

Fellowship Kids

K/Fours Lesson Plan - Sunday School

Sunday, April 19

UNIT 15 | SESSION 2

PROPHETS TO JUDAH

MICAH, NAHUM, HABAKKUK, ZEPHANIAH

MAIN POINT / CHRIST CONNECTION: These prophets all told the people the same thing: stop sinning and turn back to God. Later, Jesus came and said the same thing: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” When we trust in Jesus, we can be close to God again.

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

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

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 **the MINOR PROPHETS** in your Bible. **Reverently display the open Bible.**

SAY *Today, we will be in several books of the Bible: **Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah.** These books are all in the section of the Old Testament that we call the **Minor Prophets.** They are called “minor” because they are shorter books. 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

Long ago, God sent special messengers called prophets to talk to His people. These prophets told the people they were sinning, and that God was not happy with their choices.

The prophets also said that if the people were sorry and stopped doing wrong things, they could be close to God again. They called the people to repent of their sin. The prophets gave people hope that God would save those who turned to Him.

One prophet, named **Micah**, told the leaders they were getting rich by taking things that did not belong to them. Micah warned them that if they did not change, bad things would happen. Micah also gave hope, saying that one day God would send a good king from David's family who would be born in Bethlehem.

Later, God gave a message to the prophet **Nahum**. Nahum told the people that God is very strong and patient, but He would not let people get away with their sins. Nahum's message was to stay close to God and not act like the people around them.

Zephaniah was another prophet who warned the people to stop doing wrong things like worshiping fake gods, called idols. He begged the people to stop sinning and turn back to God before it was too late.

The prophet **Habakkuk** asked God why He let bad things happen. God promised that everyone who did wrong would be punished. Habakkuk prayed for God to be kind and hoped that the people would trust in God. He sang, "I will rejoice in the God of my salvation!"

CHRIST CONNECTION: *These prophets all told the people the same thing: stop sinning and turn back to God. Later, Jesus came and said the same thing: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." When we trust in Jesus, we can be close to God again.*

3. Review the Bible Story

- **Do you remember the names of the four prophets we talked about today?** (*Michah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk*)
- **What does it mean to repent?** (*It means to turn away from sin*)
- **Why should we say no to our sin?** (*Because there are always consequences to sin. God sent the prophets to his people because he loved them and wanted them not to experience the consequences of their 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. Catechism Question

SAY Today we will review our new 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 about several different prophets. Jesus was a prophet like Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah because he also warned people that there would be consequences for sin. Jesus also gave people the hope of salvation—himself! All those who repent of their sin and trust in Jesus for forgiveness will be saved.

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: *Our key passage reminds us that even when we make wrong choices, God still loves us and cares for us because He is good and has compassion for us.*

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.*

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.

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- **Return the small Activity Box, class tablet, and your lanyards to the check-in desk.**