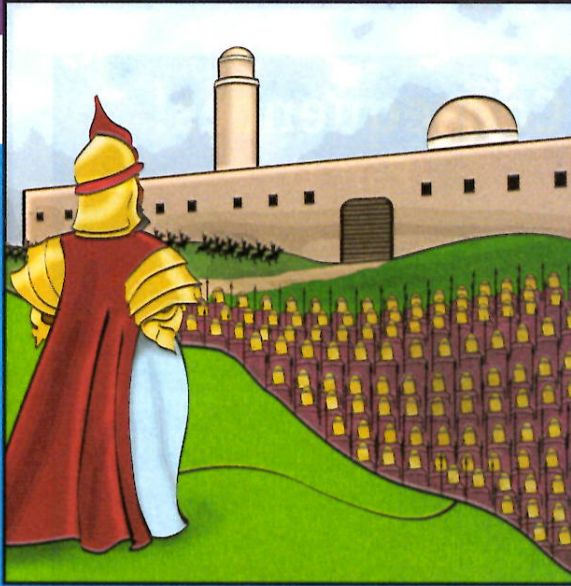


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BIBLE LESSON

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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)

Captured!

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

God's Word

18 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years. His mother's name was Hamutal daughter of Jeremiah; she was from Libnah. **19** He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, just as Jehoiakim had done. **20** 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. Now Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

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1 So in the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon marched against Jerusalem with his whole army. He encamped outside the city and built siege works all around it. **2** The city was kept under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. **3** By the ninth day of the fourth month the famine in the city had become so severe that there was no food for the people to eat. **4** Then the city wall was broken through, and the whole army fled at night through the gate between the two walls near the king's garden, though the Babylonians were surrounding the city.



Bible Story

Captured!

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

When Zedekiah was twenty-one years old, he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother's name was Hamutal, and she was Jeremiah's daughter. She was from Libnah. Zedekiah sinned and did evil in the eyes of the Lord, just as Jehoiakim had done. The Lord became angry with King Zedekiah and the people of Judah's disobedience.

It was during the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign that King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon attacked Jerusalem with his whole army. Nebuchadnezzar camped outside the city and surrounded it. The city remained surrounded until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah's reign.

Meanwhile, inside the city walls, there was a shortage of food. By the ninth day of the fourth month, the food shortage was so severe that there was no food for the people. Then, Nebuchadnezzar's army broke through the city wall. The Jerusalem army left the city at night through the gate between the walls near the king's garden. They escaped even though the Babylonians surrounded the city. But, in the end, they were captured and removed from the Lord's presence.

Consequences! (Part 1)

"Justin, if we continue getting these phone calls about your missing assignments, we will ground you! You will lose your game system, phone, and all extra activities will be suspended!" Justin's mother explained.

This was the second time in this grading period that Justin's teacher had called about his missing assignments. She feared that Justin would not pass this school year if he continued down this path.

"Mom, I don't know what Ms. Tyler's talking about! I've been doing my work!" Justin exclaimed.

"Your grades have been slipping ever since you got that new game system for your birthday," his father commented. "Maybe it was a mistake for us to let your Uncle Jerrod get it for you! Now go to your room and do your homework!"

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello! Nicholas and Cornelius here! Are you ready for another adventure? King Zedekiah and the people of Judah did evil. So, God used Babylon to punish them. God permitted Babylon to take the people captive, take everything of value, and destroy the city walls, Temple, and other buildings in Jerusalem. Can you imagine this fierce enemy and the complete devastation of Jerusalem and Judah? Discuss why God sent the people away from His presence.



Consequences!

(Part 2)

Justin didn't think that his parents would really take his game. They knew how much he enjoyed it. He figured they were trying to get his attention. He would work hard during the next few weeks and improve his grades, and everything would be good.

Two weeks later, Justin's parents received another call from his teacher. And they had had enough! As they took his phone and gaming system, they explained that the punishment was the consequence of his actions. Justin could not do anything except catch up on his missed assignments.

What could Justin have done differently? Were his parents being fair to Justin?

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Justin faced quite a dilemma! Do you think Justin's parents gave him enough chances to get back on the right track and do the right thing? Can you imagine your parents' reactions in the same situation? Did Justin's teachers treat him fairly by informing his parents of his progress or lack thereof? What are some better choices that Justin could have made?



Point the Way

Starting at the given letter in the Puzzle Box below, follow the directional arrows to locate the letter to be written on the dash. When all the letters have been found, write the words (formed by the letters in order) on the lines provided at the bottom to complete the phrase from today's lesson. (Example: S ↑ ↑ → = K)

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A	P	R	Y	M
F	L	Z	E	K
D	T	Q	J	O
N	G	W	S	U

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- S ← ← ← = ____
- B ↓ ← ↑ = ____
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God still loves us even when He _____
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