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THE NORTHERN KINGDOM WAS DESTROYED

2 KINGS 17

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.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have a sin nature, but when Jesus returns, He will make us sinless like Him.

MEMORY VERSE

Deuteronomy 13:4

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

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!

WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or do the Memory Verse Activity below as a group!

MEMORY VERSE

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.

Deuteronomy 13:4, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

It's Bible Bucks Day! 🎉

Today, our Bible Bucks Leaders will give kids the opportunity to recite any memorized Bible verse to earn Bible Bucks.

Remind kids that we memorize God's Word so that we can have His words with us at all times. The more we read God's Word and spend time with Him, the more we learn about Him!

Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on November 23!



LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in Large Group.

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.

ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group.

MAIN ACTIVITY

Split kids into equal groups and provide each group with three sheets of paper, scissors, and a stapler. Challenge kids to form the longest paper chain they can using the sheets of paper.

Tell groups to count how many paper links are in their chain. Invite groups to line up their paper chains on the floor to see whose is the longest.

Then, use the stapler to connect all the chains together into a giant chain (you may need to move into the hallway for this). To finish, hold the chain up in the air and let kids run through it and break the chain.

CONNECT THE DOTS



Today we learned how God's people were taken captive because they kept sinning against God. The Bible teaches us that sin enslaves us like a chain wrapped around our hearts. God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin and free us from its power. Jesus breaks the chains of sin and gives us new life with God forever.

CONNECT THE DOTS



The Bible is so important because it is the Word of God! It's a big book that can be hard to understand sometimes, which is why we want to grow in our Bible skills! By growing in these skills, we can better understand God's Word and learn to know where to turn to find the truth of who God is and how much He loves us.

BIBLE SKILLS ACTIVITY

Using the puzzle in your room, invite kids to put the books of the Bible in the correct order without looking at the Books of the Bible poster.

Add a fun competitive element by giving them a time limit. Once they complete the puzzle, have them scramble it up and redo it to see if they can beat their time.

Remind kids about the Books of the Bible challenge for Bible Bucks!

CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.

1. Why does God take sin so seriously?
2. What are the consequences of sin?
3. Read Revelation 3:19-20. What is the discipline of God meant to lead us to do?
4. What are some ways we are unfaithful toward God? How can we be faithful to God?
5. How does the Bible help us see our sin and repent of it?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the “extra time” folder on the TV.

If there’s a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!