

# GOD PROMISED A NEW COVENANT



**Bible Reference:** Jeremiah 17: 31

**Date:** 11/9/25

**Grade:** PreK /Kindergarten

**1st Service**

## **Memory Verse:**

"The Lord is good to all; he has  
compassion on all he has made."

Psalms 145:9

## **Big Picture Question:**

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

## **Christ Connection**

- The people couldn't follow God's rules perfectly, so God made a new promise. When we trust in Jesus, we are part of this new promise, and God's teachings are with us forever.

## **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! As we look at the promise of salvation in this story, remember that Christmas is just around the corner! Let's begin praying that God would use this Christmas season to reveal the promises of Jesus to not just our kids at LEFC, but to many people in our Oikos!



# SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

The prophet Jeremiah was a priest sent to speak the word of the Lord to His people. Jeremiah taught plainly about sin and how our disobedient hearts cannot be trusted. Jeremiah predicted God's judgment on Judah's sins through the nation of Babylon. Yet, Jeremiah also declared how God would make a new covenant with His people.

The people of Judah faced the same problem we face today: sin. Their failure to abide by and uphold the law was a constant reminder that they were sinful and fell short of God's standards. Jeremiah told the people that those who put their trust in mankind are cursed because men are sinful and imperfect. He also said that people cannot save themselves. But Jeremiah shared good news. He told the people that the person who trusts in the Lord will be strong and healthy, like a tree planted by water (Jeremiah 17:8).

Through Jeremiah, the Lord spoke of His everlasting love toward His people. He shared the promise of gathering His people, watching over them, and turning their mourning into joy. God promised His people a new covenant and eternal forgiveness of sin.

The old covenant required complete obedience to the law; yet no one can be justified by the law (Galatians 2:16). In His grace, God did what we cannot do. He promised a new covenant which would be accomplished by Him. Jesus is the fulfillment of the new covenant: He fulfilled the requirements of the law on our behalf. As Paul wrote, "For what the law could not do since it was weakened by the flesh, God did. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin offering" (Romans 8:3).

Forgiveness that lasts forever only comes through faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:11). As you prepare to teach on God's promise of a new covenant, take time to thank Him for His forgiveness in your life. Remind boys and girls of how God changes believers' hearts to hearts that love and obey Him.

# JUNIOR SHEPHERD HIGHLIGHT

Jeremiah was a prophet God chose to speak to His people in Judah. He warned them about their sin and told them not to trust in their own hearts or other people instead of God. Because they disobeyed, God would allow Babylon to bring judgment.

But Jeremiah also gave hope. He said that people who trust in God are like strong trees planted by water—they will grow and stay strong.

God promised to show His people everlasting love and to forgive their sins through a new covenant. In the old covenant, people had to obey every part of God's law, but no one could do that perfectly. So God sent Jesus to do what we couldn't—He took our punishment and fulfilled the law for us.

Now, anyone who has faith in Jesus can be forgiven forever. God changes believers' hearts so they can love and obey Him.

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.

- Invite children to draw on paper with pencils. Encourage them to use their erasers to erase some of their drawing. Provide markers for children to draw with on separate sheets of paper. Instruct children to try to use their pencil erasers to erase some of their marker drawing. Talk about what happens when they try to erase the marker.
- **SAY** What happened when you tried to erase lines you drew with marker? [Allow responses.] Today we will learn about a prophet named Jeremiah. Jeremiah came to tell God's people special messages. We will hear that the wrong things God's people were doing were like words carved in a rock that could not be erased, like how the marker lines could not be erased.

## Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes

### Thinking Activity

- Display the broken popsicle stick. Talk about what happened to make the object break. Ask preschoolers to share if they have ever broken something.
- **SAY** Today we will hear a story from the Bible about a group of people that had broken their promises to God. They disobeyed God and stopped following Him. In this story, we will hear how God sent a prophet named Jeremiah to tell God's people about a new promise He was making with them. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him.

### Bible Story

- God sent a helper named Jeremiah to talk to His people. Jeremiah told them they were sinning—disobeying God. Jeremiah also said people who trust in God are like strong trees that grow by the water. Jeremiah reminded everyone that our hearts can trick us, but God knows what's in our hearts and gives us what we need. Jeremiah explained that our hearts sometimes tell us that we will be happy if we do things our way instead of trusting God, and that's why we sin. Even when we try to do what's right, we cannot always do it on our own—we need God. But Jeremiah also shared good news. He said that God was going to make a new promise to His people. God said, "I will be your God, and you will be **My** people. I love you so much, and I will take care of you like a shepherd takes care of his sheep. I will turn your sadness into joy. One day, I will make a new promise with you that you won't be able to break. I will put **My** teachings in your hearts, and you will all know **Me**. I will forgive your sins forever."





### Christ Connection

- The people couldn't follow God's rules perfectly, so God made a new promise. When we trust in Jesus, we are part of this new promise, and God's teachings are with us forever.

### Review Activity

- Write numbers 1–4 on separate sheets of paper. Tape one paper in each corner of the room. Invite preschoolers to move to one of the papers while you count to three with your eyes closed. Before opening your eyes, say a number between one and four. Open your eyes. Lead one or two of the children at the numbered corner you named to share something they remember from today's Bible story. Repeat activity as time allows. Assist as needed with prompts to help preschoolers remember the story. **SAY** God sent Jeremiah to share special messages with His people. Jeremiah told about a new promise God was making with the people to help rescue them from their sins. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him.

### Movement Activity

10 minutes

Invite children to line up on one side of the room. Instruct them to listen to the statements you share and take two steps forward if the statement is true or really happened. Lead them to stay where they are if it is not true or did not happen. Assist as needed. Use some of the following statements or create your own: True: God sent Jeremiah to give messages to His people. Jeremiah said God would make a new promise to His people. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him. God said He would put His teachings in the hearts of His people. God is holy, good, and loving. Not true: God broke His promise to His people. God told Jeremiah to be mean to the people. Jeremiah made up his own messages to give to the people. God said He would not take care of His people. God is unkind and does not show love to people. **SAY** Jeremiah explained to God's people that our hearts will try to trick us by telling us to do things our way instead of trusting in God's way. Trusting in God is the right choice. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him. We are forgiven when we confess our sin and believe that Jesus died and rose again.

### Craft

5–7 minutes

Before the session, prepare a wreath base for each child by cutting out the center of a paper plate, leaving just the rim. Then, cut out heart shapes in various sizes from different-colored construction paper. During the activity, give each child a paper plate wreath, some paper hearts, and a glue stick. Encourage children to glue the hearts around the rim of their plate, creating a colorful heart wreath.





To extend the activity, help children personalize their wreaths by writing names of people they love on the hearts. Assist with spelling or writing as needed.

**SAY** Whose names are on your hearts? Why did you choose those people? [Allow responses.] God sent Jeremiah to give a special message to His people. Jeremiah explained to the people that sometimes our hearts trick us and tell us we should do things our way instead of trusting in God's way. Jeremiah reminded the people that we need God's teachings in our hearts to help us do what is right. How can you learn more about God and His teachings?

### **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**

#### **Bible Verse**

- Hide the pieces of the Psalm 145:9 puzzle in a designated area of your room or underneath chairs. Read the key passage aloud. Lead preschoolers to find the puzzle pieces. Invite the children who find pieces to come to the front and help assemble the puzzle. Attach it to a wall with tape. Read the key passage. Instruct preschoolers to repeat it together several times.





- **SAY** You took the broken pieces of the puzzle and put them together to make it new again. Even though God's people broke their promises to Him by disobeying, God still cared for them. God is good to everyone. He gave His people a new promise that one day they would be forgiven forever.

**When we trust in Jesus, we are part of this new promise.**

**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 forgiving those who trust in You. Even though we sin, thank You for still loving us and providing the way for our hearts to be made right before You. Thank You for Jesus, our Rescuer. Amen.

### **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. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
3. Who did God send to help the people understand they were doing wrong things? (Jeremiah)
4. What did Jeremiah say people who trust in God are like? (People who trust in God are like strong trees that need water to grow.)
5. What did God promise to give people who trust in Him? (God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him.)
6. What is God like? God is holy, good, and loving.

**SAY** God sent Jeremiah to be His helper and talk to the people. Jeremiah told God's people they were sinning. He also told them how people who trust in God are like strong trees that need water to grow. We grow closer to God as we learn more about Him. God made a new promise to His people. God loves, cares, and takes care of His people. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him.





### Group Game

10 minutes

- Prior to the session, print and cut apart the “Shepherd and Sheep” printable. Tape the picture of the shepherd on the wall at a preschooler’s eye level. Using painter’s tape, place a start line on the floor, a few feet from the wall. Give each child a picture of a sheep with a rolled piece of clear tape on the back. Guide them to form a line behind the start line. Have one child at a time close his eyes, step forward, and try to tape the sheep close to the shepherd.
- **SAY** Which sheep are closest to the shepherd? [Allow responses.] God said, ‘I will take care of you like a shepherd takes care of his sheep.’ A shepherd loves and takes care of his sheep. God loves and takes care of you! God holy, good, and loving. What is God like? He is holy, good, and loving.

### Additional Activities

As Needed

#### Pretend to be a Strong Tree

- Guide the children to scatter around the room and pretend to be trees. Suggest that they hold out their arms like branches. Pretend to be the wind and walk around the room blowing or waving your arms like the wind. Let different children pretend to be the wind and blow around the room.
- **SAY** God sent the prophet Jeremiah to talk to His people. God wanted His people to be strong and to stop doing wrong things. Jeremiah said that if the people trusted in God, they would be like strong trees. Jeremiah said that sometimes our hearts trick us but that God knows what we need and will give it to us. The Bible tells us that the Lord is good to everyone.

#### Sing a Song

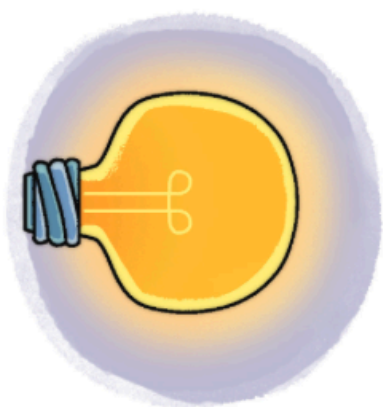
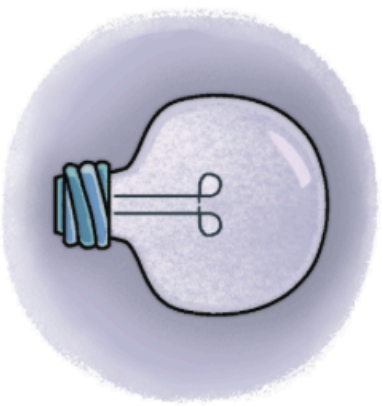
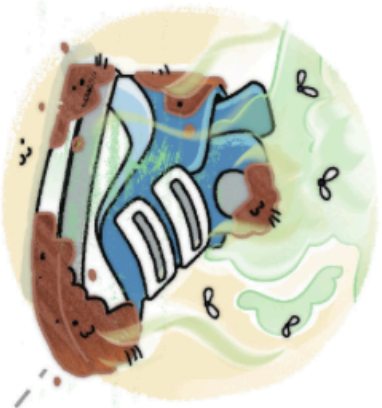
- Teach the children the motions to “My God is So Big!” Sing the song and act out the motions together.
  - Chorus
  - **My** God is so big
  - So strong and so mighty
  - there’s nothing my God cannot do!
  - x2
  - The mountains are His
  - the valleys are His
  - the stars are His handiwork too!
  - Chorus
  - Stretch your arms apart
  - Flex your arm muscles
  - Shake your finger ‘no’
  - Make a triangle with your hands
  - make a rocking basket with your hands
  - Point to the sky several times





# Match Old and New Objects

**INSTRUCTIONS:** God made a new promise to His people. Draw a line to connect each old object with its newer version.



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the **GOSPEL** PROJECT



## God Promised a New Covenant

Jeremiah 17; 31

### STORY POINT:

God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

The people couldn't follow God's rules perfectly, so God made a new promise. When we trust in Jesus, we are part of this new promise, and God's teachings are with us forever.

### KEY PASSAGE:

Psalms 145:9

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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

Scan the QR code for resources to use at home!



