

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 (Coen Tolsma had one last week but wasn't here)	
2 minutes	Kids Call to Worship: Psalm 100 Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Kids: We love to sing to you Jesus! Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his ^[a] ; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Kids: Thank you Lord for making us! Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.	

	Kids: Thank you Lord for loving us! Leaders: Let's worship God with some songs of thanksgiving!	
10 minutes singing	I wanna be thankful	Video
	10,000 Reasons	
	Today our story is about how Judah goes into captivity. This means another nation takes control. This country was Babylon. The nation would be in captivity a long time. We are going to learn a song for Christmas and it talks about the Israelites waiting for a king to set them free. Emmanuel means "God with Us"	
	O Come O Come Emmanuel (only first verse and chorus) Work on the lyrics and actions.	Video
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions to ask: 1. Who did God send to warn His people and tell them to turn back to Him? 2. Who did God allow to attack Jerusalem when Jehoiakim was king? 3. What was the people's consequence for disobeying God?	
	Questions from kids video: 1. How can we know that God will always be there for us, even when we sometimes feel He isn't? 2. Why is trusting in Jesus the only way we can be with God forever?	Video

	Talk about Thanksgiving coming up. There is a project families can do at home. You may have picked up a jar last week. If you weren't here last week, there are some available now! After kids church, your family can pick one up at the end of the hall.	
2 minutes	Dear God, thank You for being patient with us, even when we sin. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your only Son to die for our sins. Help us turn away from sin and follow Jesus. In Jesus' name, 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."	



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LEARN the Bible Story

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

Open your Bible to 2 Chronicles 36. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Judah Was Taken Captive.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

JUDAH WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE

“Even though the people of Judah continued to sin, God gave them chance after chance to turn from their sin and return to Him. He **sent prophets to warn and encourage them**. He gave them good kings who did what was right and set good examples. **But God’s people did not listen**. They hated God’s words and mocked His prophets. The people continued to sin and worship idols.

Josiah was the last good king of Judah. His son, Jehoahaz (jih HOH uh haz) was only king for three months before God allowed the king of Egypt to take him away. The king of Egypt made Jehoahaz’s brother, Jehoiakim (jih HOY uh kim), king over Judah.

Jehoiakim did evil in the sight of God. So, God allowed King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to attack him and take him to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also took some of the riches of God’s temple to Babylon.

Jehoiakim’s son, Jehoiachin (jih HOY uh kin), became king in his place. He did evil in the sight of God and was only king for three months. Nebuchadnezzar sent for him and brought him to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar told Jehoiachin to bring even more riches from God’s temple. Nebuchadnezzar made Zedekiah (zed uh KIGH uh), Jehoiachin’s brother, king over Judah.

Zedekiah also did what was evil in the sight of God. He did not humble himself before the prophet Jeremiah. Under Zedekiah’s leadership, the people became more and more sinful like the other nations. They dishonored the Lord’s temple in Jerusalem.

Because the people continued to sin and rebelled against God, God allowed the Babylonians to destroy the nation of Judah. Their army attacked and conquered them. They took all the treasures from God’s temple and from the king’s palace. They burned the temple and the palaces and tore down the wall of the city. King Nebuchadnezzar took the people who survived the attack to Babylon to be servants. Jeremiah had warned God’s people about this, and now his words had come true. God said the people would be captives in Babylon for 70 years.

Christ Connection: The people of Judah continued to sin and were destroyed by Babylon. Even though God was patient, all sin deserves judgment. God’s patience is meant to lead us to repentance. Those who repent and trust in Jesus will escape God’s judgment. ”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Display a map: Point to Babylon (E11) on the Old Testament Mediterranean Map. Or, point to Iraq on a modern-day map.

Active listening: Invite kids to cover their eyes, every time they hear the phrase, “did evil in the sight of God.”



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2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY “God showed the people of Judah faithfulness and patience by giving them multiple chances to turn away from sin. Who did God send to warn His people and tell them to turn back to Him? [Allow responses.] God sent prophets to warn His people, but they did not listen to the prophets. The people continued to sin and worship idols.

The last four kings of Judah were wicked. They led the people away from God, so each king was punished for his sin. **God is holy, loving, and good;** He will punish sin. Jehoahaz was removed as king of Judah by the king of Egypt. Then Jehoiakim became king of Judah. Who did God allow to attack Jerusalem when Jehoiakim was king? [Allow responses.] God allowed King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to attack Judah and take Jehoiakim to Babylon.

Next, Jehoiachin became king, but he was punished for his sin too. He was also taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. Finally, the last king Zedekiah was also punished for his sin. Because of his sin, and all the people of Judah's sin from all the years, God allowed Nebuchadnezzar to attack Jerusalem again. The walls, temple, and palace of Jerusalem were destroyed. What was the people's consequence for disobeying God? [Allow responses.] **THE PEOPLE'S CONSEQUENCE FOR DISOBEYING GOD WAS EXILE TO BABYLON.** Even though God was patient, all sin deserves judgment. God's patience is meant to lead us to repentance. Those who repent and trust in Jesus will escape God's judgment.”

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY “We all deserve punishment for our sin, but through Jesus, we don't have to face the punishment we deserve. God made the way for us to be right with Him through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Anyone who calls on the name of Jesus will be saved (Romans 10:13).”

(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 15, Session 4” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. How can we know that God will always be there for us, even when we sometimes feel He isn't?
2. Why is trusting in Jesus the only way we can be with God forever?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Play the missions video, explaining how many people in North Africa and the Middle East need to hear the gospel. Invite kids to point out how the cultures in the video may be similar or different to their own.

SAY “In the video, you may have noticed how the land of Northern Africa and the Middle East



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is desert-like. The video also pointed out how many people in North Africa and the Middle East are Muslim or Jewish. A woman named Vera is a missionary to this area and is working to share the gospel with people who are Muslim. However, she faces some challenges. Oftentimes the people are not interested in hearing about Jesus. There is also the threat of persecution for Christians. And it can be difficult to reach people who live in remote, desert areas. Vera needs the wisdom of God to best know how to work among the people and build relationships that will allow the people to be open to hearing the good news about Jesus. ”

Pray for Vera as she continues to build relationships with the Muslim people. Ask God to open the hearts of the people of North Africa and the Middle East so they will be willing to trust in Jesus and be forgiven of sin.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Before the session, print a copy of the key passage from the Key Passage Poster on 8.5-by-11 inch cardstock. Cut the cardstock into 10–12 puzzle pieces. Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Psalm 145:9 together.

SAY “ Our story reminds us that sin has consequences. But God is good, and He has provided the way for His people to come back to Him through Jesus. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will live with God forever. ”

Provide kids with the puzzle pieces and challenge them to put them together to complete the key passage. Then invite kids to remove one of the word pieces and say the key passage aloud, filling in the missing word. Repeat, until each of the word pieces is removed.

Lead kids to sing “God Is Good (Psalm 145:9).” 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 “ Dear God, thank You for being patient with us, even when we sin. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your only Son to die for our sins. Help us turn away from sin and follow Jesus. In Jesus’ name, amen. ”

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



