

COVER PAGE (Pg. 1 does not need to be printed each week)

Welcome to Summer 2021 H2H

A few introductory tips about Bible Study with Kids:

- *Remember how important it is to build relationships with the kids you are serving!*
- Bible Reading:
 - Please do not *make* kids read aloud if they don't want to
 - If you do have children read the Bible passages aloud, make sure everyone can hear and/or follow along. The Word should be clearly spoken.
 - A helpful tip: An adult can read but have kids following along in their own Bibles (if age appropriate) and you can stop on occasion and have kids say the word you paused at. This helps them stay engaged...and also allows the Word to be read with clarity and volume
- Try to bring some type of visual to help illustrate the lesson. It goes a long way to capture kids' attention. It can be simple, while still giving them something to focus on and bringing abstract concepts to a concrete level.
- Try to get to these three levels: Observation, Interpretation, Application (as is age appropriate). Within the lesson, each type of question will have "O" "I" or "A" in front of it to help you.
 - Observation: facts, clear understanding of what the passage is about
 - Interpretation: What does it mean? There is only one interpretation. What is the author and God saying? If it's abstract or maybe figurative, try to help kids discern the most simple and clear interpretation. If you are not certain, don't be afraid to say that!
 - Application: There will be many ways to apply scripture! Help the kids make it personal! What can we learn from this for our lives today?! How does this impact my life, my relationship with God, my understanding and knowledge of God?
- Less is More: Please never feel like you must cover everything in the lesson. Doing a good job on one concept is better than racing to "cover" everything.
- During prayer time, do not make children pray aloud if they do not want to.
- *Remember how important it is to build relationships with the kids you are serving!*

Summer 2021 H2H Kids Session #10: September 5-11

Please contact Megan Myers (megbmyers@gmail.com) if you have questions about the lesson or feedback on children's H2H lessons

PREP Ahead:

- Print Coloring Page and Word Search (1 copy per student)
- Game: Large box or plastic bin, nerf soccer ball or playground ball

ICEBREAKER (5 min): Token for Your Thoughts

Put together a little basket of wrapped candies, stickers, or other small items. Children will take turns answering icebreaker questions and draw a "token" from the basket as a treat.

Example icebreaker questions:

- ★ What is your favorite book and why?
- ★ Where did you travel to this summer?
- ★ Share something that made you laugh recently.
- ★ If you were invisible for a day, what would you do?
- ★ If you had a robot to help you with school, but it could only do one task, what would it do?
- ★ What is your favorite emoji?

BIBLE DISCUSSION (10-15 min): 2 Kings 24-25

- **Review:** Last week we learned about King Josiah, a righteous king, and the importance of being obedient to the Lord. When Josiah's sons, Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim, ruled over Judah, they each did what was evil in the Lord's sight as many of their ancestors had done. Remember, the Lord had warned Judah that disaster was coming to their kingdom because of their unfaithfulness. In today's lesson, the promise of disaster is fulfilled.
- **Read 2 Kings 24:1-6**
 - Q: During Jehoiakim's reign, who invaded the land of Judah? (King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon)
 - Q: Did Jehoiakim surrender? (Yes) For how long? (3 years)
 - Q: What happened after Jehoiakim rebelled? (the Lord sent raiders against Judah to destroy it)
 - Q: What reason is given in verse 3 of why the Lord wanted to destroy Judah? (Because of the many sins of King Manasseh... remember, Manasseh had done

many evil things such as murdering innocent people and building pagan shrines so they could worship false gods in Judah)

☐ Sin has consequences. Sometimes the consequences of sin are immediate and other times they take years to manifest, as this example shows. One thing is for sure though: there are always consequences to sin.

- Q: Who became the next king when Jehoiaakim died? (his son, Jehoiachin)

- **Read 2 Kings 24:8-12**

- Q: Was Jehoiachin a righteous king or an evil king? (evil)
- Q: Judah is attacked by King Nebuchadnezzar again and this time they besieged Jerusalem. What did Jehoiachin do when they were attacked? (He surrendered.)

- **Read 2 Kings 24:13-17**

- Q: What happened to King Jehoiachin and his family? (They were taken prisoner and exiled to Babylon)
- Q: What did King Nebuchadnezzar do with all of the gold objects and treasures from the Temple and the royal palace? (he took them all)
 - ☐ Remember, years before, King Hezekiah had shown the Babylonians the great wealth in Jerusalem. The Lord had warned Hezekiah that all of these things would be taken..**Read 2 Kings 20:17**

- Q: Who was installed as the next king of Judah by the Babylonians? (Jehoiachin's uncle, Zedekiah)

- **Read 2 Kings 24:18-25:6** (*verse 7 is graphic... do not read to young children*)

- Q: Zedekiah was another king who did what was evil in the sight of the Lord. What did Zedekiah do that angered the Babylonians? (he rebelled against them)
- Q: How did the Babylonians respond to Zedekiah's rebellion? (they surrounded the city and it was under siege for 11 years)
- I: Why do you think the soldiers fled when a section of the wall around Jerusalem came down? (they were surrounded by the enemy and must have known it was a lost cause. People were starving due to the severe food shortage.)
- Q: What happened to King Zedekiah? (he was killed)

- **Read 2 Kings 25:8-21**

- The Temple of the Lord was destroyed, just as the Lord said it would be. Throughout 2 Kings, we learned about king after king who did evil in the sight of the Lord. The Lord showed his mercy and grace to those who were

righteous, such as Hezekiah and Josiah, and He did not let the coming judgement occur during their lifetimes. But the judgement did come eventually.

- ☐ Remember, sin has consequences. When one leads a life of sin, there is never a good outcome.
- ☐ We are so blessed to have Jesus and when we put our faith and trust in Him, He shows us grace. Jesus took our sins upon Himself and died for us, that we may be blessed with His forgiveness and one day have eternal life with Him.
- ☐ As Christians, it's important for us to not let sin become a pattern as it damages our relationship with Jesus. No one is perfect, but it is important for us to do our best to try to obey God and do the right thing.
- Application Questions:
 - ☐ What are some rules your parents want you to obey at home? What are the consequences if you break those rules?
 - ☐ What is our "instruction manual" for learning how to obey God? (the Bible)
 - ☐ Gossip, hate, jealousy, anger, greed, pride, and hate are all sins many people struggle with. Discuss ways to prevent, turn from and eliminate the temptation to sin. Reference the following scriptures: Romans 16:17, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Proverbs 4:23, Galatians 5:16

PRAYER (5 min): Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

GAME (5-10 min): Box

Materials needed: Large box or plastic bin, nerf soccer ball or playground ball.

How to play: The large box or plastic bin is the "goal." One player is the "goalie." Everyone plays against the goalie. When someone scores by hitting the side or top of the box, that player becomes the new goalie.



2 Kings 24-25

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 BABYLON
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 TREASURES
 DESTROYED

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