



IDC KIDS

Mar 29, 2026

8:30am & 11:15am

THE NORTHERN KINGDOM WAS DESTROYED

2 KINGS 17

CHRIST CONNECTION:

When the people of Israel did not do what God said, God punished them. We disobey God too, but Jesus died to take our punishment for us. People who trust in Jesus will be with God forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

Deuteronomy 13:4

STORY POINT:

God judged Israel's sin.

LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY	We may feel sad or angry when something we work really hard on is knocked over or destroyed. Today we will learn that God judged Israel's sin by allowing their kingdom to be destroyed. God did this because the people continued to disobey Him.
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2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.



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TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

STORY SCRIPT

Hoshea became the king of Israel. Israel was a kingdom in the north. The kingdom in the south was Judah. Like many of the kings before him, **Hoshea was a bad king who did not follow God. Because Hoshea and the people of Israel kept doing wrong things, something very sad happened.**

The king of Assyria came with his big, strong army and attacked Israel. They captured King Hoshea, and then **they made all the people leave their homes and walk hundreds of miles to the land of Assyria.**

What a sad thing to happen to the people of **Israel! God's people were prisoners in another land. But God was still in control.** God let His people be taken away because His people had sinned. They had broken God's laws and forgot about Him.

This was exactly what God had told them not to do. God even sent messengers to warn them, but they didn't listen. In fact, they did even more wrong things. God said, "Enough!" He was angry that His people sinned. **God punished the people and let their enemies take them far away from home.**

Israel was destroyed. Now, only the tribe of Judah was left.

Story Telling Tips

- **Show emotion:** Encourage the children to make a sad face when Israel does not follow God and a happy face when you share the Christ Connection.
- **Wear a crown:** Place a crown on your head when you talk about the kings at the beginning of the story.

CHRIST CONNECTION

When the people of Israel did not do what God said, God punished them. We disobey God too, but Jesus died to take our punishment for us. People who trust in Jesus will be with God forever.



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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

Ask the following review questions:

- What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- How had Israel sinned? (Israel disobeyed God, Israel did bad things, Israel didn't listen to God's warnings)
- What did the Assyrian army make the Israelites do? (leave their homes and walk to Assyria)
- Why did God allow the kingdom of Israel to be destroyed? (God was judging Israel's sin.)
- Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.**

SAY	Hoshea was a bad king who did not listen to God. The people of Israel chose to follow their king instead of listening to God. God judged Israel's sin by letting an army attack Israel and take the people far away from their home. After Israel was destroyed, Judah was the only tribe that was left.
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4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY	The people of Israel did not to listen to God. They wanted to keep making wrong choices. Our big picture question is Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin. Like the people of Israel, we want to keep making our own choices. When we think what we want is more important than what God wants, this is sin. God sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin so that we can be with God forever
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5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **Deuteronomy 13:4**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

SAY	God gave the people of Israel many chances to listen to Him and keep His commands, but they continued to make wrong choices. God wants us to listen to Him and keep His commands. We can do this by reading and listening to His Word, the Bible.
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HINT: You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **Follow the Lord**

6. PRAY

SAY	God, thank You for giving us the Bible so we can know Your commands and follow You. Thank You for forgiving us when we make wrong choices. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sin. Amen.
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ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

1. BUILD A TOWER AND KNOCK IT DOWN

Distribute several paper cups to each preschooler or set up a center with paper cups. Instruct preschoolers to build a tower by stacking the cups. Once the tower is complete, offer a beanbag to the child and allow her to gently toss it at the tower to knock it down. (Note: Preschoolers should knock down their own towers.)

SAY

You worked hard on your tower before it was knocked down. When Israel would not listen to God, God allowed an army to attack their city and destroy what they had built. God judged Israel's sin. God was right to do this because sin is disobeying God. We also sin and disobey God. We sin when we do not share our toys, tell a lie, or disobey our teachers. Jesus took the punishment for our sins. When we confess our sin and trust in Jesus, we can be with God forever.

2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.