

# UNIT 14 • SESSION 1

## *Israel Taken Captive*

**Bible Passage:** 2 Kings 17

## REVIEW THE STORY

- 1.) **Kids who can tell me about the story you learned about on Sunday?** (Pause and let them think of what they can remember.)
- 2.) **Does anyone remember the main characters?** (Pause... If they can't remember, help lead them to remember: ... as they remember encourage them!)
  - God!
  - Hoshea
  - The Israelites
  - Enemies - Assyrians/Egyptians
- 3.) **Ok, does anyone remember any of the story points?**

**Story Point #1:** The Israelites suffered because of their sin.  
**Story Point #2:** God patiently warned Israel, but they would not listen.  
**Story Point #3:** God loved Israel too much to not discipline them.
- 4.) **Awesome, and can anyone remember how this story connected to Jesus?**

**Christ Connection:** Like Israel, we suffer because of our sins. But because of Jesus, we have hope even when we suffer!

Thanks for helping teach me that story! Ok let's watch the video and see if we remember anything more we forgot or notice anything new this time that we didn't catch the first time.

## WATCH THE VIDEO STORY:

Click [here](#) to watch the Gospel Project Video Story.

## TALK THROUGH THE STORY POINTS:

**Story Point #1:** The Israelites suffered because of their sin..

- What happened to the Israelites that caused them to suffer? (Basic comprehension - Help the kids recap from the lesson.)
- What types of suffering have you experienced because of your sin? (Adults answer first... then let the kids answer. Give them the gift of going second! But be careful here: not all suffering is the result of an individual's sin.)

**Story Point #2:** God patiently warned Israel, but they would not listen.

- Have you ever ignored a warning from your parent or something or someone else? What was it and then what happened as a result? (Let the kids answer and then agree/empathize with them when you can. "I know what that's like." "I remember a time...")
- Have you ever warned someone about something because you knew it was bad for them, but then they did it anyways? (Adults answer first) How did that make you feel?

## TALK THROUGH THE STORY POINTS (cont'd):

**Story Point #3:** God loved Israel too much to not discipline them.

- Why was it loving for God to discipline Israel, and why is it loving for Him to discipline us? (He knows what's best for us and what's not. He knows that sin is bad for us, even when we don't understand why it's bad for us or we don't feel like it is.)

## REVIEW THE CHRIST CONNECTION AND APPLY IT:

**Christ Connection:** Like Israel, we suffer because of our sins. But because of Jesus, we have hope even when we suffer!

- Adults - how is that good news to you? In what parts of life do you most need to remember that you have hope in Jesus even when you're suffering?

**Main Application(s):** God disciplines the sons He loves (Hebrews 12)... God disciplined Israel and He disciplines us to help us learn that sin is not the good stuff. Sin kills us and hurts others. So God wants to keep us away from it.

- Adults first then Kids - When is it hardest for you to believe/remember that God disciplines you because He loves you, not because He's "mean" or doesn't love you?
- Adults first then Kids - When is it hardest for you to believe/remember that sin is not the good stuff? What can you do to repent of this and trust God that He knows what's best, even when you don't feel like it or don't understand it?

## PRAYER TIME:

Pray and thank Jesus for His loving discipline (even though it doesn't always feel good!). Pray and ask Jesus to help us submit to and trust Him more as well as the other authorities He's placed in our lives.

## PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE:

The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

**2 Peter 3:9**