



Materials I Need:

Memory Work:

Learning the Old Testament books starting with Genesis.

The Prophet Jeremiah (The weeping prophet)
The People The People of Judah (Southern Kingdom)
The Prophecy Gods righteousness does not change
The Principle Stand firm in God's righteous ways

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Hook:



ROCK CLIMBING. REI has rock climbing excursions. [This is an indoor event at REI] The current schedule is Monday 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:30a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; 1p.m. - 4:00 p.m. All individuals are invited to our climbing wall during open climbing sessions. Climbers are helped by a certified REI employee. There is no charge for these sessions. * There is a \$2.00 shoe rental fee. The leader must bring in waivers signed by each participants parents or guardians, and medical release form for the entire group. Minors will wear helmets. Call 1-2 weeks in advance, ask for Angel. **3JER19JR.GF1**



NO FEAR GEAR. [There is a man by the name of Angel at REI who said he would be willing to come in and show rock climbing gear.] Show the Bible students what they would do to prepare to go rock climbing. What are the different pieces of equipment for? What keeps the rock climber from sliding all the way down. How can we keep from sliding?



VIDEO. Utilize the Mcgee and Me video IN THE NICK OF TIME. Show the portion of the video where Nick reluctantly takes a turn at rock climbing and ends up sliding back down. **FOCUS ON THE FAMILY & TYNDALE HOUSE PUBLISHERS.**



WEDDING VIDEO. Bring in a video tape of , a wedding ceremony. What promises do the couple make to each other? We are to stand firm in our promises to each other until death do us part. God's standard...God wants us to stand firm regardless of what is going on around us, just like Jeremiah did. It is difficult but with God's help, we can do it!



Book:

Presentation Ideas -



OVERHEAD. Assyria, Babylon & Persia. Our study of the Old Testament will make more if we help children understand who ruled the world during the ministries of different prophets. Utilize this overhead to give your Bible students a brief overview of the rulers during the time of the prophets we are studying. **3JER19JR.GF2**

Bible Adventure -

Today we are going to begin to hear about the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah was God's chief prophet to Judah for about 40 years. The son of a priest Hilkiah, brought God's message to the people during the reigns of four different kings of Judah. His first messages were given to Judah while she was being threatened by Assyria and Egypt. Then in the following years he warned God's people of coming judgment with Babylon being used as God's tool. Finally, Jeremiah's final years of ministry took place in Jerusalem & Egypt after Judah had fallen. In the book of Jeremiah we can learn a lot about this prophet. Jeremiah was a man of faith-an unshakable faith in God and God alone. He was also a man who felt such sorrow over the sin of God's people that he became as the "weeping prophet". Jeremiah wept often over the stubbornness of the people, who would not admit as or turn from their sin. Jeremiah also had great confidence that God was fully right and fair in His judgments. Jeremiah had such a heart for God that it really grieved him to see the rebellious heart of God's people. Let's look at some of Jeremiah's first messages to them.

In Jeremiah chapter 3, Jeremiah delivered God's message that Judah had learned nothing from watching God's judgment of Israel. Judah watched Israel be unfaithful to God by worshipping idols. You see, long ago God had made a covenant, or agreement, with his people. Chapter 7 of Jeremiah tells us about that agreement. God had said to them, "Obey me, and I will be your God, and you will be my people. Walk in all the ways I command you, that it may go well with you". But Israel did not listen. Even though God patiently waited for Israel to turn back to Him, she refused and continued chasing after idols. God knew Judah was watching all this go on. They were watching as God judged them, or as Jeremiah writes, "gave her a certificate of divorce and sent her away". Jeremiah was referring to the destruction of Israel, the northern Kingdom, by Assyria.

Unfortunately Judah not learn anything from Israel's fall. They fell into the sin of idolatry too, and made their sin even worse because they pretended to return to the Lord. Their lives were totally opposite from the way God had asked them to live. They oppressed the poor. stole, murdered, lied, committed adultery, and worshipped false gods. Then they went to God's temple and felt they were safe because it was His house. God warns them this is not true. God is not fooled by the games men try to play with him. He knows our thoughts and the reasons we do what we do better than we know them ourselves. God was watching Judah and He saw plainly the evil in the hearts of his people. He sent Jeremiah to Was tell His people that they had not lived up to their part of the agreement. They had failed to meet God's standard, which never changes. Jeremiah was an example of being faithful to God's standard. He refused to change his did message, in spite of the rejection he experienced. Most people don't like to be reminded of their sin. Jeremiah's message of the coming judgment of God was not welcomed with cheers of joy, as you can imagine. Jeremiah had few friends. He was threatened, humiliated and punished, and yet continued to be God's messenger, speaking God's words even when it seemed no one at all was listening. Jeremiah chose, like Jesus Christ did, to be answerable to God first and foremost (see 1 Peter 2:23). His message, even through all the conflict, continued to be that Judah needed to come back to God's standard. It's a wonderful example for us to follow. How often we change our minds about being obedient to God because of something someone says to us, or out of fear that we won't be accepted by those around us. God wants us to stand firm regardless of what is going on around us, just like Jeremiah did. We have all of the Old Testament and the New Testament to tell us of God's faithfulness and uncounted reasons why we should trust Him and be obedient to Him. Will you make up your mind now to walk in obedience to God's Word? Will you, like Jeremiah, have a heart for God?



Look:



SLIDES AND LADDERS. This game can be used with the entire class or with individual groups, with teacher being the leader. It teaches all the biblical principles that are throughout Jeremiah and has students find them in the Bible. It has an instruction sheet **3JER19JR.GF3**, and you can read laminated board as you play the game. Be sure while playing, emphasize self-control etc. that's on the game.



READY, SET, DRAW. *Option #1.* "Pictures of Judah's sin drawing assignments. Divide the class into 4 groups. Put 4 large pieces of drawing paper on the wall. Have each group work together to read the verses and draw the picture that's indicated in one of the following assignments. (Very small classes can use the top 2 assignments with 2 groups.) Have groups share their drawings with each other. Discuss these things using the background details. *Option #2* Go through the scenario's with your small group. Have a blank piece of paper to draw picture of each sin that you find in the Jeremiah scriptures. Enjoy reading the backgrounds! **3JER19JR.GF4**



YO JEREMIAH. As the Bible students begin answering the clues they will begin to tell what Jeremiah was like! Answer sheet is provided. **3JER19JR.GF5**



Took:



JUMPIN' 4 P's. You will need 1 long jump rope. The goal is to get your Bible students to run in while two teachers are turning the rope and be able to say the 4 P's and run out. When you hear the rope hit the ground, run in. To get out, as soon as you jump, follow the rope and go out! Demonstrations will be offered.

The Prophet is Jeremiah
 The People Southern Kingdom
 The Prophecy---God's righteousness, no change.
 The Principle---Stand Firm
 in God's--- righteous ways
 These are the 4 P's
 Got 'em from Jeremiah
 Not it's time to jump out.

[To use as a rap remove the last line and repeat the second to the last line. Have more' fun!!!]



PROPHET PAGE. This is a half page for the Bible students to fill out. This page will also help with memory work. If these pages are all saved the Bible students will have a booklet on the Old Testament prophets sense that they have put together themselves. [These pages will fit in a small binder. There are two prophet pages on each sheet.] **3JER19JR.GF6**



FAMILY FUN SHEET. In this week's Family Fun Sheet there is reference to a chart titles "Track The Prophets Chart". You may wish to use an enlarged version of this chart as a teaching tool. Each prophet has a sticker that can be placed on the maps to help families know of where they spoke.

Aim Questions: Use these questions the last 15 minutes of class in a game. See who really listened to the story. Give candy out for each correct answer.

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The Weeping Prophet



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ASSYRIA, BABYLON & PERSIA.

***KING DAVID.** God blessed the Israelites in the days of King David. Under his leadership the Israelites ruled the world.

***KING SOLOMON.** After King Solomon died the kingdom split North & South. David's son Solomon had taxed the people so much that the northern tribes rebelled after his death. Israel to the North and Judah to the South.

***ASSYRIAN EMPIRE.** When Assyria ruled the world, Sargon the king took the Northern Kingdom of Israel away to be slaves. Hosea's the prophet when Israel must go, and where they all went nobody knows.

***BABYLONIAN EMPIRE.** The Assyrian Empire died when their capitol city, Nineveh, was conquered by Babylonian armies. It happened just like the prophet Nahum said it would. Jeremiah warned Judah about Babylon. When the armies all left, the people were gone. Babylon took the Southern Kingdom of Judah captive as slaves.

***PERSIAN EMPIRE.** The prophet Daniel was living in Babylon when the Persians destroyed the city. Isaiah told about the king of Persia, Cyrus, who would allow the Israelites to return to their



37 4P	38 NO SPIRITUAL FRUIT	39 READ PROVERBS 12:22 OUT LOUD	40 ?	41	42 ?
36 TRUST <i>Proverbs 3:5-8</i>	35 ?	34 HONESTY ADVANCE TO 39	33 WISDOM <i>Psalm 111:10</i>	32 4P	31 GENTLENESS <i>James 4:10</i>
13 4P	14 PATIENCE <i>Proverbs 19:11</i>	15 KINDNESS <i>Ephesians 4:32</i>	16 ?	17 ADVANCE TO 41	18 YOU DIDN T GET YOUR WAY.
12 ?	11 PEACE <i>Philippians 4:12b, 13</i>	10 GO BACK 8 SPACES	9 POUTING LOSE ONE TURN	8 4P	7 ?

43 COOPERATION Romans 12:17,18	44 4P	45	46 trade places with the person in last place!	47 NO SELF-CONTROL SLIDE TO 23	48 ?
30 NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO BE GENTLE.	29 ?	28 GODLY CHARACTER luke 2:40	27 self-control Proverbs 25:28	26 ?	25 faithfulness Matthew 25:21
19 4P	20 goodness Galations 6:9,10	21 lose one turn to pray for gentleness	22 4P	23 [James 1:19] Wait here one turn while you find it.	24
6 salvation free gift ADVANCE TO 45	5 JOY 3John 4	4 4P	3 ?	2 love Romans 12:9,10	1 started day in the Word of God Advance to 24

LADDERS AND SLIDES.

To play ladders and slides you will need one game board; 1 die; 1 game piece per player; ?knowledge bowl questions; 4P flashcards.

To start game all players roll the die. The highest number begins the game with another roll of the die. The player moves the amount of spaces shown on the die. When the player lands on a square they must do what is on the square.

4P square ~ these are the prophet flashcards. Get at least 3 out of 4 and advance 4 spaces.

?knowledge bowl questions ~ answer the question correctly and move forward to the nearest ladder.

TO WIN: Get to space 48 and answer the question correctly. You will stay on space 48 for three turns. If you miss the questions each time move backwards one square and do what that square says.

Draw the picture of Judah's sin that you find in Jeremiah 2:19; 3:22; 5:6b; 7:24.

Background: Josiah was king when Jeremiah began his ministry. Josiah was by far Judah's all-time best king. He worked very hard to destroy all the idols and ungodly places of worship in Judah. He also re-instituted proper temple worship and insisted that the law of Moses be obeyed. But the heart of the people did not change, so when Josiah was killed (in battle with Egypt), the people "slid" very quickly back into their old sinful ways. In a short time, idols were everywhere and the people again practiced every kind of sin.

Draw the picture of Judah's sin that you find in Jeremiah 2:1; 2:32; 3:14.

Background: God made a covenant with his people when he gave the law to Moses. He made many promises about how he would be with them and bless them if they would obey him. They promised that they would always obey everything he had commanded (see Exodus 24:3,7&8) God compares these promises to marriage vows. God uses this picture to show how much Judah's sin hurts him.

Draw the picture of Judah's sin that you find in Jeremiah 5:21 & 6:10.

Background: In Chapter 3 verses 8-11, God talks (in adult terms) about how frustrated he is that Judah hasn't learned anything by watching what happened in Israel to the north. Judah is ignoring God's plea for repentance, so God will have to deal with Judah as he dealt with Israel.

Draw the picture of Judah's sin that you find in Jeremiah 6:13,14 & 8:11,22.

Background: God is disappointed and angry with Judah's leaders. They think that just because they have the temple and the law, God will excuse their idols and their sin (see Chapter 7:4, 9-11). Never mind that they bring idol worship into the temple (11:15), and make their own changes in the scriptures.

FOR DISCUSSION: Go through each scenario with your small group. Have a blank piece of paper to draw the picture of Judah's sin that you find in the Jeremiah scriptures. Enjoy reading the backgrounds.

Write words to fit the definitions. The darker boxes spill the words.



SEASON BEFORE WINTER

THE NORTH OR SOUTH

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE ONES

A PERSON IN THE MILITARY

A STAIN OR COMMON NAME FOR A DOG

A PROPHET OF GOD

A SKY COLOR

KIND OF COACH TO GO WEST

WASHINGTON IS ONE

24 OF THESE IN A DAY

A CONSTELLATION IS MADE OF THESE

A SILENT CHRISTMAS SONG

GENUINE

KING OR QUEEN HEADPIECE

THE PLANET YOU LIVE ON

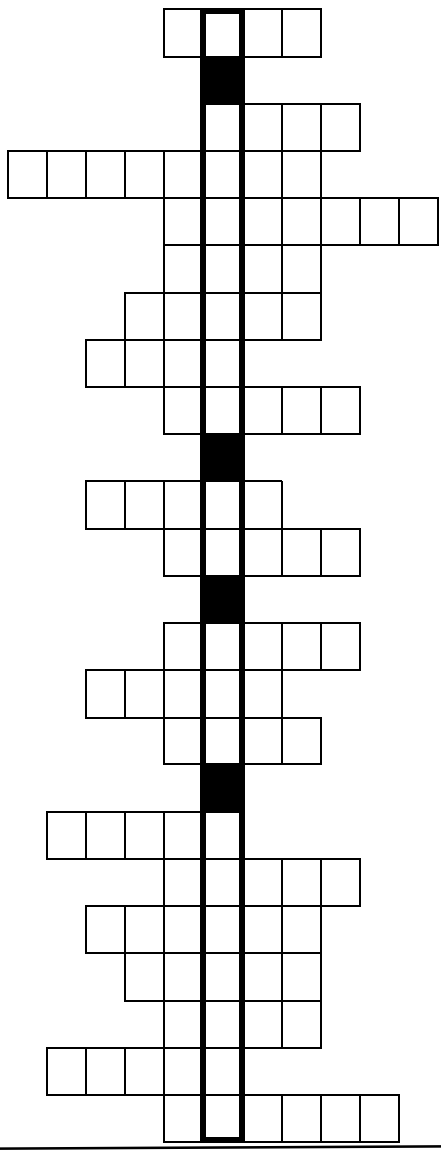
A SLOW ANIMAL

READ YOU BIBLE THIS WAY AND GROW

THIS PLACE IS ON THE RANGE

A CITIZEN OF ROME

A PROPHET OF GOD

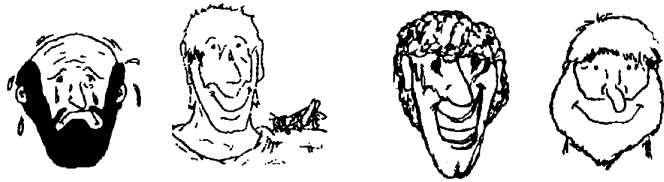


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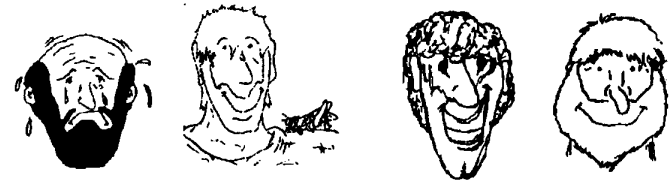
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