

Welcome to H2H Kids

A few introductory tips about Bible Study with Kids:

- *Remember how important it is to build relationships with the kids you are serving!*
- Bible Reading:
 - Please do not *make* kids read aloud if they don't want to
 - If you do have children read the Bible passages aloud, make sure everyone can hear and/or follow along. The Word should be clearly spoken.
 - A helpful tip: An adult can read but have kids following along in their own Bibles (if age appropriate) and you can stop on occasion and have kids say the word you paused at. This helps them stay engaged...and also allows the Word to be read with clarity and volume.
- Try to bring some type of visual to help illustrate the lesson. It goes a long way to capture kids' attention. It can be simple, while still giving them something to focus on and bringing abstract concepts to a concrete level.
- Try to get to these three levels: Observation, Interpretation, Application (as is age appropriate).
 - Observation: facts, clear understanding of what the passage is about
 - Interpretation: What does it mean? There is only one interpretation. What is the author and God saying? If it's abstract or maybe figurative, try to help kids discern the most simple and clear interpretation. If you are not certain, don't be afraid to say that!
 - Application: There will be many ways to apply scripture! Help the kids make it personal! What can we learn from this for our lives today?! How does this impact my life, my relationship with God, my understanding and knowledge of God?
- Less is More: Please never feel like you must cover everything in the lesson. Doing a good job on one concept is better than racing to "cover" everything. Feel free to simplify the lesson depending on the ages of the children in your group.
- During prayer time, do not make children pray aloud if they do not want to.
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Lesson 9 ~ 2 Kings 17:5-23

PREP Ahead:

- Print Coloring Page and Word Search (1 copy per student)
- Icebreaker: rice, chopsticks, pennies
- Game: Ball, 2 items to use as “bases”

ICEBREAKER (5 min): Lost Coins

You will need a large bowl, rice, chopsticks, and some pennies. Before class, fill a large bowl with rice and hide a few pennies inside the rice. Choose a few volunteers to help you find the pennies. Have the volunteers take turns. Give them a pair of chopsticks and ask them to try to find some treasure in the bowl of rice. Give each child a few minutes to find the pennies.

BIBLE DISCUSSION: 2 Kings 17:5-23

- **Read 2 Kings 17:5-6**
 - Who invaded Israel? (the king of Assyria)
 - What happened to the Israelites when the city of Samaria fell? (they were taken captive and moved to Assyria, losing their homes and land)
- **Read 2 Kings 17:7-12**
 - Why did this disaster happen to the children of Israel? (they had sinned against the Lord by worshiping other gods)
 - ☐ What are some examples of how the Israelites sinned against the Lord in these verses? (they built pagan shrines, they set up images of false gods, they sacrificed in high places like the unbelieving nations around them, etc.)
 - Had the Lord warned them not to do these evil things? (Yes)
- **Read 2 Kings 17:13-23**
 - Who did the Lord send to warn Israel and Judah? (the prophets)
 - Did the Israelites listen to the prophets? (No)
 - Instead of listening to the prophets, what did the Israelites do instead? (they followed the ways of the world, worshiping idols and serving false gods)
 - ☐ Because of their disobedience, the Israelites lost their blessings from the Lord, losing their land and homes. Sin always has consequences. If we choose a path of sin and disobedience, we too can lose the blessings that the Lord has for us. **Read Matthew 25:46, Romans 6:23**
 - God has many blessings for those who love Him and put their trust in Him. That doesn't mean that we will not face troubles, for Jesus said that in this world there will be troubles (John 16:33) but we can depend on the Lord to bless our lives, helping us in times of trouble and giving us strength to bear the troubles that come our way. **Read Psalm 5:11-12**

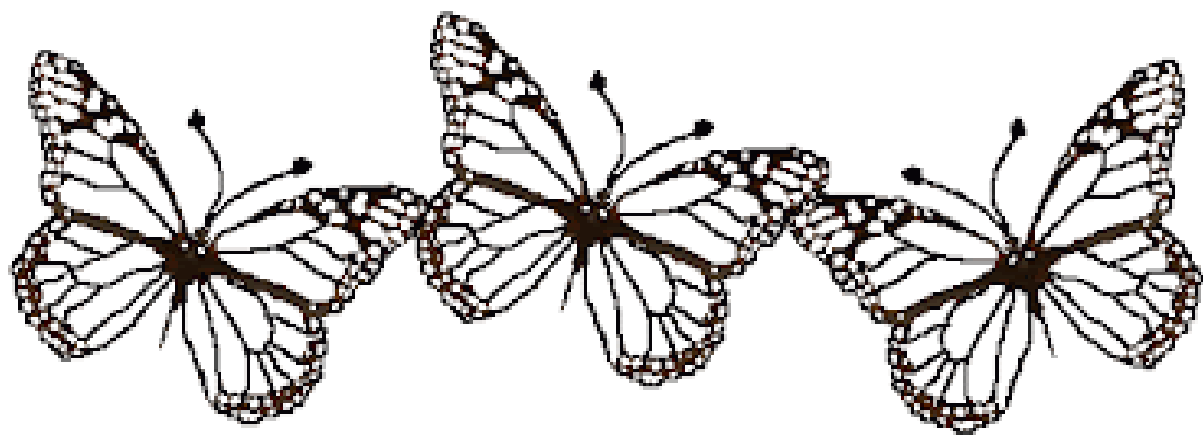
- ☐ The Lord is also faithful to forgive us our sins when we do make mistakes. When we come to Him in repentance and are sorry for our transgressions His grace cleanses us from all unrighteousness. **Read 1 John 1:9, Romans 6:14**
- Application Questions:
 - ☐ God is faithful to warn us away from sin just as He warned the Israelites. What are some ways that the Lord warns us to stay away from sin and encourages us to live a righteous life? (the Bible, the Holy Spirit, pastors, godly parents, etc.)
 - ☐ The Israelites set up images and built shrines to worship the false gods of the other nations around them. Although there are still man-made religions in this world today, there are other things that can become idols to us... things that pull our attention away from worshiping God and pursuing a relationship with Jesus. What kind of “idols” are in the world around us? (the pursuit of wealth, revering people before God {such as celebrities or you-tubers}, self-idolizing through Instagram posts and selfie-snapping to the extreme, etc... anything that you end up putting on a pedestal above God can become an idol)
 - ☐ What can you do to keep your heart focused on Jesus and not drifting toward the ways of the world? (Build your relationship with Jesus through prayer and reading the Bible, give God the glory for every good thing in your life- **James 1:17**)

PRAYER (5 min): Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

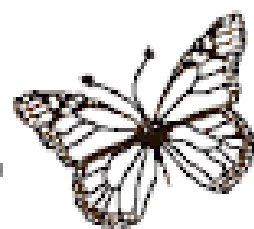
GAME (5-10 min): Pickle

Materials needed: ball, 2 items to use as “bases”

Designate two bases (use anything you have around... two shoes, two beanbags, etc.). Choose two throwers. Everyone else will be a runner. Throwers will toss the ball back and forth between the two bases and the runners will go back and forth between each base trying not to get tagged “out.” Last of the runners standing wins the game.



If we confess
our sins he
is faithful and
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us our sins
(1 John 1:9)



2 Kings 17

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BESIEGED
IDOLS
ASSYRIA
HIGH PLACES
WICKED
PILLARS
TESTIFIED
SINNED
INCENSE
SECRETLY
SAMARIA
PROPHETS
IMAGES

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