

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020



BIBLE STORY:

Jeremiah 23; 30; 31; 33

BIBLE VERSE:

Jeremiah 31:33b

BABIES–PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Jeremiah helped people know God still loved them.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

The prophets promised a Messiah was coming to save God's people. (YK)

The prophets foretold of a Messiah who would bring a new covenant to God's people. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Romans 3:21–4:3

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 3:23-24

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Romans 4:16-21*

MONDAY: *Romans 4:22-25*

TUESDAY: *Romans 5:1-5*

WEDNESDAY: *Romans 5:6-11*

THURSDAY: *Romans 5:12-14*

FRIDAY: *Romans 5:15-17*

SATURDAY: *Romans 5:18-21*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Jeremiah and Romans together as a family:



- **Jeremiah, prophet of hope.** Jeremiah was not popular for his messages from God, but not everything Jeremiah preached was disastrous. Many chapters included in the Book of Jeremiah preach a message of hope for a future Savior. Jeremiah told the people of Judah that very soon they would be captured and taken into captivity, but God would remember them and one day bring them back to their land. Ultimately God would send the Messiah to bring salvation to the people and usher in a new covenant for the people. The people looked forward to God's fulfillment of this promise.
- **The ultimate king.** Jeremiah shared with the people that while the human king was flawed and imperfect, the king God would one day send would be perfect, unblemished, and true. When that new king came, the people would no longer be in bondage to Babylon—the city that would soon invade Judah—or to sin.
- **Who is the Messiah?** Jeremiah identified the qualities of the Messiah so that when He came, the people would be able to recognize Him. The Messiah was going to be a Jew, one of God's own people. The Messiah would come from a small family but would possess the qualities of a priest. Unlike earthly priests however, the Messiah would have direct access to God. Through Messiah's sacrifice people would have direct access to God.
- **Jesus, Messiah.** Jesus was born to a small family from Nazareth. Early in His life, He stayed at the temple to talk with the priests. While Jesus completely fulfilled the prophecies of Jeremiah, the people still did not recognize Him. When Jesus died on the cross, the veil in the temple was ripped in two, giving people direct access to God. Paul taught the Romans that because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, people now had the opportunity to receive forgiveness of their sin without offering a sacrifice in the temple. Paul said that anyone who accepted the gospel by faith would be justified before God through Jesus.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

SESSION 4



Text Truth: Jeremiah helped people know God still loved them.

Bible Verse: **I will write [my teaching] on their heart, and they will be my people. Jeremiah 31:33b**

Bible Verse Paraphrase: **God will teach His people. Jeremiah 31:33b**



JEREMIAH 23: 30: 31: 33

For a long time, God was unhappy about the way His people were living. God did not like the way the leaders and priests and prophets had led the people away from God. God said that one day His people would return to the land and no longer be afraid.

Jeremiah knew about God's plans. Jeremiah told the people all the things God said. Jeremiah wanted the people to know God still loved them.

God told Jeremiah to write on a scroll the things that would happen. God said He would be with the people and help them. God promised to bring people back to the land He had given their families and He would make their crops grow. The people would go to Jerusalem and worship God and thank Him.

God knew the people were discouraged, but He promised to forgive them. God said, "You will be My people, and I will be your God. I have always loved you."

God wanted the people to sing for joy and praise Him. God said, "I sent you away from the land, but I will bring you back. I will make a new covenant with you and teach you."

Jeremiah told the people to have hope and call on God for help. The people would learn that God is good and His love is forever.