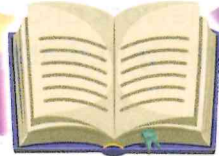


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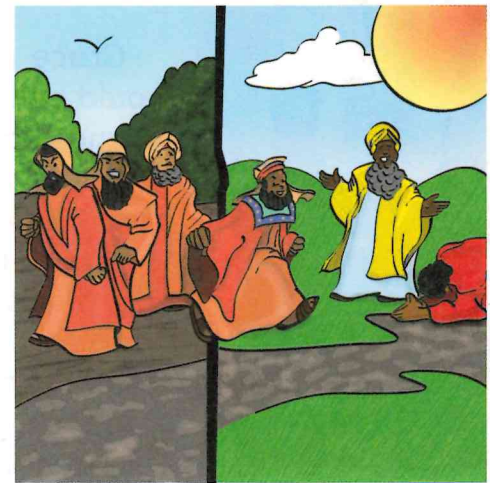
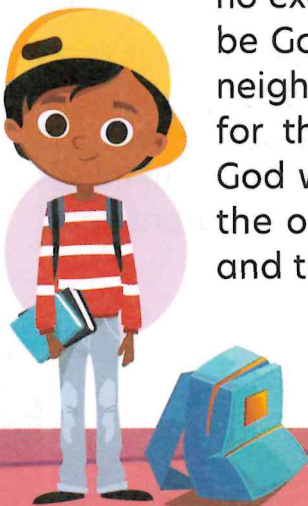


You Have No Excuse!

A time would come when the people of Judah would no longer say, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” Instead, everyone will pay the consequences for their own sin. Whoever eats sour grapes, their mouths will pucker.

The Lord God told Jeremiah that the day would come when God would make a new covenant or agreement with the people of Israel and Judah. The new covenant would not be like the old covenant when God led the people by the hand out of Egypt. God was faithful to them, but they broke the old covenant.

God’s new covenant laws would be placed in the minds of His people and written on their hearts, so there would be no excuse. God would be their God. And they would be God’s people. No longer would they teach their neighbor to know the Lord. Everyone will know God for themselves—from the youngest to the eldest. God would forgive and forget their sins. God gave the old covenant Law through Moses. But grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

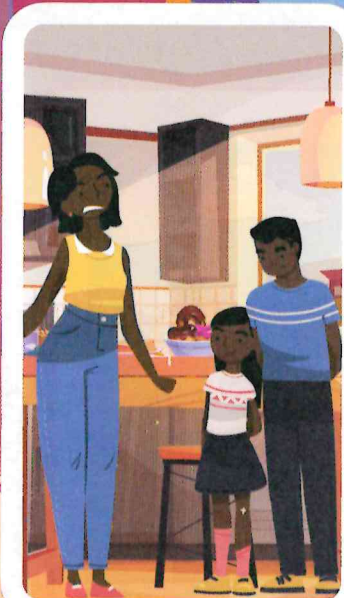


Lesson Scriptures:

Jeremiah 31:29-34; John 1:17

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)



We Forgot!

Grace and her teenage brother, Khris, knew that Mom would be home soon. Khris was responsible for ensuring that he and Grace did their homework and chores.

"Khris, I hear Mom coming in. Let's hurry to get this stuff done," Grace said.

"You're right. We should have been finished with our chores. Now she is going to fuss," Khris pointed out.

"Hey, you guys. How was your day?" Mom asked as she walked in through the front door.

"It was good," they both replied.

"I'm not sure how good it was. I'm looking around, and I see this room is a mess. There are snacks all over the counter in the kitchen, and I don't see any books or tablets out for homework," Mom commented.

"But, Mom, we were going to get to it," Grace replied.

"You all have no excuse," Mom said.

"Mom, we know, but we just forgot," Khris added.

"No excuses. Do your homework and your chores before I get home so we can have family time and do something fun. I forgive you this time," Mom replied. "Remember . . . no excuses."



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, all! It's your friend Ruby here! I know what is expected of me in the lab each day. I can't just do what I want all the time. I must do what is expected of me. Like Jeremiah, we must know the rules and encourage others to live by them. Grace and Khris knew the rules, but their poor choices caused them to disobey.

It's important that we understand what is expected of us and do it. It should be in our minds and hearts. Let's discuss what your parents and teachers expect of you.

The Choice Is Yours!

Read each sentence below. Then choose the correct word or words that complete the statement by circling the word(s).

1. "The days are coming," declares [says] the Lord, "when I will make a new **(covenant/warning)** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah."
2. "This is the covenant I will make with the **(people/priests)** of Israel after that time," declares the LORD."
3. "I will put my law in their **(minds/pockets)** and write it on their hearts."
4. "I will be their **(God/friend)**, and they will be my people."
5. God would forgive their wickedness and would **(count/forget)** their sins.
6. God gave the **(Law/letters)** through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.



Alphabetical Order

Write the words below from today's lesson in alphabetical order. Then, in the space at the bottom, use the words to write a sentence about today's lesson.

Law	God
Know	Judah
Grace	Truth
Jesus Christ	Minds
Write	Heart
Lord	Covenant

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

7. _____
8. _____
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10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

