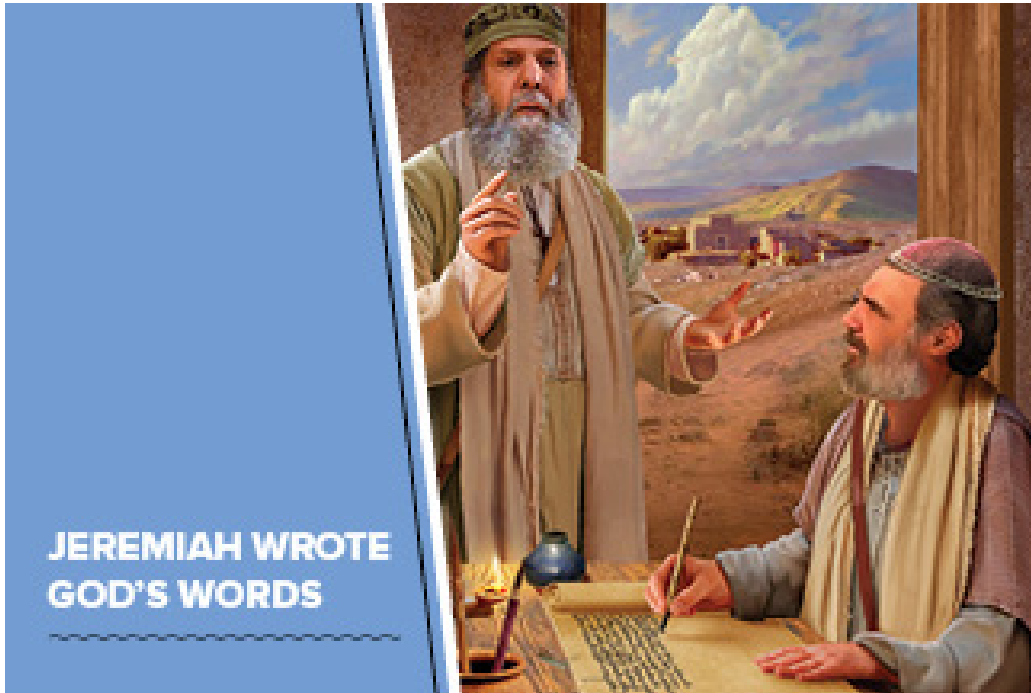




Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —



Read Jeremiah 36 from your Bible or from below.

One day God spoke to Jeremiah. He told Jeremiah to get a scroll and to write on it all the words God spoke to him. God told Jeremiah to warn the people that He was about to punish them for their sin, but if they changed He would forgive them. Jeremiah worked with Baruch to write God's words. God told Jeremiah what to write. Then Jeremiah told Baruch, and Baruch wrote God's words on the scroll. When they finished, Jeremiah sent Baruch to read the scroll at the temple. Jeremiah hoped the people would change from their evil ways.

Baruch read the scroll at the temple where everyone could hear him. One of the king's officers went to the other officers to tell them the bad news that God was about to punish their kingdom. They called Baruch to read the scroll to them. They knew they must tell the king, but they warned Baruch that he and Jeremiah must hide where no one could find them. The king's men went to the king with the scroll. The king was seated by the fire to keep warm. One official read the scroll to the king and his helpers. As soon as the king heard a small part of the scroll, he took his knife, cut the scroll, and threw that part into the fire! The king kept cutting and burning parts of the scroll as he heard them read until the entire scroll was burned in the fire. The king ordered his men to arrest Baruch and Jeremiah—but God had hidden them well.

God spoke to Jeremiah again: "Get another scroll. Write again the words that I told you. I will add more warnings of what I will do since the king has not believed me. I will punish him." Jeremiah got another scroll. He told Baruch what God said. Baruch wrote the words again. He wrote many other things that God added.

Jeremiah 36 (CSB)



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-TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE-

Say: *Think about one of your favorite children's books. Most children's books have both an author and an illustrator. An author is the person who writes the book. An illustrator is a person who draws the pictures. Sometimes they are the same person, but often they are different people. Their names are usually on the front cover and on the title page.*

Have you ever thought about who wrote the Bible? There isn't a page that tells you who originally wrote the words. There isn't a name on the front cover.

So, who wrote God's words in the Bible? God did! He didn't physically write the words, but God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible. In 2 Timothy 3:16, we read, "All Scripture is inspired by God." Other translations of the Bible mention that the words of the Bible are "God-breathed." In other words, God divinely gave the words to people who then wrote them. He breathed these words into them, and they wrote what He said.

Jeremiah is one of the men who wrote God's words in the Bible. God told him to write warnings to the people that if they did not turn from their sins, they would be punished for their actions. When the king heard these words read to him, he destroyed the scroll Jeremiah had written. But, God told Jeremiah to write them again.

Some parts of God's Word may be hard for some people to want to read, especially parts that talk about right and wrong things. The Bible's messages can make us know we are doing wrong. The Bible tells us specific things we are to do and not do. But, we cannot get rid of God's Word. His message will last forever because His words are true.

When you look at a Bible's cover, you won't see an author listed. It won't be shelved under "God" in a library. But, you can know and believe the Bible is God's message to us, written by people He inspired to write His words.

Preschool Life Point: People wrote God's words in the Bible.

Kids Life Point: God inspired people to know what to write in the Bible.

Preschool Review Questions:

1. Who told Jeremiah to write His words on a scroll?
2. What did the king do when he heard the words written on the scroll?
3. What did God tell Jeremiah to do after the king destroyed the scroll?

Elementary Review Questions:

1. What did God tell Jeremiah to do?
2. Why did the king destroy the scroll after it was read to him?
3. Who wrote God's words in the Bible?

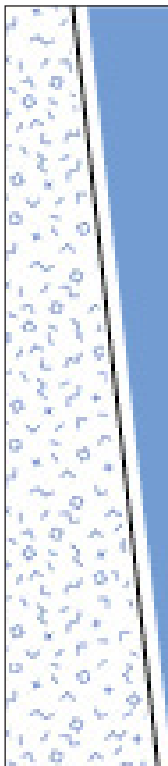
Pray: *God, thank You for Your Word. Thank You for people who listened to You and wrote Your words in the Bible for us to have today. Help us have a desire to learn more from Your words in the Bible. Amen.*



Family Worship Experience

— LEARN SCRIPTURE —

The weekly Bible verse below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



PRESCHOOL (paraphrase): All that the Bible says is from God. *2 Timothy 3:16*

KIDS: All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness. *2 Timothy 3:16*



Family Worship Experience

— SING —

Sing a *Bible Studies for Life* song or one of your family's favorite worship songs.