

Sunday School Lesson - God's People Were Taken Captive

Attention Grabber Game: Stand and march to music.

Bible Lesson:

Israel had bad king after bad king! The kings were doing evil things and worshipping fake gods.

God had warned them through prophets, but they did not listen!

Now it was time for them to be punished.

Read 2 Chronicles 36:15

“And the Lord God of their fathers sent *warnings* to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending *them*, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. 16 But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till *there was* no remedy.” (NKJV)

God sent an army to attack. The army marched in. (marching motion similar to attention grabber game to tie in.)

Then they...

broke down the wall of Jerusalem (walk to a large piece of bulletin board paper representing the wall and tear in half!)

burned the house of God

burned all its palaces with fire

and destroyed all its precious possessions.

And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons... (verses 19-20)

Even in their punishment, God still loved them and was with them. It wouldn't be this way forever! He promised that at the end of 70 years they would return. And they did! God always keeps his promises.

Other promises... (Write these on index cards and put into an empty Kleenex box. Pull a card out of the “Promise Box” and read to the kids.)

1-God will never leave us! 2- God hears us when we pray. 3-God will forgive our sin when we ask. 4-God promises Jesus will come back one day!