

# Sunday, September 20

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## Israel Taken Captive

**PICTURE QUESTION:** Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.

**BIBLE PASSAGE:**

2 Kings 17

**STORY POINT:** Israel didn't listen to God's warning.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

2 Peter 3:9

**Christ Connection:** God's people disobeyed Him over and over again, so God punished them and sent them away from their home. We disobey God over and over again too, but Jesus took our punishment for us. People who trust in Jesus will never be sent away but have a home with God forever.

# Israel Taken Captive

2 Kings 17

**God had done so many good things for the Israelites.** Do you remember that God saved His people from Egypt when they were slaves? He sent Moses to lead them. God took care of them and gave them a new home. **But** after awhile, the people forgot about God. **Instead of worshiping God, they worshiped other things.** This is exactly what God told them not to do!

**God** had warned His people. He **sent men called prophets to tell them to stop doing wrong things. Did the people listen to the prophets? No.** In fact, **they did even more wrong things!**

**Hoshea** (hoh SHEE uh) **became the king of Israel.** Israel was a kingdom in the north. **King Hoshea did many evil things.**

**At this time, the people of Assyria were enemies of Israel. Assyria's army was bigger and stronger than Israel's army, so Hoshea gave money to the king of Assyria to leave Israel alone.**

**One day, Hoshea stopped giving money to the king of Assyria.** Instead, he asked the king of Egypt to protect Israel. This made the king of Assyria mad! He liked getting money from Hoshea. **So the king of Assyria attacked Israel with his big, strong army and Hoshea was thrown into prison.**

**The king of Assyria took over the city, and the army made all of the people leave their homes. They** started walking. They walked and walked and walked. The army **made the people of Israel walk far away to the land of Assyria.**

What a sad thing to happen to the people of Israel! God's people were prisoners in another land, **but God was still in control.** God let His people be taken away from their homes because they had sinned. They had broken **God's** laws and forgotten about Him. This is why God said, "Enough!" His **people were hurting Him and themselves by continuing to sin.**

**God loved His people too much to let them keep living this way, so He let their enemies attack them and take them far away from home.**

# Gospel Gems



- ◇ The people of Israel would not obey God.
- ◇ Assyria captured Israel.
- ◇ When Jesus comes back, He will bring people together.

## Talk About It

**Whom did God send to tell the people to stop doing wrong things?** men called prophets

**What did the Assyrian army make all the Israelites do?** leave their homes and walk to Assyria

**Why did God let the army make the Israelites prisoners?** They would not stop sinning

**Why should we obey God?** We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.

## Hands-on Activity

### Jesus brings us back to God forever!

*Assyria captured Israel, and the people walked far away. **GOD'S PLANS ARE GOOD.** When Jesus comes back, He will bring people together.*

**MAKE FEET ART** (print out OR create your own)

#### SUPPLIES:

- Construction Paper OR whatever you have at home
- Pencil or marker
- stickers

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Traces your child's feet on construction paper. Place stickers on their artwork.



# Leaving Home

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the maze to take God's people to Assyria. Try to stay in the middle of the path.



*Preschool Activity Pages*  
**Unit 14 • Session 3**  
**Israel Taken Captive**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- God sent prophets to warn the people of Israel to stop sinning.
- Israel did not listen to God's warning.
- God let the king of Assyria take over Israel and take all the people to Assyria.

**KEY PASSAGE:** 2 Peter 3:9

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Guide family members to tell about a time they did or did not listen to a warning.
- Why was God loving to let His people be taken captive?
- How can we know we will have a home with God forever?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Go on a hike or walk as a family. Consider inviting friends to join you. Talk about what it would have been like for the Israelites walking all the way to Assyria.



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**STORY POINT: ISRAEL DID NOT LISTEN TO GOD'S WARNING.**

# Jesus Brings Us Back to God Forever

