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STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 15

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UNIT 15: THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM

Session 1: Judah's Good Kings 2 Chronicles



Sunday, November 2

What is
God like?

God is holy, good, and loving.

Memory Verse: Psalm 145:9

"The Lord is good to everyone; his compassion rests on all he has made."

Monday,
November 3

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ In the last unit, we learned how the Northern Kingdom of Israel was led by wicked kings. Not one king led the people to worship God and turn away from sin. Eventually, Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians, and the people were taken captive to Assyria.
- ▶ The Southern Kingdom of Judah remained. This week, we will learn how Judah's good kings worshiped God and led the people away from idolatry. The first king we will read about is King Asa



Read 2 Chronicles 14:1-6

- ▶ List 3 things that King Asa removed.

- ▶ What did Asa command the people of Judah to do?

- ▶ Why do you think there was no war while Asa was king?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are learning how Judah's good kings worshiped God and led the people away from idolatry. Yesterday, we learned about King Asa. Today we are going to read about King Joash.
- ▶ It is important to know that not all of the kings of Judah were good. There were only a few. However, this is different from Israel because NONE of those kings were good.



Read 2 Chronicles 24:1-5

- ▶ How old was Joash when he became king?

- ▶ What good thing did Joash want to do?

- ▶ Why do you think the temple was important?

Wednesday,
November 5

SESSION I



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are learning how Judah's good kings worshiped God and led the people away from idolatry. We have learned about King Asa and King Joash. Today, we will read about King Hezekiah.
- ▶ It is important to know that not all of the kings of Judah were good. Yesterday, we read that Joash repaired the temple. Today, we will read that the temple was still not a place of worship. This was many years after King Joash.



Read 2 Chronicles 29:3-6, 15-16

- ▶ What did Hezekiah ask the priests to do?

- ▶ Look up the word "consecrate." What does it mean?

- ▶ What did the priests bring out of the temple?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that King Hezekiah ordered the priests to consecrate themselves and the temple. He wanted the priests to follow God's rules and make themselves and the temple a pure and holy place.
- ▶ Today, we will read what happens when Assyria comes to attack Judah. Remember, Assyria is who destroyed Israel. King Hezekiah will not let that happen to Judah. In this passage, King Hezekiah speaks to the people of Judah.



Read 2 Chronicles 32:6-8

- ▶ Who did King Hezekiah say was with the army of Assyria?

- ▶ Who did King Hezekiah say was with the people of Judah?

- ▶ Who has more power?

Friday,
November 7

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we have read about Judah's good kings, Asa, Joash, and Hezekiah. Today, we will read about one more good king, Josiah. This passage talks about when King Josiah found God's Book of the Law, which had been lost by all of the evil kings.
- ▶ But remember, not all of Judah's kings were good. Also, even though Judah's good kings led the people to God and away from sin, when they died, the people returned to their sinful ways.



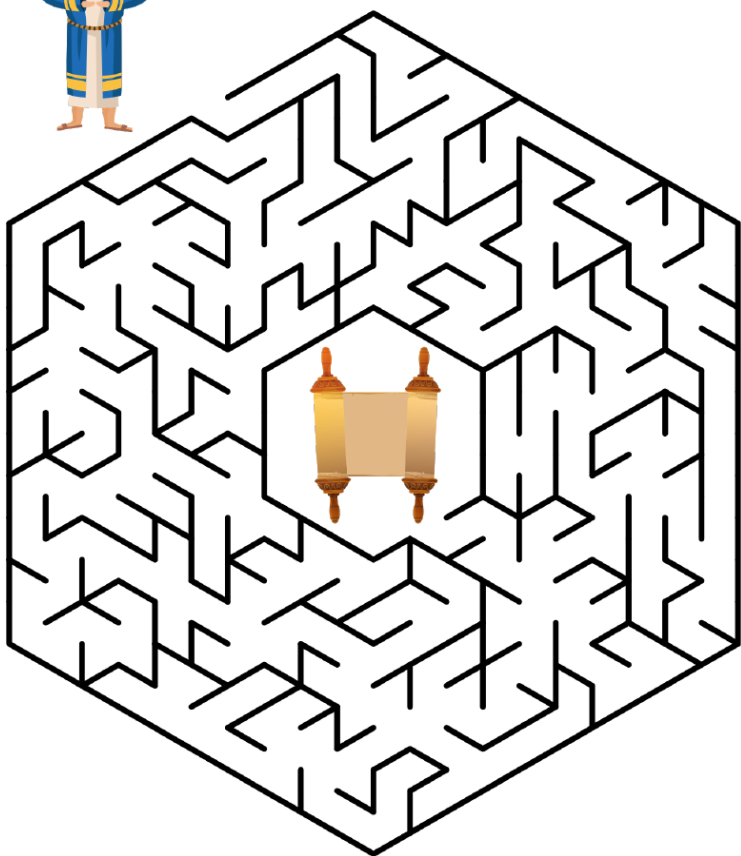
Read 2 Chronicles 34:29-33

- ▶ Who did King Josiah read the Book of the Law in front of?

- ▶ What did Josiah command the people to do?

- ▶ Why do you think the people returned to their sinful ways after each good king died?

Help King Josiah find the scroll



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Session 2: Prophets to Judah Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah



Sunday, November 9

What is
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Memory Verse: Psalm 145:9

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Before you read...

- ▶ Last month, we read about some prophets God sent to Israel to tell them to repent of their sins and follow the one true God. This week, we will read about 4 prophets who spoke to God's people in the Southern Kingdom of Judah. The message was the same: repent of your sins and follow the one true God.
- ▶ We will read from 4 different books of the Bible this week. Put a bookmark in Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah.



Read Nahum 1:2-3; Zephaniah 3:8

- ▶ What words does Nahum use to describe God in verse 2?

- ▶ What will God do to the guilty people in the world?

- ▶ Zephaniah also talks about God's jealous anger. Why is God jealous?

Tuesday,
November 11

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, both Nahum and Zephaniah said that God is a jealous God. He wants His people to worship only Him. He will punish those who are against Him.



Read Micah 3:9; Habakkuk 1:2-4

- ▶ What does Micah say about the rulers of the house of Israel?

- ▶ Habakkuk is complaining to God about the people of Judah. What does he say is all around him?

- ▶ Why does God hate sin? (Hint: look at the big picture question.)



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God's people were wicked and despised justice. God hates sin. He will punish those who do not repent and turn to Him.
- ▶ Today, we will read that God will not let other nations sin against Him, either.



Read Nahum 1:9; Zephaniah 2:13

- ▶ What does Nahum say God will do to nations who plot against Him?

- ▶ Assyria is who destroyed the nation of Israel.
What does Zephaniah say God will do to Assyria?

- ▶ If all of these other nations and even the people of Judah were so bad and disobedient, why didn't God just destroy them all?

Thursday,
November 13

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God would destroy the nations who were against Him and who led His people to sin. God is holy and must punish sin, but He is also loving and gives His people the opportunity to repent and turn away from sin.



Read Micah 6:8, Zephaniah 2:3

- ▶ What does Micah say the Lord requires of His people?

- ▶ What does Zephaniah tell the people to do?

- ▶ Give an example of how you can follow the instructions of Micah or Zephaniah.



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday we read instructions on how to live to follow God: to be humble, to love mercy, and to seek righteousness.
- ▶ We have read about God's jealous anger, warnings, and punishments this week. But these prophets also gave hope.



Read Micah 5:2-5

- ▶ Where will the ruler over Israel come from?

- ▶ How far will His greatness reach?

- ▶ Who is this ruler who is coming?

"AND WHAT
DOES THE LORD
require of
YOU? TO
ACT JUSTLY
and to Love
mercy and to walk
humbly WITH YOUR
GOD."

MICAH 6:8

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Session 4: Judah Was Taken Captive 2 Chronicles 36



Sunday, November 16

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Monday,
November 17

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read that God sent prophets to Judah to tell them to repent of their sins. The people remained stubborn and didn't repent.
- ▶ Two weeks ago, we read about Judah's good kings. Unfortunately, Judah also had wicked kings. We will read about them this week.



Read 2 Chronicles 36:5-7

- ▶ What kind of king was Jehoiakim?

- ▶ What happened to Jehoiakim?

- ▶ What else did Nebuchadnezzar do?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God allowed the king of Babylon to capture Judah's evil king and take him to Babylon.
- ▶ Remember, this is the end of a list of A LOT of kings who 'did evil in the sight of the Lord.' God had been warning these kings and His people for many many years.



Read 2 Chronicles 36:11-14

- ▶ Describe King Zedekiah.

- ▶ Describe the leaders, priests and the people of Judah.

- ▶ How do you think the LORD felt about the way Zedekiah and the people were acting?

Wednesday,
November 19

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the people of Judah became more and more unfaithful and followed the evil practices of the nations around them.
- ▶ Chronicles 36 tells us about the last few evil kings of Judah and summarizes all that God did to warn His people.



Read 2 Chronicles 36:15-17

- ▶ How many times do you think God sent messages to His people about repentance?

- ▶ How did the people respond to God's messengers and prophets?

- ▶ Read verse 17 again. Who caused the destruction of God's people? (This is kind of a trick question.)



Before you read...

- ▶ God gave His people SO MANY chances to repent. Despite all of God's warnings, God's people did not listen. Because God is just, He will punish sin.
- ▶ It is important to remember that God was in control. He allowed Nebuchadnezzar to take over His people because His people did not repent of their sinful ways.



Read 2 Chronicles 36:18-21

- ▶ What did Nebuchadnezzar do to God's temple?

- ▶ What happened to God's people?

- ▶ Deep thinking: Why was it loving for God to not ignore, but punish the people's sin?

Friday,
November 21

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ God's people are now living in exile in Babylon as servants. Exile means being prevented from living in your own country.
- ▶ When God sent warnings to His people, He also sent them messages of hope. He promised their exile would not last forever. These two verses pick up the story of God's people 70 years later.



Read 2 Chronicles 36:22-23

- ▶ Who is the new king in these verses and what country is he from?

- ▶ Which prophet told about this king?

- ▶ What did the Lord appoint the king to do?

Coded Words for Exile Is Coming!

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet.
Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

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19 5 22 5 14 20 25

16 18 15 13 9 19 5

15 2 5 25

Code key

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B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
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Session 5: Ezekiel Gave Hope Ezekiel 37



Sunday, November 23

What is
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Before you read...

- ▶ All of God's people are being held captive in foreign countries. First, we learned that Israel was captured by Assyria. Last week, we learned that Judah was conquered by Babylon.
- ▶ But, God promised to send a Savior to rescue His people. We are going to read from the prophet Ezekiel. God sent Ezekiel to remind His people of the hope they had, even while in captivity.



Read Ezekiel 37:1-8

- ▶ Where did God put Ezekiel? What was all around him?

- ▶ What did God ask Ezekiel to do?

- ▶ What happened when Ezekiel did as God commanded?

Tuesday,
November 25

SESSION 5



Before you read...

- ▶ God sent His prophet Ezekiel to remind His people of the hope they have in His promised Savior.
- ▶ This chapter in Ezekiel might seem a little strange... a valley of dry bones that God tells Ezekiel to speak back to life. But we can learn so much from this image. Close your eyes and imagine what it was like for Ezekiel to see those dry bones form back into people.



Read Ezekiel 37:9-10

- ▶ What did God ask Ezekiel to give the dry bones in these verses?

- ▶ Only God can make something dead come to life. In the beginning, in the book of Genesis, who did God breathe life into? (Genesis 2:7)

- ▶ What did Ezekiel see after he obeyed God's command this time?



Before you read...

- ▶ God spoke through Ezekiel and breathed life back into a vast army, just like He breathed life into Adam in the beginning.
- ▶ This true story is a great reminder to us that we are all dead in our sins, but God gives us new life in Him when we trust in Jesus.



Read Ezekiel 37:11-14

- ▶ Look at verse 11. How did God's people in exile feel?

- ▶ What did God promise to do for them?

- ▶ How do we know that God will keep His promises?

Thursday,
November 27

SESSION 5



Before you read...

- ▶ Happy Thanksgiving!
- ▶ God's people felt like their bones were dried up and their hope was gone. But God promised to bring them back to the land of Israel and to give them His Spirit.



Read Ezekiel 37:18-23

- ▶ Who is God going to join together again?

- ▶ Who will rule these people?

- ▶ Whose people will they be?



Before you read...

- ▶ God promised to unite all of the Israelites back into one nation, under one king. They will be His people and He will be their God!
- ▶ This is a picture of what God does for those who trust in Jesus. When we trust in Jesus, we become part of His family and we are all joined together through Jesus.



Read Ezekiel 37:24-28

- ▶ This passage comes after David is dead. When Ezekiel says that David will be king, he means a descendent of David. Who is this king who will rule over God's people forever?

- ▶ Where does God say His dwelling place will be?

- ▶ When you believe in Jesus, who does God send to dwell in you?

Dry Bones

I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 37:6

Based on Ezekiel 37:1-14



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