

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: none this week	
2 minutes	Leader: God's people sinned and turned away from Him. Kids: But God is faithful! Leader: We all sin and need a Savior. Kids: We need Jesus! Leader: Jesus died in our place so we could belong to God. Kids: Thank You, Jesus! Leader: When we trust in Jesus, nothing can separate us from God's love. Kids: We will follow the Lord! Leader: So let's worship our faithful God together! Kids: We worship You, Lord!	
10 minutes singing	You Forgive Me - Lifetree Kids	Video
	Your Way is Better	Video
	The past 4 weeks we have discussed the prophets: Elijah Elisha Jonah Hosea	

	And how the prophets all told Israel to turn back to God. Israel continued to not listen to these instructions. You could review who these 4 prophets were if you are looking for more material.	
	Read story (I've included the leader's preparation page, because it shares more of where we have been)	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions pg. 72 1. Who was the last king of Israel? 2. Why did God say that Israel was destroyed and captured? 3. How did God show his patience with his people?	
	Questions from kids video: 1. How can we not be afraid of coming judgement? 2. Why is it important to not delay trusting in Jesus?	Video
2 minutes	Lord, You are good, patient, and kind. Thank You for Your faithfulness and love. Help us trust You, worship You, follow You, and obey You in all things. Thank You for sending Your one and only Son, Jesus, so we can be saved. Amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



PREPARE

PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

LEADER Bible Study

Hoshea was an evil king in the long line of the evil kings of Israel. In Hoshea's ninth year as king, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, put Hoshea in prison, and moved all the Israelites to Assyria. The kingdom of Israel was officially destroyed.

Why was Israel destroyed? Although God had been patient, the Israelites witnessed their kingdom crumble because of their unrelenting sin. God had freed Israel from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh and brought them out of the land of Egypt. The Lord loved the people of Israel, performed many miracles, and commanded them to worship Him alone. The people of Israel were meant to be set apart as the Lord's people, but they worshiped false gods and lived like the nations around them.

Through the prophets, God repeatedly warned the Israelites to repent and turn back to the one true God, but the people did not listen. The Lord warned the people, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commands and statutes according to the whole law I commanded your ancestors" (2 Kings 17:13). The Israelites, however, did not listen. Instead, they rejected God and His covenant and followed worthless idols.

As the people ignored God's warnings, He became angry. God judged Israel's sin and allowed Assyria to destroy the Northern Kingdom. He rejected them and cast them out of His presence. The king of Assyria moved the people of Israel out of their land and brought foreigners to live in Israel's land and cities.

The kingdom of Israel was destroyed because of the Israelites' sin. God's gracious patience lasted for years, but the people failed to repent and seek the Lord wholeheartedly. Like Israel, we sin, and all sin deserves death. Those who fail to repent and trust in Christ will be separated from God forever. Yet, the unfailing love of the Lord has provided the way for people to be forgiven and live with God forever. Those who trust in Christ will escape God's punishment of sin. They will not only find forgiveness but also receive the Holy Spirit who empowers them to live for God.

As you prepare for this week's session, pray for boys and girls to see their need for Jesus. Pray also that you would be able to clearly communicate the gift of the Savior, thanking God for sending Jesus to restore what we have broken through our sin and disobedience. Rejoice together in the fact that Jesus died and rose again so that we might be saved from certain destruction!



PREPARE

THE WEEK PRIOR

Prepare your heart to teach; plan the session



WELCOME

10–15 MINUTES

Greet kids and open the session



LEARN

25–30 MINUTES

Teach kids the story of the gospel



LOVE

15–20 MINUTES

Lead kids to love the God of the gospel



LIVE

15–20 MINUTES

Lead kids to live out the mission of the gospel



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 2 Kings 17:1-24. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “The Northern Kingdom Was Destroyed.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

THE NORTHERN KINGDOM WAS DESTROYED

“ King Hoshea (hoh SHEE uh) was another evil king in the long line of evil kings of Israel. He would also be the last.

In Hoshea’s ninth year as king, the king of Assyria captured Samaria in Israel, put King Hoshea in prison, and moved all the Israelites to Assyria. The kingdom of Israel was destroyed. This happened because of the sin of the Israelites.

God brought the Israelites out of the land of Egypt, freeing them from slavery. He performed powerful miracles for them and took care of them. He gave them instructions, including a commandment to worship Him alone.

But instead of worshiping God alone, they worshiped other gods. They acted like the people who once lived in the land the Lord gave them. They created altars to other gods and burned incense to them on every high hill and under every green tree. **They did evil things, just like the nations who lived there before them.**

God warned His people over and over through prophets. He said, “Turn from your evil ways. Keep my commandments and the law sent to you through the prophets.” But the people did not listen. They were stubborn like their ancestors. They rejected God and the covenant He made with the people at Mount Sinai. **They followed worthless idols.**

As the people ignored God’s warnings over and over, God became very angry. He rejected them, removed them from His presence, and handed them over to the nation of Assyria. The king of Assyria moved all the Israelites out of the land and brought in foreign people to live in Israel’s cities.

The kingdom of Israel was destroyed. Only the tribe of Judah remained.

Christ Connection: The kingdom of Israel was destroyed because of their sin. We all sin against God and deserve death, but God sent Jesus to die in our place. Because of Jesus, those who trust in Him will never be removed from God’s presence. ”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use Bible posters:
Hold up past Bible Story Picture Posters as you review God’s past actions for His people.

Active listening: When you teach how the people were stubborn and did not listen, invite kids to place their hands over their ears.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 🗣️ The Northern Kingdom of Israel had wicked kings who led the people to worship idols and do evil in God's eyes. Who was the last king of Israel? [Allow responses.] Hoshea was the last king of Israel before the king of Assyria came and destroyed Israel.

Why did God say Israel was destroyed and the people captured? [Allow responses.] This disaster happened because of the people's sin against God. **GOD JUDGED ISRAEL'S SIN, AND ASSYRIA DESTROYED THE NORTHERN KINGDOM.** The Israelites were taken away to Assyria and removed from God's presence. God is right to be angry at sin because He is holy and sin is always wrong.

How did God show patience with His people over the many years? [Allow responses.] God sent prophets like Elijah, Elisha, and Hosea to tell His people to turn from their evil ways and worship Him alone. But the people did not listen. They were stubborn and ignored God's warnings. While God is patient, He will judge sin. The Bible tells us that if we hear God's voice, we should not harden our hearts and ignore the way to be saved (Hebrews 4:7). God sent Jesus to die for our sin so we can be saved. Because of Jesus, those who trust in Him will never be removed from God's presence. 🙏

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY 🗣️ The Kingdom of Israel was destroyed because of their sin. We all sin against God and deserve death, but God sent Jesus to die in our place. Those who trust in Jesus will never receive the punishment their sin deserves. 🙏

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 14, Session 4" Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. How can we not be afraid of the coming judgment?
2. Why is important not to delay trusting in Jesus?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Remind kids that Dr. George and Joan Braswell were missionaries to Iran from 1968–1974. [Point to Iran on a world map.] Tell kids that missionaries who travel to different countries often have to learn the language of the people. Ask kids if they can speak more than one language or if they know any words of a different language.

SAY 🗣️ Before Dr. Braswell and Joan left for Iran, they were given the opportunity to study the Iranian language called Farsi. The Braswells were originally going to study Farsi in the United States, but they decided to learn the language in Iran. While beginning their mission work in Iran, they also started to learn Farsi so they could share the gospel in the language of the Iranian people. 🙏

Invite kids to say "Salâm" (Sah löm), which means hello in Farsi. Pray for God to send more



LEARN

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missionaries to Iran to share the good news of Jesus with the Iranian people.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Deuteronomy 13:4 together.

SAY “ The Israelites were not faithful to God. They turned away from Him and worshiped false gods. Through faith in Jesus, we can be faithful to God. When we trust in Jesus, we are made new through the Holy Spirit. God’s Spirit helps us love God and worship Him alone. ”

Provide kids with a piece of cardstock and markers. Lead kids to draw a foot, trace their hand, and draw a heart on their paper. In the foot, kids will write the words “follow the LORD your God and fear him.” In the hand, kids will write the phrase about keeping God’s commands. Then in the heart, kids will write the phrase about worshiping God. Invite kids to take home their papers as a way to keep learning the key passage.

Lead kids to sing “Faithful to Him (Deuteronomy 13:4).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “ Lord, You are good, patient, and kind. Thank You for Your faithfulness and love. Help us trust You, worship You, follow You, and obey You in all things. Thank You for sending Your one and only Son, Jesus, so we can be saved. Amen. ”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**

