

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2020

BIBLE STORY:

Lamentations 1-5

BIBLE VERSE:

Lamentations 3:22b-23

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God is always good and full of love.

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

*When we are sad, we can talk to God. (YK)
When we are sad, we can talk to God because
He gives us hope for tomorrow. (OK)*

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Romans 5:1-11

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 5:8

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Romans 6:1-5*

MONDAY: *Romans 6:6-11*

TUESDAY: *Romans 6:12-14*

WEDNESDAY: *Romans 6:15-20*

THURSDAY: *Romans 6:21-23*

FRIDAY: *Romans 7:1-3*

SATURDAY: *Romans 7:4-6*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

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



- **A sad day for Jeremiah.** The day about which Jeremiah preached had finally arrived. Babylon had laid siege against Jerusalem and destroyed the city, burned the temple, and took the people captive. God did, however, leave a remnant of people in the city of Jerusalem in all of its burned-down shambles. Jeremiah, along with a handful of others, remained behind while the city smoldered. Jeremiah wrote the poem of sorrow we know today as the Book of Lamentations to express his feelings to the Lord.
- **How?** Much of Jeremiah's poem is an acrostic, using the letters of the Hebrew alphabet in order. This form gives the idea that Jeremiah's sadness was so complete, he in essence shared his frustration from A to Z. Jeremiah wrote his prayer to God; people today can share their thoughts with God through prayer or writing. Writing prayers in a journal is one way to keep our thoughts and prayers in tune with God.
- **God was true to His word.** God was true to His word. For more than 40 years Jeremiah had been telling the people to repent and follow God, or God would send another nation to conquer Judah. True to His word, God sent Babylon to destroy Jerusalem. The destruction was so complete in the city that it was more than 150 years before the walls and temple were completely rebuilt. Jeremiah and the remnant who stayed in Jerusalem continued to follow God and waited expectantly for the promised Messiah.
- **Peace with God.** Though Jeremiah was sad that the city of God had been destroyed, Jeremiah also knew that he could have peace with God through his obedience. Jeremiah was faithful to preaching God's message and God helped Jeremiah have peace. Paul told the Romans that peace with God was still possible through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Because of Christ's death on the cross, people would now be able to have peace, no matter the circumstance, through their faith.

SADNESS ABOUT A CITY

SESSION 5

Text Truth: God is always good and full of love.

Bible Verse: [God's] mercies never end. Great is your [God's] faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22

Bible Verse Paraphrase: God's love never ends. Lamentations 3:22

For Kids and Parents

LAMENTATIONS

Jeremiah loved Jerusalem. He was sad that armies had fought in Jerusalem and destroyed the city. Jeremiah cried about the temple that had been burned down. The whole city was in ruins.

Jeremiah wrote some poems about Jerusalem. The poems described the things that had been done to the city to ruin it.

Jeremiah said Jerusalem was once crowded with people, and now the people were gone. The people living in the city had been hurt or taken away. No one sat at the gates. No one went to the festivals God had commanded. Everything good about Jerusalem was gone.

Jeremiah cried because of these things. "God, my heart is broken," wrote Jeremiah.

Jeremiah knew God's people had not obeyed God and followed His laws. Jeremiah knew Jerusalem had been destroyed because of the people.

But Jeremiah also knew that God loved His people. "God's love never ends. God is always good," said Jeremiah. "Let us pray to God and ask Him to forgive us."

