

Unit 15, Session 4

# Habakkuk the Prophet

Habakkuk

Story Point: Habakkuk learned to have faith and trust in God.

Habakkuk the prophet prayed to God. "Why do You let bad things happen?" Habakkuk said.

God answered, "Watch! I am doing something amazing, something you wouldn't believe if I told you." Then God told Habakkuk what was going to happen. God was raising up enemies—the mighty Babylonians. The Babylonians were going to come and make God's people prisoners!

"Why do it this way, Lord?" Habakkuk asked.

God answered, "Be patient. It may seem like evil people are winning now, but they won't win in the end."

Habakkuk praised God for His power. The Babylonians were going to come, and life for the people in Judah would be very hard for a while. But Habakkuk had faith, and he would wait for the day when God would rescue His people from the Babylonians.

Finally Habakkuk said, "Even if the trees and vines do not produce fruit, even if nothing grows in the fields, and even if there are no sheep in the pens and no cattle in the barns, I will be glad because of the Lord. I will rejoice in God who saves."

Christ Connection: Habakkuk lived at a time when evil seemed to be everywhere. By faith, he trusted God's promise that God would deliver His people. Injustice, violence, and wickedness surround us today, but we can live by faith and trust that Jesus will return to make all things right.

## **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.

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•	Read	Haba	ıkkuk	3:17-	·19 to	fill in	the	blan	ks:

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yet I will cele	brate in the Lord; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation!
The Lord my	Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like those of a
	and enables me to!

• What does this story teach us about God?

• Did God answer all of Habakkuk's questions? Why?

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•	Why	do you	think	Habakl	kuk	chose	to	praise	God	no	matter	what?

• Where do you turn for comfort? Why?

• What hope do we have when evil seems to be everywhere?

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• Find 2 Chronicles 7:14 in your Bible and write the words below.

• Write a prayer to God, acknowledging God's authority over all things. Thank Him for the hope we have in Jesus.

#### **READ THE WORD**

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Philippians 4:11

☐ 1 Peter 1:3-5

☐ Matthew 11:28

☐ John 10:29

☐ Proverbs 20:22

☐ 1 Peter 5:7