

TODDLER LESSON (0-3 YRS)

Sunday, November 22, 2020

CHURCH AT HOME



HABAKKUK THE PROPHET

BIBLE PASSAGE: Habakkuk

KEY PASSAGE: 2 Chronicles 7:14

MAIN POINT: God planned to send Jesus.

Big Picture Question: *How did God plan to fix what sin broke?* Before He created the world, God planned to send the Messiah to rescue sinners.

Catechism Question:

Q: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

A: Yes, to satisfy His justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment of sin, by a Redeemer.

SUPPLY LIST:

- One Big Story Bible Storybook

The Bible Story: Habakkuk, Prophet to Judah

BIBLE POINTS

- *Habakkuk asked God why bad things were happening.*
- *Habakkuk trusted God's plan for Judah.*
- *We can trust God when bad things happen.*



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TELL THE BIBLE STORY (5 minutes)

SIT DOWN with your children and share a snack together. *Cuddle each other close and fully engage with them when reading the Bible story. Provide a bible for your baby to hold and open. Open your Bible to **Habakkuk**. If you have The One Big Story Bible Storybook, you can follow along on page 126, Habakkuk, Prophet to Judah.*

Habakkuk was a prophet who lived in Judah. Bad things were happening, and Habakkuk was confused. He asked God, "Why are You not punishing the people who do wrong things?" God said, "I am sending Babylon to punish Judah." Habakkuk said, "Judah did wrong things, but Babylon is worse! You are so holy. Why will Babylon destroy Judah?" God told Habakkuk to write down His words so people would know His plan. Habakkuk said, "No matter what happens, I will be happy because of God. Even if none of the plants grow fruit, if no food grows in the fields, and even if I do not have any sheep or cows, I will worship God, who rescues me."



*Habakkuk asked God why bad things were happening, and Habakkuk trusted God's plan for Judah. **GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS.** One day, Jesus will come back and make everything right.*

SING

Have your kids sing along: Trust in the Lord https://youtu.be/t_zUJC4aAJc



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CATECHISM QUESTION

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If you are able, please consider downloading the **New City Catechism app** on either the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

There are short, simple songs that correspond to some of the catechism questions. To play the song, click the play button in the bottom right corner.

This is a great way for kids to memorize and internalize foundations of the Christian faith.

PRAY

PRAY -Dear Lord, We have so much to be thankful and grateful for. Sometimes you do not give us answers right away and I pray that you will grant us patience to wait for your answers. You have laid out a plan for us to follow and we need to trust in that plan, and trust in you Lord. We love you Lord and praise your name everyday! In Jesus' name, Amen.

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EXPERIENCE & APPLY THE STORY

OPTION 1: Clock.

Supplies:

1. White paper plate.
2. Markers or crayons.
3. A pipe cleaner.

Description/Make:

Write in the middle of your plate, "I will wait on God." Then number 1-12 on the outside of the plate, like a clock. Then punch a hole in the middle of the plate and put a pipe cleaner in the hole, pinch it in the back so it will not come out and then use it as the hands of the clock.



Habakkuk asked God why bad things were happening. Use this clock as a reminder that when you pray, you don't get to choose when God will answer. Habakkuk trusted God's plan for Judah. **GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS.** Like Habakkuk, we can trust God when bad things happen.

OPTION 2: Rejoice necklace.

Supplies:

1. Piece of cardstock or cardboard cut into a small circle.
2. Markers or crayons.
3. Yarn.
4. Scissors.
5. Beads, buttons, different decorations (optional).

Description/Make:

Cut a circle out of a piece of cardstock or cardboard. On your circle, make a smiling face on one side (you can either draw a smiley face or you can use

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buttons, sequins, etc. to create a smiley face). Then on the back side, write “I will rejoice. Habakkuk 3:18.” Then punch a hole through the top of the circle and using yarn, create a necklace. You can thread beads onto either side of the circle if you would like.



Habakkuk was sad because bad things were happening. Habakkuk trusted God’s plan for Judah. **GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS.** Like Habakkuk, we can trust God when bad things happen.

OPTION 3: Coloring Page and Activity Pages (crayons, markers)

Have your child use crayons or markers to color the sheet on the next page.



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