveh that God created the world and that God is powerful. People should obey and worship God. How can you obey and worship God when you come to church? How can you obey and worship God during the week?

Obey Directions

- Give simple directions to children such as turn around two times, hop four times, touch your toes, clap three times, and sit down. Choose directions that everyone can follow based on the size of your group and your room. Compliment the children for following directions.
- SAY You listened to what I said and obeyed. God wants us to obey Him. God is fair. He will punish anyone who does not obey Him. God is also good. He sent Jesus to provide the way for us to be forgiven when we make wrong choices and do things that are wrong or evil. We can learn about God and choose to obey Him.



Things That God Made...



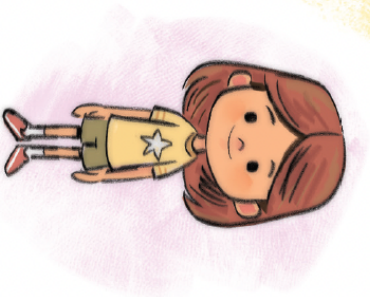


Good

Powerful

Match the Pictures

INSTRUCTIONS: Name the things below God created. Draw a line from each picture to its shadow.



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. He said that God loves His people and takes care of them. Jesus also has good news for people who know and love Him. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

I will praise God because He made me. Psalm 139:14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What makes people special? People are special because God made us.



God is Powerful

God is Good