

Preschool
Judah Taken Captive
Activity Ideas

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 Chronicles 36

STORY POINT: Judah ignored God's prophets and was captured.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Chronicles 7:14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How did God plan to fix what sin broke? Before He created the world, God planned to send the Messiah to save sinners.

Play reverse red-light, green-light

Choose one child to stand at the front of the group, and line up the rest of the children directly in front of him. Explain that when the child at the front turns his back, children may sneak away from him. But when he says "turn back!" and spins around, children must freeze and face him. If he catches anyone moving when he looks, that child must return to her starting position. Whoever reaches the other side of the room first may lead the next round.

SAY • These past few weeks, we have been learning about some of the prophets and kings who told people to turn back to God. But the people did not listen. In today's Bible story, we will learn what happened to the people who kept turning away from God.

Draw with charcoal

Provide charcoal sticks or pencils and white paper. Encourage children to draw scenes from the Bible story with the charcoal. Explain that charcoal is made from burned wood.

SAY • Judah did not listen to God's warning, so God allowed the king of Babylon and his armies to attack the people in Judah. The Babylonians burned the temple and destroyed Jerusalem. It was a dark, messy scene, like our pictures. God was right to punish His people because they sinned. But God never stopped loving them. He was going to give His people a good king, just like He said He would. How did God plan to fix what sin broke? God planned to send Jesus. Many years later, God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our King forever. Jesus took the punishment we should get for our sin.