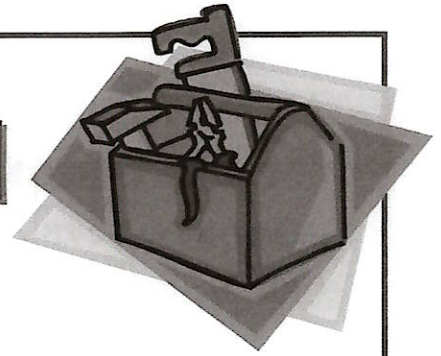


Building Your Life for God



Parents' Page

Lesson 1

God's People Become Slaves

Your child should understand...

Obedience—Knowing God punishes disobedience

Your child should be able to...

1. Tell what happened to the Jews (Israelites) who were overtaken by Babylon.
2. Tell why God let Babylon take the Jews as slaves.

Your child should be memorizing...

Daniel 3:17

“We might be thrown into the blazing furnace. But the God we serve is able to bring us out of it alive.”

Please read to your child...

Thursday Jeremiah 25:4-9, 11

Friday Jeremiah 52:1-6

Saturday 2 Chronicles 36:15-20

Monday Jeremiah 31:28-30, 33; Jeremiah 33:6-8

Tuesday Lamentations 5:1-2, 19-21

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God told His people, the Israelites or Jews, over and over again that they must obey, or He would punish them. But the Israelites just wouldn't listen. They kept on worshiping idols and ignoring what God wanted. They even made fun of God's prophets. So God knew that He would have to punish them.

True or False?

God decided to punish the Israelites because they did not obey Him.

Far away from Judah was the kingdom of Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, and his people wanted to

rule the whole world. Babylon had a strong, wicked army. God had always protected Judah from Babylon, but the Israelites kept disobeying God. Finally He decided to let Babylon punish His people for their disobedience.



The Babylonian army came into Judah and took over Jerusalem. They set the temple on fire. They broke down the wall of Jerusalem. The army captured the Israelites. They took the Israelites to be slaves to the people of Babylon.

While they were living as slaves, God sent prophets to His people to tell them that He would someday rescue them. The people of Judah were sorry they had disobeyed God. Being slaves was very hard for them.

Circle the right word:

The Babylonian army took the Israelites to

be _____.

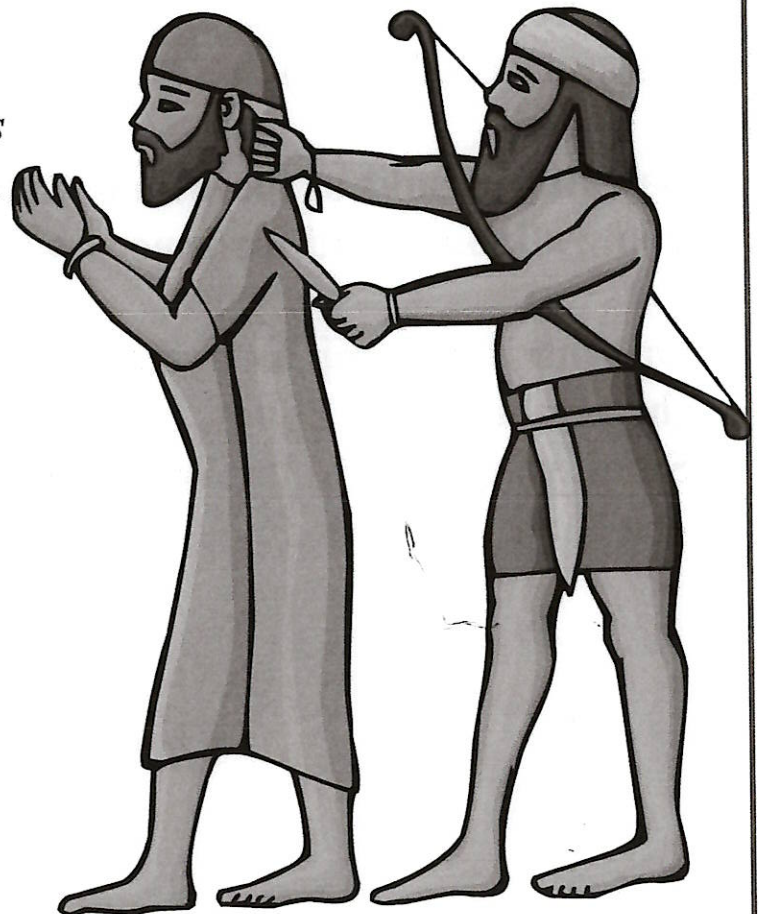
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God loved His people so much. That's why He finally punished them for disobeying Him. God wanted them to learn to love and obey Him.

God loves *us*, too. He wants *us* to love and obey Him. So God gave us the Bible so we can know how to obey Him.



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Memory Verse:

You have a **new memory verse!** Practice saying it over and over with your mother or daddy.

Daniel 3:17

“We might be thrown into the blazing furnace. But the God we serve is able to bring us out of it alive.”

Nail Down the Bible Facts!

What is the book of **Genesis** about?
(Creation, Flood, Tower of Babel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)



Say all 66 books of the whole Bible while you walk back and forth across the room!

On your **Bible map**, use your pointer finger to **show the way the Israelites left Egypt, crossed the Red Sea, went to Mount Sinai, wandered in the Wilderness, and went into Canaan.**