

Hi Parents,

Happy Sunday Morning. Included in this pdf are some printable materials to help you share the bible lesson with your kids this morning. Enjoy!!!

- *Brian, Next Gen Minister*

Christ connection

Tip: Use Scripture and the guide provided to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.

Leader • God’s people were treated unfairly by their brother Edom. In a similar way, Jesus was mistreated by His own people. Like Edom, we too are guilty of idolatry—trusting in and worshiping things or people that are not God. This is sin and God will punish sin. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment we deserve for our sin. We can trust Jesus to make wrong things right.

Questions from kids video (3 minutes)

“Unit 17, Session 1” questions from kids video

Show the “Unit 17, Session 1” questions from kids video. Prompt kids to think about whether or not they should pray for God to punish people who do bad things. Guide them to discuss how praying for their enemies or showing kindness to them could change how they feel about them.

Key passage (5 minutes)

Key Passage Poster

“A Future and a Hope (Jer. 29:11)” song

Show the key passage poster. Lead the boys and girls to read together Jeremiah 29:11.

Leader • God’s people found themselves in a difficult situation. Their country had been invaded and their brother nation did nothing to help them. Our key passage is found in the Book of Jeremiah. This Scripture reminds us that God knows everything we go through, and He has a plan. The verse doesn’t promise that life will be easy, but it does show us that God’s plans are good.

Discussion & Bible skills (10 minutes)

Bibles, 1 per kid

Story Point Poster

Option: Retell or review the Bible story using the bolded text of the Bible story script.

Distribute Bibles. Guide boys and girls to open their Bibles to the Book of Obadiah. Explain that Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament—just one chapter! Obadiah wrote the book, and his name means “worshiper of Yahweh.” Choose a volunteer to read aloud verse 21.

Say • God saw that His people needed help that only He could give. **God promised to restore Israel and**

rule the earth as King.

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

What consequences did Edom face for their mistreatment of Israel? Will we face what we deserve for our sin? Why? *Lead kids to recall that God said the people of Edom would get what they deserved. (Obad. 15) We deserve death for our sin, but Jesus took the punishment we deserve by dying on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead. When we trust in Him, God forgives our sin and gives us eternal life.*

(Option: Choose a volunteer to read 1 Cor. 3:19-20.)

A lot of the problems from today's story happened because the families of two brothers didn't get along. What could you do this week to get along with your brothers, sisters, or friends? *Invite kids to share their ideas. Point out that not only does God call us to love our siblings, He even wants us to love our enemies.*

(Option: Choose a volunteer to read Matt. 5:44.)

Do you think God can fix this broken world? Why? *Allow kids to share their thoughts. Then emphasize that we do live in a broken world where many unfair things happen, but God promises in His Word that one day, Jesus will return and make all things new.*

(Option: Choose a volunteer to read Rev. 21:5.)

The prophet Obadiah wrote to which nation? (*Edom, Obad. 1*)

How had Edom disobeyed God? (*They had turned their back on Israel and not trusted God, Obad. 4*)

What was God's promise to Israel? (*They would be restored to their land, Obad. 19-21*)

Why do you think God punished the nation of Edom so severely? *Help kids understand that Edom was the nation of Esau's descendants. They should have been like brothers and sisters to Israel. If anyone understood God's love and plans for Israel, it should have been Edom. By ignoring Judah's trouble, they were actively going against God's plans.*

Do you think we should only help our siblings and family members? Why or why not? *Discuss the idea of loving our enemies. Remind kids that God adopts believers into His family, and that salvation is free to everyone who believes. This means everyone we meet is, or could become, part of our spiritual family.*

What does it show about God when we love our enemies? *Discuss what the Bible teaches about our standing towards God. Remind the kids that we are born in sin, and thus are enemies of God. (Romans 5:10) But He loves us anyway and sent Jesus for us. When we love those who treat us badly, it provides a picture of God's love for sinners.*

Say • It's important to remember that the nation of Israel wasn't sinless. They needed God's forgiveness just as much as any other nation. God's promise to His children is evidence of God's grace. **God promised to restore Israel and rule the earth as King.**



**“I know the plans I have
for you”—this is the Lord’s
declaration—“plans for your
well-being, not for disaster, to
give you a future and a hope.”**

Jeremiah 29:11



Get the Message

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the code provided to figure out today's story point.

A	D	E	G	H	I	K	L
M	N	O	P	R	S	T	U

Younger Kids Activity Pages
 Unit 17 • Session 1
Obadiah the Prophet

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Edom was a nation that came from Jacob's brother Esau's family
- Edom did not help Judah when enemies attacked.
- God would punish Edom for mistreating His people.
- God promised to restore Israel and rule the earth as King.

KEY PASSAGE: Jeremiah 29:11

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? Jesus perfectly reveals God the Father and fulfills what the prophets spoke.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why does God punish sin?
- How does God restore people?
- Who is the King who rules the earth?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Encourage your kids to brainstorm ideas of how to show love to family members. Work together to create "coupon books" of favors they will perform for one another. Discuss why Edom was a "brother nation" to Israel and how they should have behaved toward God's people.



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**STORY POINT: GOD PROMISED TO RESTORE ISRAEL AND
RULE THE EARTH AS KING.**