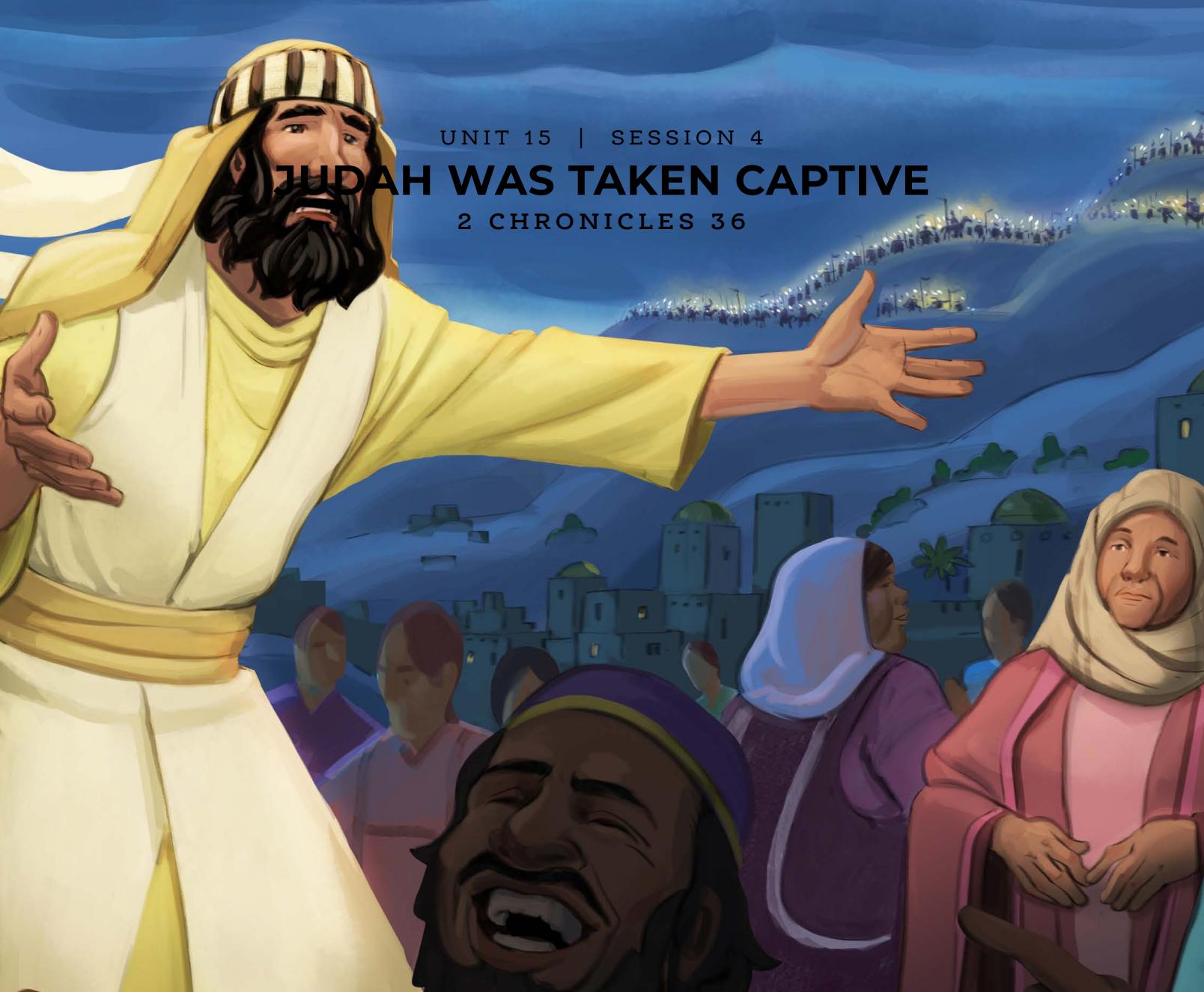


# JUDAH WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE

2 CHRONICLES 36



**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Jesus died for our sins and rose again. If we trust in Him, God forgives our sins.

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** The LORD is good to everyone. Psalm 145:9

### BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God sent helpers, called prophets, and good kings to His people in Judah. The people kept sinning.
- Many bad kings also ruled in Judah, and they did bad things.
- God let the king of Babylon take God's people to be servants in Babylon.

**BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:** God loved His people in Judah. He even sent helpers called prophets to warn the people and good kings to show them what to do. The people kept sinning. After King Josiah, Jehoahaz became king, but he was only king a little while. Jehoahaz's brother became king next, but he did bad things. So, God let the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, take him away. The next kings were Jehoiachin and Zedekiah, but they did bad things too. Zedekiah did not listen to the prophet Jeremiah, and the people sinned even more. The Babylonians destroyed Judah and took the treasures from God's temple and the king's palace. They burned buildings, knocked down walls, and took God's people to Babylon to be servants.



## 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 2 Chronicles 36. Show the Bible Story Picture Poster 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 to the tune of “Amazing Grace”:

“The LORD is good to everyone.  
The LORD is good to all.  
The LORD is good to everyone.  
The LORD is good to all.”

**SAY** God sent helpers, called prophets, and good kings to His people in Judah. But the people kept sinning. Jesus died for our sins and rose again. If we trust in Him, God forgives all our sins.

### 2 PLAY WITH CROWNS

Set babies in horseshoe-shaped pillows in front of a sturdy toy crown. Hold the crown up so that babies can reach for and touch the crown. Put the crown on your head, and allow the babies to pull it off. Say the key passage phrase as the babies play. Say things like, “Does God love me when I do bad things? Yes! God is good to everyone!” Allow babies to hear that God loves them even when they do bad things. Monitor safety, making sure no baby puts the crown in her mouth.

**SAY** Our key passage phrase says, ‘The LORD is good to everyone.’ Did God love His people in Judah? Yes, He did, but the people kept sinning. Many bad kings also ruled in Judah, and they did bad things. Jesus died for our sins and rose again. If we trust in Him, God forgives all our sins.

### 3 CONNECT INTERLOCKING BEADS

Set babies in front of large interlocking beads. As you tell the babies about the bad things the people did in our Bible story, connect the blocks to each other. Explain that the king of Babylon took the people to Babylon as you pull the chain across the floor and away from the baby. Read the gospel gems as the babies link beads and pull their chains.

**SAY** Did God love His people? Yes, He sent helpers, called prophets, and good kings to His people in Judah. But the people kept sinning. God let the king of Babylon take God’s people to be servants in Babylon.

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.



## LEARNING Activities

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

### 1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to 2 Chronicles 36. Show the Bible Story Picture Poster as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the Key Passage Phrase Card, and guide toddlers to say it. Pray for the toddlers.

### 2 MAKE A CHAIN

Set out precut paper strips for making a paper chain. On the first strip, write Judah, then on the other strips, write the name of one of Judah's kings from today's story. As you tell a toddler about the king on each paper strip, tape a link to the paper chain.

**SAY** Did God love His people in Judah? Yes, He did, but the people kept sinning. Many bad kings also ruled in Judah, and they did bad things. God let the king of Babylon take God's people to be servants in Babylon.

### 3 SHAKE MARACAS AND SING

Give each toddler a maraca. Explain that kings held a scepter that looked a lot like a maraca. Sing to the tune of "Three Blind Mice": "God loved His people. (echo) / But the people sinned. (echo) / God sent His people the prophets. (echo) / God is good to everyone. (echo)"

**SAY** Who is the Lord good to? Yes, our key passage phrase says, 'The LORD is good to everyone!' Was God good to His people in Judah? Yes, but the people kept sinning. Jesus died for our sins and rose again. If we trust in Him, God forgives our sins.

### 4 KNOCK DOWN BLOCKS

Provide foam blocks for the toddlers to share. Read the Bible story. Help the toddlers build a wall with blocks as you tell them about Judah's kings who did bad things. When you describe the Babylonians knocking down walls, allow the toddlers to knock down the wall of blocks.

**SAY** Who did God send to warn the people? Yes, God sent helpers called prophets and good kings to show the people what to do. But the people kept sinning. The Babylonians destroyed Judah and took treasures from God's temple and the king's palace. They even burned buildings, knocked down walls, and took God's people to Babylon to be servants.

### 5 MATCH CROWNS

Print and cut out the "Match Crowns" printable. Place all cards facedown on the table. Then call on a toddler to match two crowns. Tell him about one of the kings of Judah, and help him place that matched set aside. Repeat for other toddlers. Retell the Bible story as toddlers play.

**SAY** Many bad kings ruled in Judah, and they did bad things. Is God happy when His people do bad things? No, God is not happy when people do bad things and sin. Jesus died for our sins and rose again. If we trust in Him, God forgives all our sins.

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### 1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: BUILD A WALL

Provide soft blocks and encourage toddlers to work together to build a wall. As new toddlers arrive, invite them to knock down the wall. Each time the wall is knocked down, work together to build it back up. Ensure the blocks fall away from the toddlers to maintain safety.

**SAY** God loved His people in Judah, but the people kept sinning. The Babylonians destroyed Judah and took the treasures from God's temple and the king's palace. They burned buildings, knocked down walls, and took God's people to Babylon to be servants.

### 2 SING THE SCRIPTURE

Sing to the tune of "Merrily, We Roll Along": "The LORD is good to everyone, everyone, everyone. / The LORD is good to everyone. / Psalm 145 verse 9."

**SAY** Who is God good to? Yes, everyone! Our key passage phrase says 'The LORD is good to everyone!' That includes you and me!

### 3 TRY ON CROWNS

Set out several toy crowns (or make a crown from heavyweight paper). Invite a toddler to try on a crown. Provide flat bed sheets or robes for toddlers to try on. Hold up a non-breakable mirror for toddlers to see themselves as a king or queen. Review the Bible story as the toddlers play.

**SAY** Many bad kings ruled in Judah, and they did bad things. God let the king of Babylon take God's people to be servants in Babylon. God is good to everyone. Jesus died for our sins and rose again. If we trust in Him, God forgives all our sins.

### 4 MAKE PLAY DOUGH WALLS

Show a toddler how to roll out a chunk of play dough to make a long tube. Curve the tube for stability, then help the toddler roll another tube and lay it on top, pinching the play dough together. Place wooden peg people figures inside the "walls," if desired. Allow toddlers to play out the Bible story as you read the story. Explain that the people of Judah kept sinning, even though God sent prophets to help them. Guide the toddlers to squish the play dough wall as you describe the Babylonians coming and knocking down the walls.

**SAY** God loved His people in Judah, but the people kept sinning. The Babylonians destroyed Judah and took the treasures from God's temple and the king's palace. They burned buildings, knocked down walls, and took God's people to Babylon to be servants.

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.