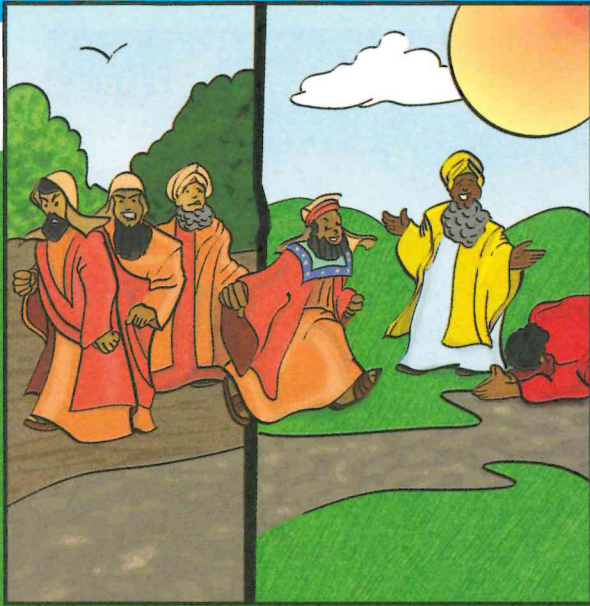


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BIBLE LESSON

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KEY VERSE: [The Lord declared,] “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.” (Jeremiah 31:33b)

You Have No Excuse!

Lesson Scriptures: **Jeremiah 31:29-34; John 1:17**

God’s Word

29 “In those days people will no longer say, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’ **30** Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth will be set on edge. **31** The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. **32** It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. **33** “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. **34** No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

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17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Bible Story

You Have No Excuse!

Jeremiah 31:29-34; John 1:17

The Lord gave Jeremiah a message of hope for the people of Israel and Judah. In the message, Jeremiah told the people that the day would come when they would no longer say, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge (or pucker because of the sour taste)." This means that the children would no longer have to pay for their parents' sins. Instead, everyone would be responsible for and face the consequences of his or her own sins.

The Lord declared that the days were coming when He would make a new covenant (or agreement) with the people of Israel and Judah. This new covenant would not be like the covenant that He gave through Moses and made with their ancestors when the Lord led them out of Egypt. They broke that covenant, although the Lord loved them the way a husband loves his wife.

The Lord said that He would put His law in the people's minds and write it on their hearts. He would be their God, and they would be His people. The people would no longer say to each other, "Know the Lord," because they would all know the Lord. Everyone, from the least of them to the greatest, would know the Lord. Because of truth and grace through Jesus, the Lord would forgive and no longer remember their sins.

Game Over!

(Part 1)

Keegan and his brother, William, loved playing video games together but often fought over them. It was common practice for them to tease one another over the outcome of a particular game. Trash talking was the order of the day—and, sometimes, it led to hurt feelings or angry words. It didn't matter what their parents said or did . . . the two brothers always had fierce battles over the games.

"I won! I won!" Keegan shouted. "You have gone down in defeat! Again!"

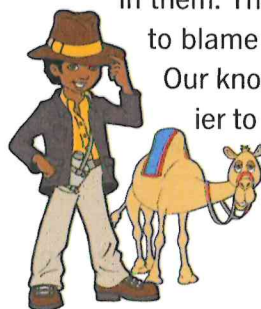
William was suspiciously quiet as Keegan celebrated.

"What's the matter?" Keegan asked. "Can't you believe that I beat you again?"

There was still no response from William. Keegan wasn't getting his usual reaction from his brother.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello! Nicholas and Cornelius here! What does it mean to take responsibility for your actions? In today's lesson, Jeremiah told the people that God was making a new covenant with all of them where He would put His law within them. They would no longer have any excuse to blame someone else for their wrongdoing. Our knowing God for ourselves makes it easier to have a strong relationship with God.



Game Over!

(Part 2)

To Keegan's amazement, William was still playing the game!

"What's going on?" Keegan asked. "Why are you still playing? I won!"

"The game had not ended when you jumped up," William explained. "I'm still playing because the match is not over . . . until now—and I won!"

As William jumped up to do his victory dance, Keegan became upset.

"You cheated!" he yelled.

"No, this is your fault. You didn't wait to see if the game had ended. Take responsibility for your actions," William replied.

Keegan knew that William was right. He couldn't believe he had made such a mistake. And William wasn't going to let him forget it!

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

We have all been in a situation like the brothers in today's story. It is easier to claim that someone else has done something wrong than to accept that our actions caused our dilemma. What was Keegan's mistake in his match with his brother? Instead of accusing his brother of cheating, what should he have done? What can be done for the brothers to see the light and stop teasing one another in the future?



Word Jumble

Unscramble the scrambled-up words beside each sentence and fill in the unscrambled word to complete the statement. Check your answers by reading the story in today's lesson.

1. The Lord would put His law in the people's _____. **NDSMI**
2. Whoever eats sour _____—their own mouths will pucker. **SPRGEA**
3. The Lord would write His law on the people's _____. **HRSTEA**
4. The Lord would forgive their _____ and would not remember them. **SSNI**
5. The Lord would make a new _____ with the people. **VNCOEATN**
6. Everyone, from the least to the greatest, would know the _____. **RDLO**