

Large Group

God Can Always Be Trusted

Bible Passage: Jeremiah 31

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 17:7

Big Picture Question: Can God be trusted?

Yes, God cannot lie or ever be wrong, so we can trust whatever He has to say.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Do you remember how God created the world? [Allow responses.] That's right! God created the world by speaking. He said, 'Let there be light' and there was light. God's words are so powerful they can create something from nothing. God's words can also be trusted because whatever He has said, He will do. Just like His words made all created things, so will God fulfill His words in the Bible.

God's words came to His people through prophets in the Old Testament. The prophets told God's people how they should live and things God was going to do. Sometimes the people listened, but many times they did not. Today's Bible story will help us learn about a time God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah to share hope with God's people.

Today's Lesson

God's people were facing a very difficult time. God judged their sin and sent them away into exile in Babylon. Do you think the people were afraid? Why? [Allow responses.] God's people may have been afraid of being in exile, but they could trust God was with them and they could trust in His promise to one day set them free. While God's people were in exile, God sent the prophet Jeremiah to give them hope.

What were some things Jeremiah told the people that gave them hope? [Allow responses.] Jeremiah told the people that God was going to bring them back together, turn their sadness into joy, give them reason to dance, wash away their sin, and write His law on their hearts. Even after all the times the people sinned against God, He was still making a way for them to be with Him forever.

Who did God send to make all of these promises come true? [Allow responses.] That's right, Jesus! Every good promise God made came true in Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, died for our sin, and rose again so that we can have new hearts and life with Him. Only through Jesus are we able to have hope and a future with God.

Christ Connection | God's words brought hope to God's people because His words were true. God can always be trusted. Jeremiah told about a day when God would forgive sin and change people's hearts. Jesus' death and resurrection provides forgiveness of sins. Through Jesus, we have new hearts and life with God forever.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Jeremiah 31:3-34

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.