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PROPHETS TO JUDAH

MICAH; NAHUM; HABAKKUK; ZEPHANIAH

CHRIST CONNECTION

God sent prophets to His people to warn them to repent of their sin and turn to God. Jesus gave the same message, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” **When we put our trust in Jesus, we are restored to a right relationship with God and have the hope of eternal life.**

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is God like? God is holy, good, and loving.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalms 145:9

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

While the Northern Kingdom of Israel had been destroyed by Assyria, the Southern Kingdom of Judah remained. During the years prior to Babylonian captivity, God continued to send prophets to Judah who called the people to repent of their sin. Even though the prophets pronounced the impending captivity, they also offered hope to the people: God would restore His people and provide salvation.

The prophet Micah spoke to the leaders of Israel regarding their ill-earned wealth. Micah called the leaders of Israel to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Micah also shared a message of future hope: one day, God would send a new King who would be born in Bethlehem and rule over the restored people of God.

Nahum was another prophet sent to testify to God's judgment on sin. Nahum described how God would judge Assyria for its bloodshed, evil, and injustice. Nahum's message was a reminder to be faithful to God and a warning to not act like other evil nations, like Assyria.

Zephaniah begged the people to turn away from sin while there was still time. He showed that God will judge all the evil nations along with Judah.

Habakkuk spoke directly to God, asking Him why He would not stop the violence and sin of the people of Judah. God told Habakkuk that He will indeed judge the people and will bring destruction to the nation through Babylon. While Babylon would destroy Judah, Habakkuk also said he would celebrate in the Lord. Even in desolation and despair, God's people could rejoice in the hope of salvation.

God sent prophets to share the message of judgment, repentance, and restoration. Jesus willingly took on our judgment so we could turn from our sin and be restored to Him. When we trust in Jesus we are restored to a right relationship with God.

This week, encourage kids to see God's goodness through His Word. Like the prophets to Judah proclaimed a message of hope, the Word of God shares good news: Jesus died and rose again to save people from sin and death. Rejoice in the God of salvation!

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

The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Psalms 145:9, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's Memory Verse bin to review the verse with the kids. A hand motion video is also available to learn and review on your room's TV.

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



LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in Large Group.

PROPHETS TO JUDAH

God loved His people so much that He sent messengers, or prophets, who called the people to repent of their sin so they could be restored to a right relationship with God.

The prophet Micah said that God was going to judge the wicked leaders of His people. They had become rich by stealing from others. Micah warned that God would send foreign nations to destroy Israel, and called the people to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Micah's message also included hope—he said that God would one day send a new king from the line of David, who would be born in Bethlehem and rule over the restored people of God.

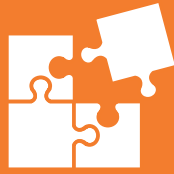
Years later, God gave a message for the prophet Nahum to share. The main message of Nahum's writings is this: "God is slow to anger and great in power. He will not let the wicked go free." Nahum comforted God's people and gave them hope by showing that God will punish their enemies, the evil nations and empires that love violence. Nahum's message was also a warning to not act like these nations, and to remain faithful to God.

Zephaniah was another prophet. He saw that the nation of Judah was going to be judged for worshiping idols and that God would send a great nation to destroy the city of Jerusalem. Zephaniah begged the people to turn away from sin while there was still time, so that they might be spared from God's righteous anger against sin. Zephaniah said that God will also judge all the evil nations and Judah because they acted like these evil nations.

The prophet Habakkuk was also sent to the people of Judah. Habakkuk spoke directly to God, asking Him why He would not stop the violence and sin of the people of Judah. God responded by saying He would gather the army of Babylon to destroy Judah. God shared that even though this disaster would come, the righteous will live by faith in Him. Habakkuk ends his message by pleading for God to be merciful to His people. Even though God's judgment would come, Habakkuk said: "I will celebrate in the Lord; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation!"

CHRIST CONNECTION: God sent prophets to His people to warn them to repent of their sin and turn to God. Jesus gave the same message, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." When we trust in Jesus, we are restored to a right relationship with God and have the hope of eternal life.

ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group.

MAIN ACTIVITY

Pass out the provided megaphone templates, markers/crayons, tape, and scissors to each table.

Invite kids to color and decorate their megaphones however they like. When they're done, have them cut it out and roll it to make the megaphone shape. Help kids tape their megaphone together.

CONNECT THE DOTS



God had prophets to speak His words to the people. The prophets of God called the people to a better way and told them to repent and turn to God. Following God and worshipping Him is not only a better way to live; it's the best way.

BIBLE SKILLS ACTIVITY

Provide each kid with a Bible. Tell them that you'll call out a book from the Minor Prophets section of the Old Testament. Explain that when they hear the book, they should race to find it in their Bible.

Remind kids they can use the table of contents at the front of their Bible for help. Begin calling out the Minor Prophet books one at a time, such as Nahum. Once every kid has found the book, call out the next book. Encourage kids to help their neighbor if needed. In between rounds, have kids close their Bibles so everyone starts the same.

Kinder Alternative: Using the books of the Bible puzzle, continue helping kids learn the books of the Bible and whether they're in the Old or New Testament.

BONUS ACTIVITY: GRATITUDE CHAIN

Throughout November, we're going to make a gratitude chain to hang in the hallway of the Children's building!

Have kids write things they're thankful for on the provided paper strips and turn them into a paper chain by **stapling** (don't use tape!) loops of paper together.

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. What was the similar message the prophets told the people of Judah?
2. Did the prophets share any message of hope? What?
3. How was the prophets' message similar to Jesus' message when He was on earth?
4. What does Nahum's message that 'the Lord will by no means clear the guilty' tell us about God's character?
5. Why didn't God completely destroy the people of Judah for their sin?

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!