



Unit 14, Session 3

Israel Taken Captive

2 Kings 17

Story Point: Israel ignored God's prophets and was captured.

God had done so many good things for the Israelites. Even though God loved them like a father, the Israelites forgot about God. They worshiped things that were not God, and they did exactly what God told them not to do.

So God sent prophets to warn the people to stop doing evil things. The prophets said bad things would happen if they did not obey God. Did Israel obey? No. In fact, they sinned even more!

God finally had enough. He loved His people too much to let them continue in their sin and rebellion. So God punished the people of Israel by letting their enemies take over.

One day, the king of Assyria and his army attacked Israel. King Hoshea was thrown into prison. The Assyrian army surrounded Samaria, the capital of Israel.

Finally, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and forced the people to leave their homes. He made them walk hundreds of miles to Assyria. The Northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed.

Christ Connection: When the Israelites disobeyed God again and again, God punished them by removing them from His presence. We disobey God, but Jesus took the punishment for our sin upon Himself. Jesus brings us into God's presence and keeps us there.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Check the box if the statement is true:
 - ☐ God loved the Israelites, and they never disobeyed Him. (2 Kings 17:16)
 - ☐ The Israelites listened to the prophets. (2 Kings 17:14)
 - ☐ God loved His people too much to let them continue in sin.
 - ☐ Jesus took the punishment for our sin upon Himself.
- What does this story teach us about God?
- Why doesn't God let us live however we want?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Why did God allow the Assyrians to capture Israel? Did God give up on His people?
- How is God good for disciplining His people?
- How did God punish our sin?

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- Write a prayer to God, confessing that like the people of Israel, we often ignore instruction or choose to disobey. Thank God for sending Jesus.

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 29:24-28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 12:6-11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 3:12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:46 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 3:18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 5:7-9 |