

Fellowship Kids

Twos/Threes Lesson Plan - Sunday School

Sunday, April 19

UNIT 15 | SESSION 2

PROPHETS TO JUDAH

MICAH, NAHUM, HABAKKUK, ZEPHANIAH

CHRIST CONNECTION: All of the prophets told the people to turn away from wrong things and back to God. Later, Jesus came and said the same thing: “Stop doing wrong things and come back to God.” When we trust in Jesus, we can be close to God again.

MEMORY VERSE of the Month: PSALM 145:9- “The Lord is good to everyone.”

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?

MAGNAFILES & COLORING

For free time before the lesson, ask children to come to the tables and give them the option to either 1) build with Magnatiles or 2) color (paper and crayons in Activity Box). Use this time to ask them questions about their week and get to know them.

During free time, especially because children are at such a young age, please keep a diligent eye and ear on their words and play with one another.

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

REVIEW CLASSROOM RULES

Post the **Rules Poster** (in Activity Box) somewhere in the room.

REPENT!

Instruct children to walk around the room in whatever direction they would like, they just need to keep moving. However, when you call out, “Repent!” children must immediately turn around and go in the opposite direction they were moving in. Have children do this several times, and change up how quickly and often you call out “Repent!”

SAY Today we will learn about several prophets who all spoke God's message to the people, which was: Repent! Just like you guys turned immediately from one direction to the other, the prophets were warning the people to turn around and away from their sin and to start following God. Repentance means that we recognize our sinful ways, we confess them to God, and we ask for his forgiveness. Then we can ask Him to help us live according to His ways.

Lesson | 9:20 am

Let children know your expectations during the lesson - 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 **the MINOR PROPHETS** in your Bible. **Reverently display the open Bible.**

SAY Today, we will be in the books of MICAH, NAHUM, ZEPHANIAH AND HABAKKUK. These are in a section of the Bible called the Minor Prophets, which is in the Old Testament. Let's hear this true story from the Bible.

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.

PROPHETS TO JUDAH

God loves His people so much. Long ago, God's people were making wrong choices, called sin. God was not happy. So, He sent special helpers called prophets to talk to His people.

One prophet, **Micah**, told the leaders that bad things would happen if they did not stop taking things that were not theirs. Micah also said that one day, God would send a good king who would be born in Bethlehem.

The prophet **Nahum** told people that God is strong and patient, but He will punish people who do wrong things.

Another prophet, **Zephaniah**, told the people to stop worshiping pretend gods, called idols. He told them to turn back to God.

Habakkuk the prophet asked God why He let bad things happen. God promised that everyone who did wrong things would be punished. Habakkuk asked God to be kind and hoped that the people would trust in God.

Christ Connection: *All of the prophets told the people to turn away from wrong things and back to God. Later, Jesus came and said the same thing: "Stop doing wrong things and come back to God." When we trust in Jesus, we can be close to God again.*

3. Review the Bible Story

- **Do you remember any of the names of the four prophets we talked about today?** (*Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk*)
- **What does it mean to repent?** (*It means to turn away from sin*)
- **The prophet Micah said that God would send a good king who would be born in Bethlehem. Do you know who that king was?** (*Jesus!*)

4. Pray

Memory Verse | 9:35 am

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

"The Lord is good to everyone."

- PSALM 145:9

SAY: *Our key passage phrase tells us God is good to everyone. Because God is good, He sent prophets to talk to His people and help them do what is right! Our story also told us that God is kind, strong, and patient.*

MAKE MOTIONS

Ask the kids to help you create a jingle or motions for the key words in the memory verse. Review the motions as you say the verse a few times all together.

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


PLAY DOUGH “IDOLS”

Encourage children to make one-of-a-kind statues with **play dough** (in Teacher Box). Remind them about a time when God’s people worshiped fake gods or idols. Mention that these idols were often statues of different people or things. At the end of the activity, invite children to “smash” their idols and then clean up their supplies.

SAY: *Today we learned about many times when the people of Judah and Israel disobeyed God. They did things like worship fake gods, treat poor people unkindly, and take things from others. God sent prophets to tell people to turn away from their sins.*

Activity Pages + Transition | 9:45 am

ACTIVITY PAGES



Invite children to the tables and pass out the week's **Activity Page** (in Activity Box) and **crayons** (in Teacher Box) to each child. Have them work on it as the new Worship Service volunteer team arrives.

TRANSITION TEAMS

The worship service volunteer team will switch into the classroom at 9:50. **Please do not leave the classroom until the next service's volunteers have arrived and are ready to take responsibility for the class.** Call the Team Lead if the worship service volunteers have not arrived on time.

If needed, let them know about any pertinent information on children, the lesson, etc.

