



UNIT 15 | SESSION 2

NAHUM WARNED OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

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CHRIST CONNECTION: One day, Jesus will take away all bad things.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God made me. Psalm 139:14

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- Nahum told people God's message.
- God punishes people who do wrong things.
- One day, Jesus will take away all bad things.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

Nahum (NAY huhm) went to the city of Nineveh (NIN uh vuh) to tell people God's message. Nahum told the people, "Only God deserves to be worshiped. God punishes people who do wrong things. God has power over everything because He made everything." God is good. He takes care of people who know and love Him. But the people in Nineveh did not know, love, or trust God. God was going to punish them. God's message Nahum shared 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.



BABIES ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Nahum. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A HYMN

Sing the chorus of “Trust and Obey.” If you are unfamiliar with the tune, look it up before the session.

“Trust and obey, for there’s no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”

SAY “Just like Jonah, Nahum obeyed God and told people God’s message. We want to trust God and obey Him too.”

2 MAKE BOTTLED BEAD SHAKERS

Gather clean, empty plastic water bottles with colored beads inside (one bottle per baby). Secure lids with liquid glue or duct tape to ensure safety. Place the bottles in a small basket in front of the babies to crawl toward and explore. Assist as needed. Play worship music on an electronic device and encourage babies to play along.

SAY “God is good. Only God deserves our worship. God made us to worship Him. He takes care of people who know and love Him. We can worship God through our music.”

3 BAT A BALLOON



Sit babies in horseshoe-shaped pillows on the floor near a wall. Inflate and tie off three balloons per baby. Print God made me on the balloons (one word per balloon) and tape to the wall at the babies’ eye level. Encourage the babies to bat, kick, or simply touch the balloons. Read the words as the babies make contact with each balloon.

SAY “God made us. God gave us arms, hands, legs, and feet for us to love, worship, and obey Him. We can praise God because He loves us.”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Nahum. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 DOT KEY PASSAGE PHRASE ART

Gather washable dab and dot markers and paper. Print God made me. Psalm 139:14 on each child's paper. Allow toddlers to decorate their papers. Explain that God made us to love, worship, and obey Him, just like the people in our Bible story. Review the Bible story.

SAY “ Did you notice how no two dots on our papers are the same? God made each of us different and unique. But when our dots mixed together, they made a beautiful picture. We can worship God and obey Him because God made us. ”

3 SING A SONG

Distribute rhythm instruments for toddlers to sing and worship to the tune of “The B-I-B-L-E”:

“God M-A-D-E me,
Like I’m supposed to be.
I can obey ‘cause that’s God way,
God M-A-D-E me!”

4 PUT ON A PUPPET PLAY

Gather finger puppets for toddlers to act out ways to obey. Scenarios include wanting a cookie but mom says no, wanting to go outside but dad says to clean up first, playing outside when grandma says come in. Adjust as needed, being sensitive to family situations.

SAY “ God takes care of people who know and love Him. The people in Nineveh did not know, love, or trust God. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things. Jesus obeyed God in everything He did. We can worship and obey God too. ”

5 EXPLORE NATURE



Gather nature items (various leaves, pine cones, twigs, bark from trees, and feathers) in a basket. Weather permitting, go on a nature walk, allowing toddlers to find and explore nature.

SAY “ God made everything. We can see God’s power in everything around us—from the sun to the birds to the trees. God has power over everything. God is good. We can love and worship Him. ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: PLAY "WHAT'S MISSING?"

Pile up small items such as a toy car, a ball, a book, or any other classroom items. Instruct toddlers to sit in a circle and examine the pile. Then, tell toddlers to close their eyes or turn around as you remove one item. When they open their eyes or turn back around, ask "What's missing?" Allow toddlers to guess. Continue as interest allows.

SAY "In our game, one item was taken away. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things. God is good. We can trust in Him."

2 TRUST AND OBEY

Give each child a drum and drumsticks (or dowels) or disposable aluminum pans and wooden spoons. Sing the chorus of the hymn "Trust and Obey" three times as the children play along. If you are unfamiliar with the tune, look it up before the session.

"Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

SAY "In our story, the people would not obey God and they were not happy. God punishes people who do wrong things. One day, Jesus will take away all bad things."

3 FIND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE

Print God made me. Psalm 139:14 on index cards (one word per card). Hide cards around the room in plain sight. Ask children to find each card. Assist children in putting the key passage phrase in order. Read the key passage phrase together. Replay as time permits.

SAY "Our key passage phrase says 'God made me.' God has power over everything because He made everything—including you and me. We can worship and obey God because He made us."

4 TRACE A LEAF



Before the session, gather leaves, paper, and sidewalk chalk or crayons with paper peeled off. Turn a leaf over (vein side up) and tape to the table. Lay a sheet of paper over the leaf. Using the side of the chalk or crayon, gently rub the paper until the leaf shape appears. Print God made me. Psalm 139:14 on each child's paper.

SAY "God made everything. Our key passage phrase says 'God made me.' God is good. We can worship and obey God because He made us."

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.