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GOD PROMISED A NEW COVENANT

JEREMIAH 17; 31

CHRIST CONNECTION

Like God's people, we all have sinful hearts that do not obey God or love Him rightly. Through Jesus' death on the cross, God made a new covenant. Those who trust in Jesus have their sin forgiven and have the law written on their hearts.

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

The prophet Jeremiah was a priest sent to speak the word of the Lord to His people. Jeremiah taught plainly about sin and how our disobedient hearts cannot be trusted. Jeremiah predicted God's judgment on Judah's sins through the nation of Babylon. Yet, Jeremiah also declared how God would make a new covenant with His people.

The people of Judah faced the same problem we face today: sin. Their failure to abide by and uphold the law was a constant reminder that they were sinful and fell short of God's standards. Jeremiah told the people that those who put their trust in mankind are cursed because men are sinful and imperfect. He also said that people cannot save themselves. But Jeremiah shared good news. He told the people that the person who trusts in the Lord will be strong and healthy, like a tree planted by water (Jeremiah 17:8).

Through Jeremiah, the Lord spoke of His everlasting love toward His people. He shared the promise of gathering His people, watching over them, and turning their mourning into joy. God promised His people a new covenant and eternal forgiveness of sin.

The old covenant required complete obedience to the law; yet no one can be justified by the law (Galatians 2:16). In His grace, God did what we cannot do. He promised a new covenant which would be accomplished by Him. Jesus is the fulfillment of the new covenant; He fulfilled the requirements of the law on our behalf. As Paul wrote, "For what the law could not do since it was weakened by the flesh, God did. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin offering" (Romans 8:3).

Forgiveness that lasts forever only comes through faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:11). As you prepare to teach on God's promise of a new covenant, take time to thank Him for His forgiveness in your life. Remind boys and girls of how God changes believers' hearts to hearts that love and obey Him.

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.

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Before Babylon came and attacked Judah, God sent a prophet named Jeremiah to speak His words to God's people. Jeremiah said, "The sin of the people of Judah is like words carved into a stone—it can't be simply wiped away."

Jeremiah shared more of God's words, saying, "The person who trusts in other people is cursed, because people are sinful and imperfect. People cannot save themselves. The person who trusts in the Lord, however, will be strong and healthy, like a tree planted by water."

Through Jeremiah, God also said, "Our hearts are deceitful, and we cannot understand them. But God knows our hearts, and God is trustworthy. He gives each person what they deserve according to their character."

Even though people have sinful, deceitful hearts, Jeremiah shared how God promised to make a new covenant with His people. Jeremiah said, "Look, the days are coming when I will make a new covenant with my people. It will be different from the old covenant I made with them when I freed them from Egypt. They broke that covenant, but they will not be able to break this one. I will put my teaching within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. All my people will know me, from the least to the greatest. I will forgive them and never remember their sin."

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ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group.

MAIN ACTIVITY

Pass out the provided red paper hearts, hole punches, string, and Bible cutouts to each table. Have kids cut the top 1/3 of one of the hearts off. Glue or tape the two pieces together to make a pocket as the example image shows.

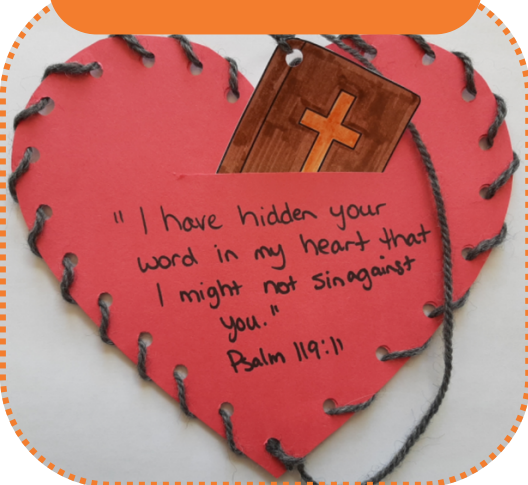
Punch holes along the edge of the heart and weave a piece of string through the holes (be sure to leave a bit of string to tie the Bible cutout to). Write Psalm 119:11 on the heart and tie the excess string to the Bible cutout.

CONNECT THE DOTS



God said He would make a new covenant where the law would be written on people's hearts. One way we can remember His Word is by memorizing scripture! Psalm 119:11 tells us why we should memorize God's Word—so that we might follow His ways!

CRAFT EXAMPLE



BIBLE SKILLS ACTIVITY

Remind kids that Bible Bucks Day is next Sunday! Spend some time individually or as a group working on memorizing God's Word.

You can focus on this month's memory verse or encourage kids to memorize other verses like John 3:16, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, etc.

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. Have you ever heard the saying, “trust your heart”? Is this good advice? What does the Bible say about trusting our heart? (See Mark 7:21-22)
2. How does God write His law on our hearts?
3. Why should we obey God? Why do Christians desire to obey God’s commands?
4. The people in the Old Testament broke the old covenant because they did not keep all of God’s laws. Why can’t the new covenant be broken?
5. Why is the new covenant good news?

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!