

Nahum Warns of God's Judgement

In advance, cut pieces of paper into small squares and store in a Ziplock bag until needed.

Attention Grabber Game: Obey What I Say

Stand up. Touch your head. Clap your hands. Turn around. Sit down.

You did a good job obeying! Today, we will hear about people who did not obey.

Bible Lesson:

Say, Today we are going to learn about another prophet named Nahum.

A prophet was someone whom God gave a message that he was to tell to the people.

God gave Nahum a message to tell the people of Nineveh. Wait....haven't we heard that city before?

Yes! Jonah had a message for this same city 100 years earlier. The message then was that God was going to destroy the city because they were not obeying Him. They were worshipping false gods (point to stuffed cow for reference...mentioned in earlier lesson) and were violent and arrogant (self-important).

After Jonah told the people of Nineveh to turn around and obeyed God!

But... Over 100 years, they began worshipping fake gods, being violent, and arrogant again!

READ Nahum 1:3.

God is loving and patient (slow to anger), but He is also fair – they had to be punished for their sin. It's that punishment that makes us realize and want to do right again!

And God is powerful. Nahum said when God comes to punish them the mountains will shake and the earth will move because God is powerful.

Nahum delivered God's message. The people were wicked and did not turn from doing wrong like in Jonah's day. The city of Nineveh would be destroyed.

That's just what happened. Babylon destroyed the city and no trace of it remained.

READ Nahum 3:18.

The people of Nineveh were scattered (throw up the paper confetti and let it rain down.)

Some went this way. Some went that way. They were no longer all together – a united people.

God wants us to obey Him. God is fair and powerful. He will punish anyone who does not obey Him. God is also good. He sent Jesus to provide the way for us to be forgiven when we make wrong choices and do things that are wrong or evil. We can learn about God and choose to obey Him.