

Age 3 and 4 and Kindergarten Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Build and Destroy: See page 4 79	
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Bryan. He will get you when ready	
Classroom:	Complete an Obstacle Course Or Last Pom Pom Activity	
	Worksheet/Coloring Page	



WELCOME Preschoolers

Post an Allergy Alert, if needed. Set out supplies to engage preschoolers as they arrive. Play music as you welcome preschoolers. Greet children by name at eye level. Follow your church's security procedures.

1 ACTIVITY PAGE

Lead preschoolers to complete "Follow the Maze" on the Activity Page.

SAY "You followed the numbers to complete the maze. This maze shows some important places we will hear about in our story: Israel, Judah, and Assyria. Can you say those names? **[Practice saying the names with the children.]** We will learn what happened in those places when we hear today's Bible story!"

2 SESSION STARTER

Use one or both of the following options to engage curiosity about today's Bible story.

BUILD AND DESTROY



Encourage children to use blocks to build a city. Warn preschoolers they will knock down their city once it is complete. When preschoolers are ready, allow them to gently knock down their own city.

SAY "Those were some really neat cities you built and then knocked down. In today's Bible story, Israel is destroyed because of their sin. Remember, sin is when we think, say, or do things that break God's rules. But God sent someone to save us from our sins. Do you know who that is? (Jesus)"

WALK THE PATH

Use painter's tape to make several straight and zigzag paths on the floor. Lead the children to line up and try to walk along the different paths.

SAY "You were good at balancing on the path. Was it hard to walk on the zigzag path? **[Allow responses.]** In today's story, we will learn how the Israelites had to walk hundreds of miles away from their homes. This was a hard thing, but God was still in control."

3 TRANSITION TO LEARN

Gain preschoolers' attention by showing the countdown video, turning the lights off and on, or clapping a simple rhythm for children to copy. Invite preschoolers to come to the carpet one at a time as they transition to Learn.

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE for God out of love

- 1 Choose the activities that best fit your group, space, available resources, and time constraints. Set up activities in one of these ways: as a group—all at the same time, in small groups that rotate through each activity, or set up as centers—allowing preschoolers to browse and choose.

PLAY “FIND IT”



Challenge children to find specific items in the room and bring them to a specified spot. For example, tell children to find two yellow items and bring them to the block area, find three toy animals and set them on a table, or find five blocks and stack them in the story time area.

SAY “You listened and obeyed my commands. In today’s Bible story, Hoshea, the king of Israel, and the Israelites did not obey God’s commands. They did bad things, and **GOD JUDGED ISRAEL’S SIN**. The king of Assyria attacked Israel, and made the Israelites walk hundreds of miles to Assyria. Israel was destroyed, and only Judah was left. We disobey God too when we choose to sin. But Jesus died and rose again to take our punishment for us. When we confess our sin and trust in Jesus, we can be with God forever!”

COMPLETE AN OBSTACLE COURSE



Make a simple obstacle course with cones, pool noodles, and large plastic hoops or other items you have in the room. Consider allowing preschoolers help you set up the course. Demonstrate how to move through the obstacle course and then encourage children to complete the obstacle course following your demonstration.

SAY “You obeyed the directions and completed the obstacle course. You obeyed each direction, and that helped keep you safe. In our Bible story today, King Hoshea and the Israelites did not obey God’s commands. Because of this, **GOD JUDGED ISRAEL’S SIN**. We sin too, but thankfully, God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sins. When we confess our sin and trust in Jesus, He saves us from our sin.”



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

TAKE ONE AWAY

With the help of the children, count out twelve craft pom-poms and place them in the center of the group. Choose a child to take one away at a time until there is only one pom-pom left.



SAY “ In today’s Bible story, **GOD JUDGED ISRAEL’S SIN**. Israel was destroyed, and there was only one tribe left, just like how we had one pom-pom left. Does anyone remember which tribe was the only one left? (Judah) When the people of Israel did not do what God said, God punished them. We disobey God too, but Jesus died to take our punishment for us. People who trust in Jesus will be with God forever. ”

REVEAL A MESSAGE

Tape a large piece of butcher paper to a table. Using a white crayon, write in large block letters: God judged Israel’s Sin. Place watercolor paints, cups of water, and brushes out on the table. Put a paint smock on each child and encourage children to paint to reveal the message.

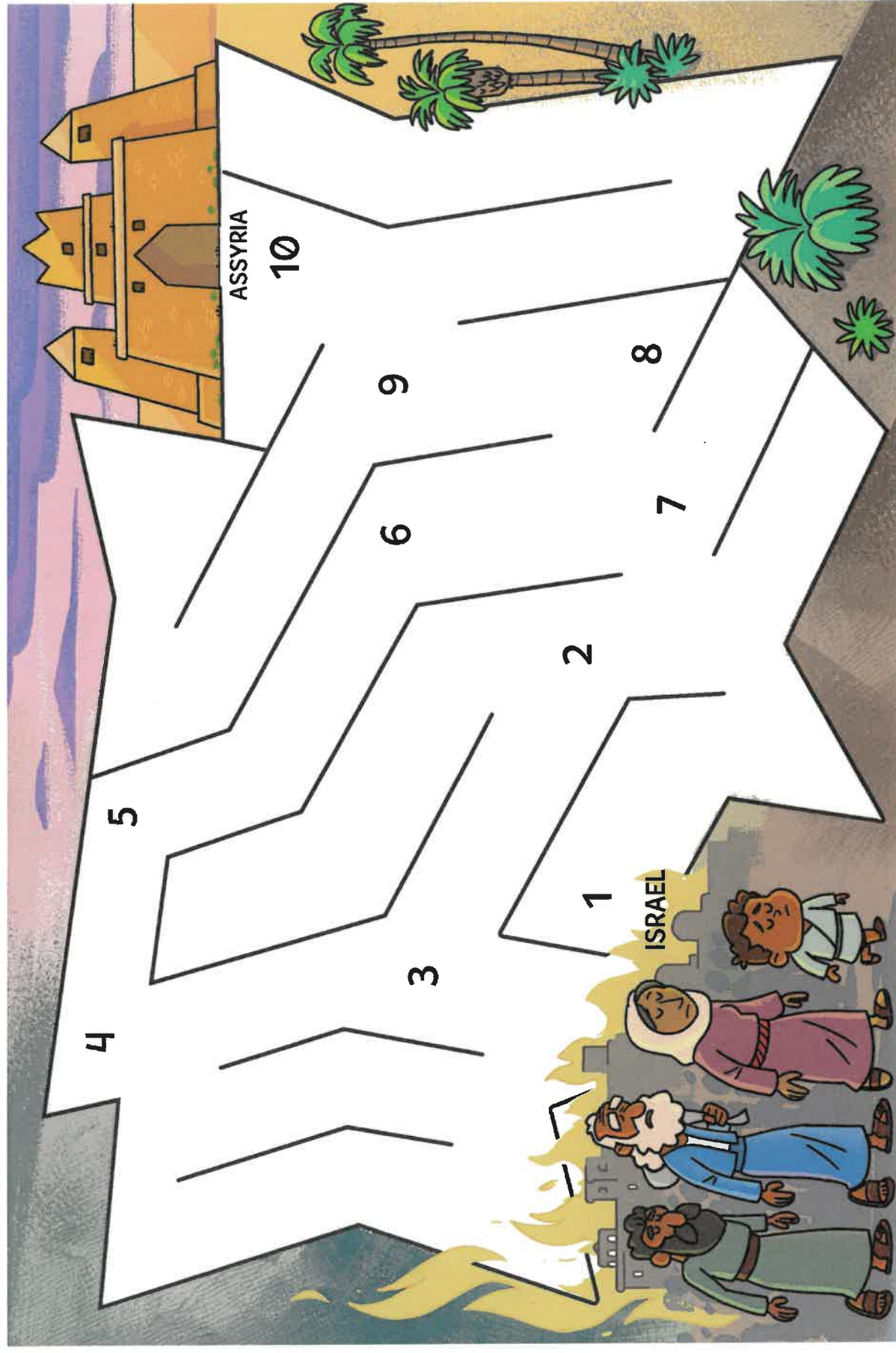
SAY “ Do you see the hidden message? It says **GOD JUDGED ISRAEL’S SIN**. In today’s Bible story, there were messengers who tried to warn the Israelites to stop disobeying God. But the people kept disobeying God. We sin too by thinking, saying, and doing things that don’t please God. But God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. God is so good! People who confess their sin and trust in Jesus will be forgiven. ”

2 TRANSITION

Invite preschoolers to complete their coloring pages. Consider leading preschoolers to sing the key passage song or involving them in a simple game to practice the key passage or big picture question. If parents are picking up children at this time, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session. Give parents the completed Activity Page. Distribute the Big Picture Cards for Families. Encourage parents to review the Bible story and engage with the family discussion starters during the week.

Follow the Maze

INSTRUCTIONS: When the people of Israel disobeyed God, He punished them in the maze to get the people from Israel to Assyria.



NAME: _____



The Northern Kingdom Was Destroyed

2 Kings 17

STORY POINT:

God judged Israel's sin.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

When the people of Israel did not do what God said, God punished them. We disobey God too, but Jesus died to take our punishment for us. People who trust in Jesus will be with God forever.

KEY PASSAGE:

Deuteronomy 13:4

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.



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