

Just J's: Jeremiah

The people of God had split and were divided into 2 kingdoms.

The southern kingdom of Judah sometimes had good Kings who loved God and sometimes had bad Kings who did not love God.



The northern kingdom of Israel had terrible Kings who did not follow God.

This kingdom was destroyed by its enemies first.

Draw what you would do as a King to get people to worship God.

God was sad & angered that the people He dearly loved did not worship Him.

"The Lord spoke these words to me
[Jeremiah]:

"Before I made you in your mother's
womb, I chose you.
Before you were born, I set you
apart for a special work.
I appointed you as a prophet to the
nations."



-Jeremiah 1: 4-5

**Draw a Picture of young
Jeremiah with the hand of God
touching his mouth:**

Does God care whether or not you
are young? OR does he use all
people for His work?

What is a Prophet?

**A Messenger of God. He or she
shares with the people a message
from God!**



Lord," I said, "I do not know how
to speak; I am too young."

But the Lord said to me, "Do
not say, 'I am too young.' You
must go to everyone I send you
to and say whatever I command
you.

Do not be afraid of them, for I
am with you and will
rescue you," declares the Lord.

Then the Lord reached out his
hand and touched my mouth
and said to me, "I have put my
words in your mouth.

-Jeremiah 1: 6-9

Jeremiah, the 'Weeping Prophet'

Jeremiah brought many messages from God to the people.



The messages were not easy for the people to hear; as God told them they HAD to change!

The people did not want to repent and change.

This made Jeremiah very sad as he knew that God would have to give the people of Judah consequences for their actions, which would cause things not to go well for the people.

Has there been a time when you did something that you were not supposed to and there were consequences?
Draw below...

A large yellow rectangular box for drawing, with yellow arrows pointing to the corners.



For many years
Jeremiah tried to
get the people to
listen to God.

**BUT THE PEOPLE
WOULDN'T LISTEN!!**



**IT WAS ALMOST TIME FOR THE PEOPLE TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES OF
THEIR ACTIONS BUT GOD HAD JEREMIAH TRY ONE LAST THING!**

The King tried to have
the scroll burned
because he did not want
to believe the Word of
God. No matter what he
tried God kept having
Jeremiah rewrite His
truth!



"Jeremiah, get a scroll. Write on it all the words I have spoken to you about Israel and Judah and all the nations.

Write everything I have spoken to you since Josiah was king until now.

Maybe the family of Judah will hear what disasters I am planning to bring on them. And maybe they will stop doing wicked things.

Then I would forgive them for the sins and the evil things they have done."

Jeremiah 36: 2-3

People today also need to hear the truth of God. That we need to repent and accept Jesus Christ as our Savior.

Write down some things you would tell someone to share with them the truth of God?

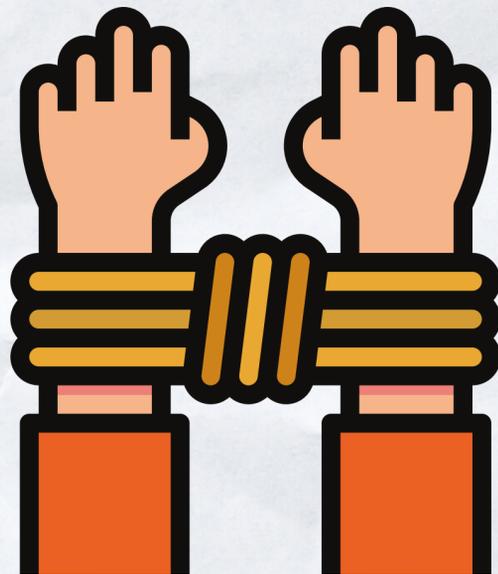


Jerusalem was attacked
and destroyed by the
Babylonians



587 BC, the Southern kingdom of Judah fell

Many of God's people
had been taken captive
and moved to Babylon.



BUT....

The story doesn't end
there because God had
made a promise.

This is what the Lord says: "Babylon will be powerful for 70 years.

After that time I will come to you who are living in Babylon. I will keep my promise to bring you back to Jerusalem.

I say this because I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future.

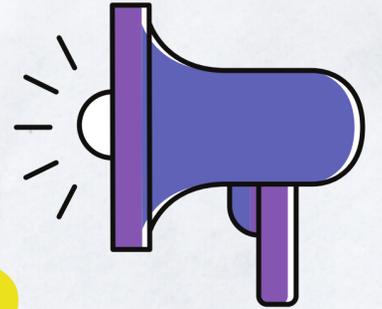
Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me. And I will listen to you. You will search for me. And when you search for me with all your heart, you will find me! I will let you find me," says the Lord. "And I will bring you back from your captivity.

I forced you to leave this place. But I will gather you from all the nations. I will gather you from the places I have sent you as captives," says the Lord. "And I will bring you back to this place."

Jeremiah wrote all of God's warnings on a scroll for the people. Take time with your family to make a scroll; then write down God's promise from Jeremiah 29: 10-14.

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- Jeremiah had a difficult job being a Prophet for God, but we are all called to be God's messengers to the world. Do you think it is easy or hard to tell people about God?
- Would it be harder if people didn't want to change or were angry with God?



(Write or Draw your thoughts here)

Prayer of Reflection

Heavenly Father, as Christians you call us all to be your messengers no matter how young or how old we are.

May the Holy Spirit gives us the words to say when telling the world about you just like you gave the words to Jeremiah.

May our hearts be broken for your people in such a way that we have no choice but to take action to show them love.

Thank you, for being a God who always keeps His promises. Thank you for being a God who is with us in all situations even if they are scary. We are thankful that we can depend on you.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.