

Fellowship Kids

K/Fours Lesson Plan - Sunday School

Sunday, April 26

UNIT 15 | SESSION 3

GOD PROMISED A NEW COVENANT

JEREMIAH 17; 31

MAIN POINT / CHRIST CONNECTION: The people couldn't follow God's rules perfectly, so God made a new promise, called a covenant. When we trust in Jesus, we are part of this new covenant, and God gives us new hearts that are filled with his teachings.

CATECHISM QUESTION : Q. What does Christ do for His people? A. He does the work of a prophet, a priest, and a king.

MEMORY VERSE of the Month: PSALM 145:9 - "The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made." (ESV)

Preparation

Lesson Context

This Unit (4 weeks): The Southern Kingdom of Judah experienced the reign of both good and evil kings. Yet, the people's allegiance was divided between the worship of God and the idols of foreign nations. God sent prophets to warn the people to turn back to Him, but they did not listen. God disciplined His people by sending them into captivity in Babylon but promised they would one day return home.

Volunteer Huddle | 8:45 a.m.

Meet in the Threes classroom (first floor) for prayer and important info for this Sunday.

Prep Room | 8:50 a.m.

- Pull out paper and crayons on tables (in Teacher Box)

- If you'd like, put music on the Spotify app on the Roku TV.
- Prep room for any activities you will do during the lesson.

Fellowship & Play Time | 9:00-9:15 am

One volunteer should greet children and families at the door.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Allow children time to engage with one another and play. Use this time to get to know your students and hear about their week. What was a good part/hard part or “yay duck”/“yuck duck” of their week?

FREE PLAY & COLORING

For free time before the lesson, ask children to come to the tables and give them the option to play or color (paper and crayons in Activity Box). Use this time to ask them questions about their week and get to know them.

TRANSITION: Give children a **warning** before you ask them to come to a circle

SAY *“Everyone, in 5 minutes we are going to pick up our toys and gather in a circle!”*

Sing the clean up song and ask children to come find a seat in the circle.

Activity | 9:15 am

SORT NEW AND OLD PICTURES

Take out the pictures of old and new objects and spread them on a table or the floor (in Activity Box). Guide children to sort the pictures into old and new categories. Once all pictures are sorted, lead them to match the old picture with the new version.

SAY *Jeremiah was a special messenger sent by God. Today we will learn that he told the people that because they could not follow God's rules perfectly, God was going to make a new promise to replace the old promise. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him. When we trust in Jesus, we are part of this new promise. God puts His teachings in our hearts. This means God helps us remember His words from the Bible.*

Lesson | 9:20 am

As the children gather in a circle on the floor, let them know your expectations - that you would like them to sit quietly, keep their hands to themselves, listen to the story, etc.

1. Open the Bible & Pray

Open to **JEREMIAH 17** in your Bible. **Reverently display the open Bible.**

SAY *Today, we will be in the book of JEREMIAH. Jeremiah was a prophet who delivered God's messages to God's people. Jeremiah is a longer book that is in the Old Testament. Let's hear this true story from God's Word.*

Pray quickly for your time in the Word of God.

2. Tell the Bible Story

Use the **visuals** (in Activity Box) if you'd like to help children follow along with the story.

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God sent a prophet named Jeremiah to talk to His people. Jeremiah told them they were sinning—disobeying God.

Jeremiah also said people who trust in God are like strong trees that grow by the water. Jeremiah reminded everyone that our hearts can trick us, but God knows what's in our hearts and gives us what we need.

Jeremiah explained that our hearts sometimes tell us that we will be happy if we do things our way instead of trusting God, and that's why we sin. Even when we try to do what's right, we cannot always do it on our own. We need God to give us completely new hearts.

Jeremiah also shared good news. He said that God was going to make a new promise, called a covenant, to His people. God said, "I will be your God, and you will be My people.

"I love you so much, and I will take care of you like a shepherd takes care of his sheep. I will turn your sadness into joy. One day, I will make a new promise with you that you won't be able to break. I will put My teachings in your hearts, and you will all know Me. I will forgive your sins forever."

CHRIST CONNECTION: *The people couldn't follow God's rules perfectly, so God made a new promise, called a covenant. When we trust in Jesus, we are part of this new covenant, and God gives us new hearts that are filled with his teachings.*

3. Review the Bible Story

- **What was the prophet's name that we talked about today? (Jeremiah)**
- **Could we keep all of God's rules or do the right thing on our own? (No, without God's help we cannot do what is good.)**
- **Do you remember some of the things that God promised to his people? (He promised that he would be his people's God, that he would take care of them like a shepherd, he would turn sadness into joy, he would put his teachings in our hearts, and he would forgive our sins forever.)**
- **How do we get new hearts and become a part of God's new promise? (By believing and trusting in Jesus as our savior!)**

4. Catechism Question

SAY Today we will review our catechism question for the month:

Q. What does Christ do for His people?

A. He does the work of a prophet, a priest, and a king.

Today we learned that God promised he would make a new covenant because no one could keep the old covenant. Jesus came to earth and fulfilled the role of a priest: His death on the cross acted as a sacrifice that could cover all of our sin.

Let's review all of the catechism questions again:

Q) What kind of life did Christ live on earth?

A) A life of perfect obedience to the Law of God

Q. What does Christ do for His people?

A. He does the work of a prophet, a priest, and a king.

5. Pray

Memory Verse | 9:30 am

Open your Bible to **PSALM 145:9** and lead the kids to repeat the verse several times, using hand motions if you'd like:

“The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.”

- PSALM 145:9

SAY: *Even though God's people broke their promises to Him by disobeying, God still cared for them. God is good to everyone. He gave His people a new promise that one day they would be forgiven forever. When we trust in Jesus, we are part of this new promise.*

REVIEW MOTIONS

If you created a jingle or motions to your memory verse last week, review them with the children. Repeat the verse several times with kids.

PLAY THE MUSIC VIDEO

Have the children repeat the verse with you several times. Then play the memory verse music video from the YouTube app on the Roku TV (*YouTube account should be Fellowship Kids (switch accounts on the top of the left sidebar if not) > go to Library on the left side bar > Choose Playlists on the top > choose your classroom*).

After the activity, invite children to sit at the tables to complete their activity pages.

Extra Activity | 9:40 am

MOVE IF TRUE

Invite children to line up on one side of the room. Instruct them to listen to the statements you share and take two steps forward if the statement is *true* or really happened. Lead them to stay where they are if it is not true or did not happen. Assist as needed. Use some of the following statements or create your own:

True: God sent Jeremiah to give messages to His people. Jeremiah said God would make a new promise to His people. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him. God said He would put His teachings in the hearts of His people. God is holy, good, and loving.

Not true: God broke His promise to His people. God told Jeremiah to be mean to the people. Jeremiah made up his own messages to give to the people. God said He would not take care of His people. God is unkind and does not show love to people.

SAY: *Jeremiah explained to God's people that our hearts will try to trick us by telling us to do things our way instead of trusting in God's way. Trusting in God is the right choice. God promised forgiveness to those who trust in Him. We are forgiven when we confess our sin and believe that Jesus died and rose again.*

Dismissal | 9:45 am

As parents arrive,

- Match the 4 digit code on the parent's tag to the child's tag
- Check out the child on the tablet by clicking the check box to the left of their name on the roster.
- Give feedback! Tell parents how the student did that morning.



Clean Up

- Wipe down tables if any messes were made with activities. [Magic eraser sponges can erase markings on desks.]
- Put teacher and activity items back in the Activity Box or Teacher Box.
- Place the TV remote in the white holder on the dry erase board.
- **Return the small Activity Box, class tablet, and your lanyards to the check-in desk.**