Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

JUDAH WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of 2 Chronicles 36 from the Bible.

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TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE

Time and time again, the kings of Judah chose to disobey God. And even though God loved His children like a father, the people did not listen to His warnings, and they forgot about their God. God judged the people of Judah for their sin. They were attacked by the armies of Babylon and lived as exiles in a foreign land.

The northern kingdom of Israel was attacked and conquered by the Assyrians. The southern kingdom of Judah was attacked and conquered by the Babylonians. Because they had disobeyed, God's people were exiles in other countries for centuries. But what about God's promise to Abraham to bless all nations through his descendants? What about the promise to David that his descendants would sit on the throne forever? Had God forgotten about these promises?

Of course not! Isaiah 40:8 says, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." These words remind us that every promise God has spoken is true, and He will always keep His promises. When God poured out His judgment on the people for their sin, the kingdom of Judah was no more. But even then, God was working out His plan to send a greater king to save His people. God would send His own Son, Jesus—who was from the family of Abraham and David—to bring forgiveness and peace to all who trust in Him.

The people of Judah continued to sin and were destroyed by Babylon. Even though God was patient, all sin deserves judgment. God's patience is meant to lead us to repentance. Those who repent and trust in Jesus will escape God's judgment.

Pray: *God, we know You always keep Your promises. Help us to trust in You even when we don't see how You're working. Thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross and to save all who believe in Him. Amen.*

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LEARN SCRIPTURE

The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



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SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the key passage song. This song is a helpful way to worship as your family learns and memorizes the key passage.

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Family Prayer Time

Mornings
Take a moment to confess sin. It could be getting angry at a sibling, lying or disobeying your parents, or other ways you've failed to do what God has asked you to do. Ask God to help you turn away from those sins and walk with Him.

Evenings
Thank God for His patience and grace, even when we fail. Praise Him for giving us the opportunity to return to Him. Ask God to remind you of His mercy and to help you never take it for granted.

Family Activities

For Fun
Make a list of physical challenges like push-ups, sit-ups, or running in place. Compete as a family to see who can outperform others in each challenge. When a family member gets tired or fails to properly do the task, they are eliminated from the game. Play until all family members are out of the game. After a few rounds, talk about the game's consequences for not perfectly completing the challenge. Remind kids that eventually every person failed in the challenge and was eliminated. Discuss how we have all sinned and fallen short of perfection that God requires. Talk about the fact that God must punish sin as an act of his fairness and justice. Be sure to emphasize how God punished sin by sending Jesus to the cross so that we could receive forgiveness and have new life through Him!

To Serve
Contact a prison chaplain or a ministry that serves incarcerated individuals in your state. Ask for a list of items that can be donated to bless inmates. Work as a family to purchase or collect the items. Make cards to remind the inmates that God has not forgotten them and His grace is always available in Jesus.

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