

November 9, 2025

LESSON

10



Captured!

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king of Judah. He ruled in Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah from the city of Libnah.

Zedekiah *sinned* (disobeyed God), just as King Jehoiakim had done. His disobedience angered God. So, in the end, God threw Jerusalem and Judah away from His presence.

Zedekiah rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. So, during the ninth year of Zedekiah's rule, Nebuchadnezzar came with his army and attacked Jerusalem on the tenth day of the tenth month. They set up camp outside the city, built dirt walls around it, and kept it under siege until Zedekiah's eleventh year. Judah had no food by this time, and the people were starving.

Nebuchadnezzar's army broke through the city wall. That night, King Zedekiah and his soldiers escaped by the king's garden through the secret gate. The enemy soldiers surrounded the city. But King Zedekiah fled toward Arabah in the Jordan Valley. Do you think they were captured?



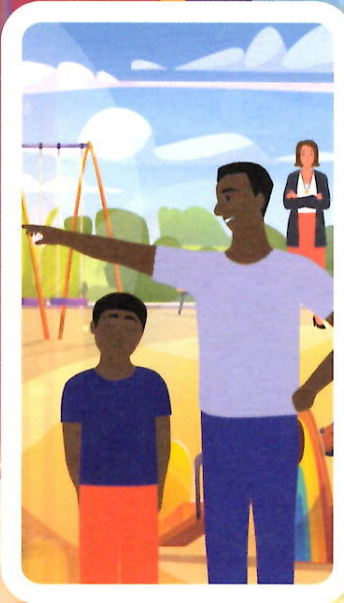
Lesson Scriptures:

2 Kings 24:18-20; 25:1-4a

Key Verse

It was because of the LORD's anger that all this happened to Jerusalem and Judah, and in the end he thrust them from his presence. (2 Kings 24:20a)





I Caught You!

Mr. Smith asked Jamal to take a package to the office for him. Mr. Smith knew he could trust him to take the package for him. However, Jamal always liked to go to the playground. On his way back, he stopped by the playground.

"Hey, Ms. Thomas! What are you all doing out here?" Jamal asked, walking toward her.

"Jamal, where are you supposed to be? I know you are not supposed to be here with my class," Ms. Thomas replied.

"I saw some of my friends out here and wanted to say hello," Jamal added.

Just then, Mr. Smith walked through the door.

"Jamal, I caught you. What are you doing out here? You were supposed to go straight to the office and come back," Mr. Smith said.

"I wasn't going to stay long," Jamal noted.

"You were not supposed to be out here. Now you are in trouble," Mr. Smith replied. "Because you disobeyed, you will have to deal with the consequences."

"Just because I came out to the playground?" Jamal asked.

"Yes," Mr. Smith responded.



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



God is with us even when we suffer consequences for our actions.

Hello, all! It's your friend Ruby. We learn from the lesson that our behavior matters—whether at school, at home, or even in the lab. We must remember that there are consequences for bad behavior. Why do we make poor choices? When King Zedekiah rebelled against God, he had to deal with the consequences of his actions. God still loved him, but God does not like disobedience. Jamal found that out as well. We can't do whatever we want.

This week, think of times when you had consequences for making poor choices. Let's write them down and discuss them next week.

Hidden Message

Use the key code to discover a message from today's lesson.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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A “What’s My Name?” Scrambler

Unscramble the scrambled-up names below from today’s lesson. (Use the verse reference beside the scrambled-up word for help; the one for #7 is 25:1.)

1. **kedeiaZh** (24:18) _____
2. **hJuad** (24:20) _____
3. **oLrd** (24:19) _____
4. **mrJeeiha** (24:18) _____
5. **eJruselma** (25:1) _____
6. **aBylbon** (25:1) _____
7. **zebudchanearNz** _____

