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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 14 • Session 3

## ZEPHANIAH WARNED GOD'S PEOPLE TO REPENT

### Zephaniah

#### **WHAT IS REPENTANCE? REPENTANCE IS TURNING AWAY FROM SIN AND TURNING TO JESUS.**

When Josiah was the king of Judah, God gave a message to a prophet named Zephaniah. God said a day is coming called "the Day of the Lord." On that day, God is going to punish people for their sin.

God said, "I will get rid of all the things and places My people used to worship false gods."

Zephaniah told the people what an awful day the Day of the Lord will be: a day of wrath, a day of trouble, a day of destruction, a day of darkness, a day of clouds and blackness. The Lord will show His anger because everyone has sinned against Him.

This was terrible news! What were people to do? "Come together before it is too late," Zephaniah said. "Change your ways. Turn to God and obey Him. Be humble. Maybe you will be safe from God's anger."

God would also judge the countries around Judah.

God told the people what was coming so that they would learn a lesson. "I want you to fear Me and respect Me," God said.

Then Zephaniah gave the people hope. When all these terrible punishments happened because of sin, God would keep safe the people who trust in Him. God promised restoration; He will fix everything, making it like new.

The day when God makes things right will be such a happy day for His people.

**Christ Connection:** Zephaniah prophesied about the Day of the Lord—a day when God will judge the world for its sin and Jesus Christ will return. Jesus will make everything like new, and everyone who trusts in Him will be safe.

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**Happy News Vs. Sad News** | Read each sentence and decide if the news is happy or sad. If the news is happy, circle it with a yellow crayon. If the news is sad, circle it with a blue crayon.

A family celebrates their son turning 10 years old and throws a big party.

The little girl learns to ride a bike with no training wheels.

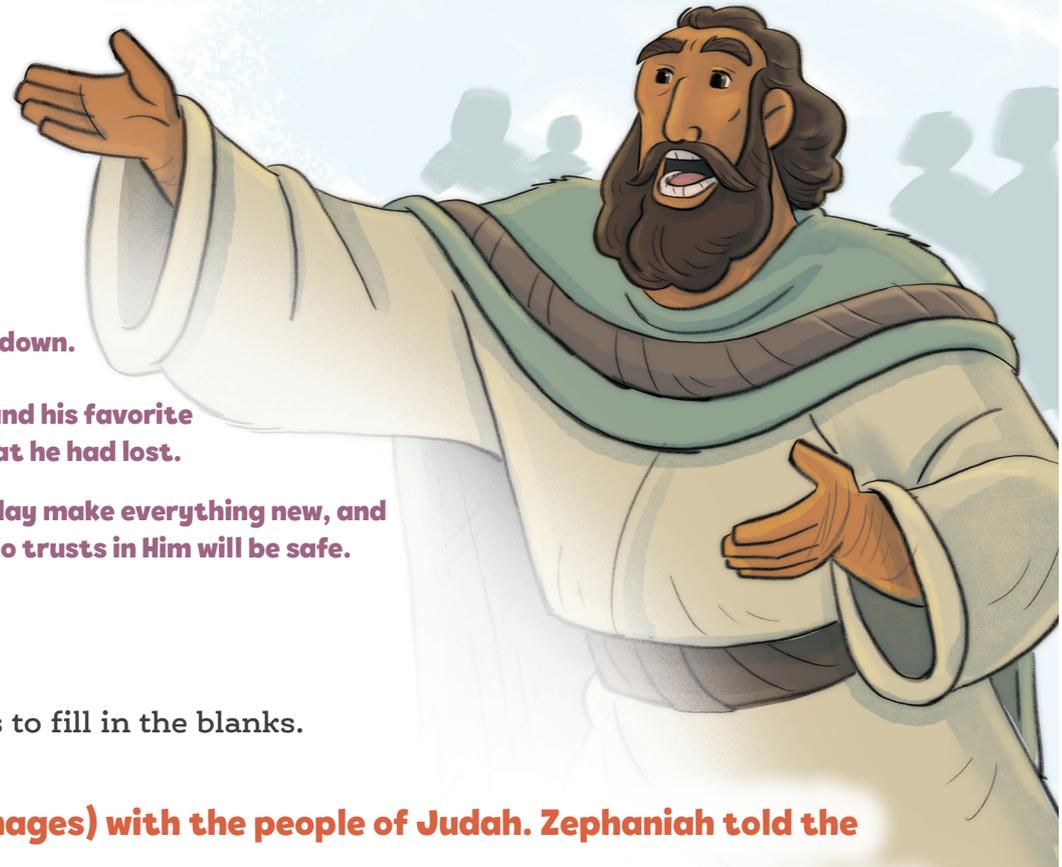
The small kitten is stuck in a tree and cannot get down.

The high school football team won the state championship game.

A young boy found his favorite video game that he had lost.

The young girl fell from the monkey bars and broke her arm.

Jesus will one day make everything new, and everyone who trusts in Him will be safe.



**Fill in the Blank** | Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks.

Zephaniah shared God's \_\_\_\_\_ (semages) with the people of Judah. Zephaniah told the people an \_\_\_\_\_ (fuawl) Day of the Lord was coming. God is going to punish people for their \_\_\_\_\_ (ins). He told the people to \_\_\_\_\_ (nagehc) their ways and \_\_\_\_\_ (boye) God. He told them to be \_\_\_\_\_ (mleuhb) and \_\_\_\_\_ (efra) God. Then Zephaniah gave the people \_\_\_\_\_ (ohpe). Those who \_\_\_\_\_ (tsurt) in Jesus will be safe from His judgment. God promised that \_\_\_\_\_ (suJes) will make all things new.