

GOD PROMISED A NEW COVENANT



Bible Reference: Jeremiah 17:30

Date: 11/9/25

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

2nd 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
- **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! 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.

- Make several squares on the floor using painter's tape to form "sheep pens." Scatter several cotton balls to use as "sheep," and spread them out on the floor. Invite preschoolers to pretend to be shepherds gathering their sheep. Encourage them to pick up the sheep and place them in the pens. Play several rounds so each child has an opportunity to gather sheep.
- SAY Jeremiah was a special messenger of God called a prophet. Today we will learn about several messages he told God's people. One of these messages was that God would take care of His people like a shepherd takes care of his sheep. You helped take care of our sheep by helping them into their pens.

Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes

Thinking Activity

- Greet the children in group time. Show the picture of a walking staff with hook. Discuss how a shepherd might use a staff and hook to care for sheep. Remind the children that a good shepherd protects their sheep.
- SAY Shepherds love and care for their sheep. In our story today, we will learn that God loves and cares for His people like a shepherd cares for the sheep. Listen carefully to learn how God used Jeremiah to share His promise with the people.

Bible Story

- God sent a helper—a prophet named Jeremiah—to talk to His people because the people were doing wrong things. Jeremiah said that if the people trust in God, they will be like strong trees. Jeremiah also said that sometimes our hearts can trick us, but God knows what's in our hearts, and He gives us what we need. Jeremiah told the people that sometimes we think we'll be happy if we do things our own way instead of God's way, and that is why we sin. We need God's help to do what is right. Then Jeremiah shared happy 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 make you happy again. I will forgive your sins.

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

- Display the Bible Story Picture Poster within easy sight of preschoolers. Draw a simple tree, heart, smiling face, and a sheep on the whiteboard. Point to each object as you review the things Jeremiah said about God. After you review the story, call out the name of each picture and encourage children to play out each item.
- **SAY** Do you remember what Jeremiah said about strong trees? [Allow responses.] He said that if we trust in God, we will be like strong trees. Trees grow tall and strong even when there are storms. Trust in God, and you will be strong like a tree. Jeremiah said that sometimes our hearts will trick us but God knows what is in our hearts. He knows when we are sad or happy. He knows when we need a friend or a hug. God loves us! He gives us the things we need! Jeremiah also said that he had happy news. He said that God was going to make a new promise because He loved us. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him. Jeremiah said that God would take care of us like a good shepherd cares for his sheep.

Movement Activity

10 minutes

Using large sheets of construction paper, cut out heart shapes and display them on the floor in the center of an open area. Invite preschoolers to stand in a circle several feet from the shapes. Distribute bean bags. Prompt preschoolers to take turns trying to toss the bean bags onto the heart shapes.

SAY Hearts remind me of the word love. In today's Bible story, Jeremiah shared good news. He said that God was going to make a new promise to His people. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him. 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





Movement Activity (Cont.)

I will turn your sadness into joy.' God loves and takes care of His people. God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a cross and come back to life to rescue us from our sin.

Craft

5-7 minutes

Give each child a sheet of blue construction paper, glue stick, 2 paper clouds, 1 strip of blue paper, and a piece of green construction paper, and three cotton balls. Guide children to tear strips of green paper and glue across the bottom of their light blue paper to make hills and fields. Suggest that they tear a strip of blue paper to add to the green hills for a creek and white paper to create white clouds in the sky. Assist preschool in gluing several cotton balls on the hillside to create sheep.

SAY God told Jeremiah to tell the people that He would take care of His people like a shepherd takes care of his sheep. God said that He loves His people, and God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him. A shepherd watching the sheep in your picture would lead them to the creek for water to drink and would let them eat the grass on the hillside. He would stay alert and watch for enemies like wild animals that would harm the sheep. God promised us that He would care for us!

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 loving us, taking care of us, and giving us what we need. Help us be kind to others, even when they are not kind to us. Amen.

Bible Verse

- Place a bookmark at Psalm 145:9. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage phrase. Lead children to say the key passage phrase while they pretend to be sheep.
- SAY The key passage phrase reminds us that God cares for us like a good shepherd cares for his sheep. God protects us. He is the our good Shepherd!

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.





Additional Activities

As Needed

Play a Happy Game

- Display the Big Picture Question Poster within sight of children. Assist children in sitting together in a large circle. Play worship music while children pass a beanbag. Stop the music at random times and encourage the child holding the beanbag to share something that makes them happy. Continue play as time allows.
- **SAY** Today, we are learned about the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah told the people that God wanted to make a new promise to them. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him. Jeremiah said that God's new promise was good news! You named some things that make you happy, such as your family and friends and your favorite toys and foods. **Many** of those things are blessings from God. Our big picture question and answer says, **What is God like?** God is holy, good, and loving. God was good and loving to make a new promise to the people. **We** know that the Lord is good to everyone. God shows us His love by giving us the things we need.

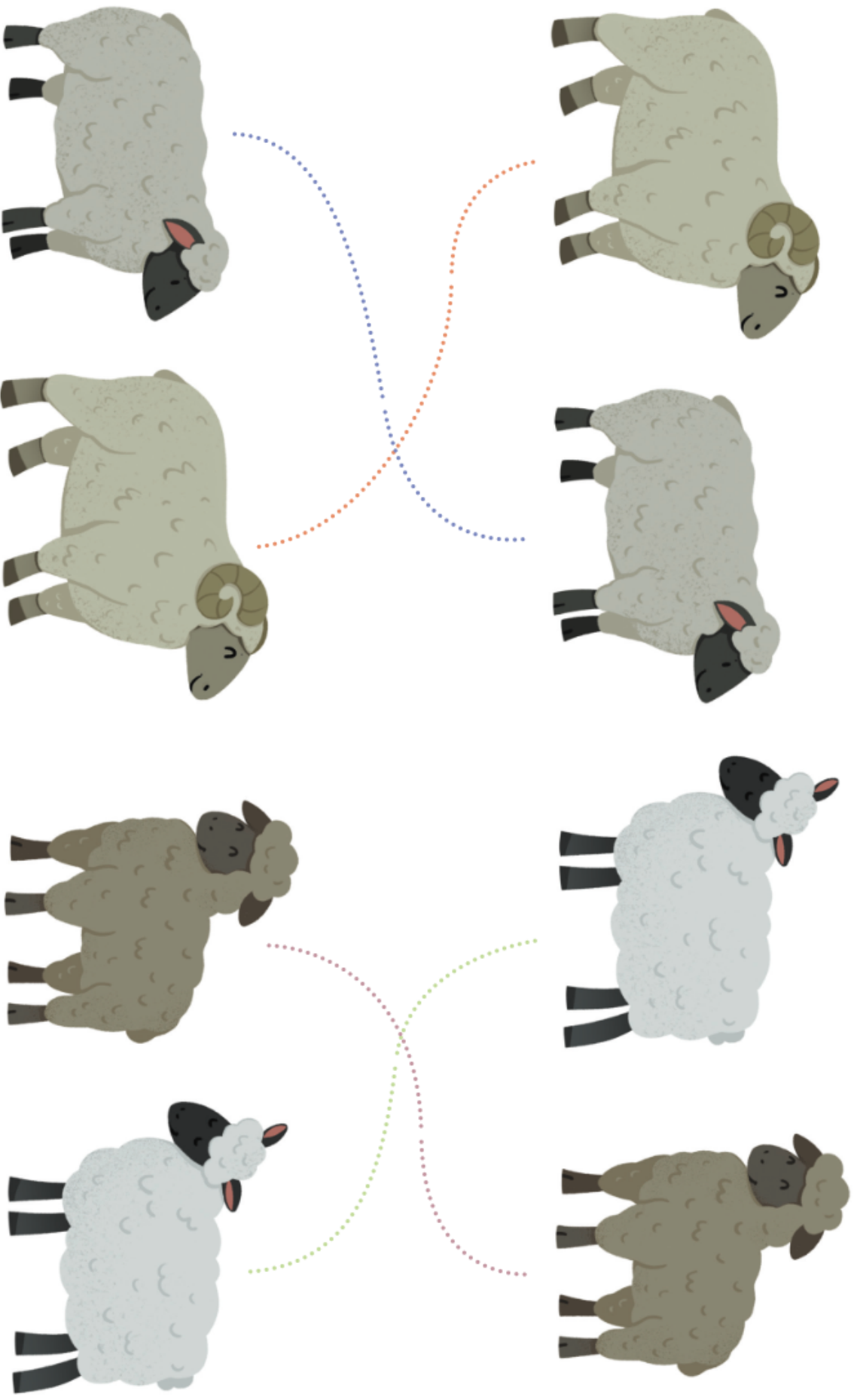
Draw Ways God Helps

- Give each child a piece of paper, markers, and crayons. Ask them to draw ways that God helps us. Prompt them as needed to draw things like their church and parents who teach them how to live, trees and plants that provide food and shade for us, the sun that keeps us warm, and the Bible that tells us about God. Encourage children to thank God for His good gifts.
- **SAY** We heard today about the prophet Jeremiah, who told the people that God loved them. Jeremiah reminded us that God cares for us and that we are like a strong tree if we trust in God. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him. God says that He will take care of us like a shepherd takes care of his sheep



Match Sheep

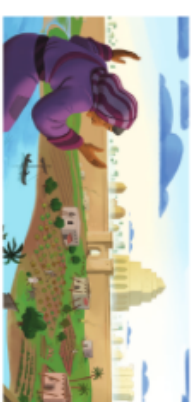
INSTRUCTIONS: God said He would care for His people like a shepherd who cares for his sheep. Trace the lines to connect matching pairs of sheep.



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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:

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KEY PASSAGE:

Psalms 145:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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



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