

GCG Sunday School - 3rd March 2024

Lesson Outline



Lesson: Exiled from the Promised Land.
Passage: 2 Kings 17:6-23 and 21:1-16
Big Idea: The Lord is right to judge his sinful people.
Main Aim: Learn from their story and listen to the Lord with his help.

Please pray for the lesson preparation, that you and the children would be built up by God's word.

Unless you are at the Greenwich service, you will need to bring a **laptop/tablet** to play the videos and songs. If needed, Jonny can provide a **laptop and a Bluetooth speaker**. 😊

Additional resources: [GCG Sunday School Google Drive](#)

The Passage

Summary.

God promised to bring curses for disobedience, here we go...

2 Kings 17:6 - The exile of Israel (Northern Kingdom).

v7-17 - The reason for this. Awful sin (in Israel).

2 Kings 21:1-9 - The reason for this. Awful sin (in Judah).

v10-15 - The exile of Judah (Southern Kingdom)

For them then.

The sin is so awful. The Lord is clearly right in his punishment of them.

Even Judah who had the temple and more privilege, they were even worse.

The Lord is right to judge,

For us now.

Let's learn from those who disobeyed. God will rightly punish those who turn from him.

Now we have the Holy Spirit and full forgiveness of sins, we should listen well.

Hebrews 6:4-12

The Age Ranges

For CW (average age 4-5 years) and Greenwich (average age 6-7 years):

Prepare the lesson for **all ages**. Then prepare your leaders to divide into separate **Sailor** and **Officer** groups for **Heart & Hands** teaching.


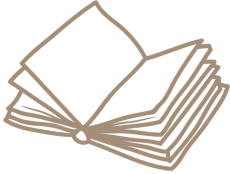



Sailors: Ages 3-7

Officers: Ages 8-11

Eltham (Sailors average age: 4-5 years, Officers average age: 7-8 years):

Personalise **all material** for the Sailors or Officers.

The Rough Format.

Get Going 3 min + song	Main Teaching ~15 mins	Heart & Hands ~20 mins	Land The Lesson ~10 mins	Extra Fun Time ~10 mins
				
Welcome & Pray Quick Recap Song	The Big Idea The Main Aim	Activities Discussion	Recap Memory Verse Pray to close.	Optional: Can go mid-session.

Outline Idea



Get Going

Welcome, Pray, Quick Recap & Song

Welcome the children - Connect briefly with the children.

- Ask them a fun question, showing we're interested in their lives.
- Then you could ask them a simple question which will connect loosely with the theme.
 - Sailors - [What happens if you do something wrong to the teacher?](#)
[What happens if you do it again, and again, and again?](#)
 - Officers - [Same - personalised for your Officers.](#)

Link: People are right to punish sin.

Prayer

- Let's listen carefully to what God has to say to us today.




Very Speedy Recap - Scroll of time

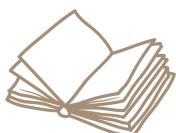
Last week's big idea: We saw Hezekiah was a good king, but he was one of the last.

Link: In today's passage, we'll see what happened to the worst kings.

Song

Talk through the words and actions before singing, if needed.

-  [Long Long Long Long Time Ago - Actions](#)



Main Teaching

Teaching the Big Idea & Main Aim.

Have a Bible open throughout for the children to see that we're teaching from God's word, and not from our heads. Try to get clearly and repeatedly to the Big Idea and Main Aim.

- Vocab: You'll need to explain exile.

- Video suggestion - Promises Broken and Promises Kept: The Babylonian Exile

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jtBtPPfEcQ>

- Lesson Points

Intro: Do you remember God's promises for the people of Israel?

Blessings for obedience, curses for disobedience.

Let's see whether they listened.

Israel (Northern Kingdom):

1. Sent away! 2 Kings 17:6

Why? Did they listen?

- a. No. Awful sin. v7-12.

The Lord had saved them to be different.

But they acted like all the other bad people.

So the Lord warned Israel and Judah v13

Will they listen to the warnings?

- b. No. Awful sin. v14-18.

- i. The King led them to sin.

- ii. So they were sent away.

Will Judah listen to the warnings?

Judah (Southern Kingdom):

2. No. Awful sin. 21:5-6

- a. Even in the Temple! V7-8

Will they listen to the warnings? v8

No. Awful sin. v9

- b. So they will be sent away.

- Brief Application - Main aim expanded.

Hebrews 6:4-12

The Lord is right to judge people who stop listening to his voice.

The Lord is good when he judges sin.

Let's never be like them, and remember that by the Holy Spirit's help, we'll listen well.

With the Holy Spirit's help, we can break the downward spiral.

- Sailors

*Explain the passage, asking questions along the way. **Keep it clear.***

Repeat the Big Idea and the Main Aim.

*Use the **lesson points above** with the **teaching images**.*

- Visual aid suggestion (Using bluetak and the wall)

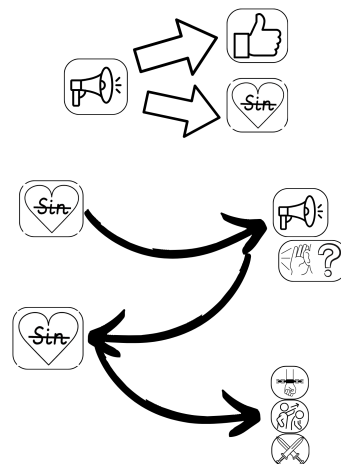
Top part. Show that God warned them to obey for blessing, or sin for curses, they had a choice.

What do you think they chose?

Follow the points for Israel then Judah, with Sin, God warning, are you going to listen? More sin, then finally judgement. Attacked and sent away.

- Brief application - Main Aim expanded

- Officers



Interactive talk through the text. **Keep it clear.**

Repeat the Big Idea and the Main Aim.

Maybe act it out, or have them draw something, or shout out the best thing they see in the passage, make a puppet show using paper and card, go for a walk outside.

- Use the **lesson points above**.
- Brief application - Main Aim expanded - With questions.



Heart and Hands

Think more about the Main Aim with: Activities and discussion.

Activities - Craft or worksheet

- Sailors - [Craft - The downward spiral](#).
- Officers - [Worksheet](#)
- Extra games - In the GDrive.

If you finish craft early, you may want to play a game with the remaining time.

Discussion - What would it look like to believe the Main Aim?

Think through with the children what the Main Aim means for our lives.

- Talk through the Main Aim further.
 - Sailors - [Go further than Brief Application](#).
 - Officers - [Go further than Brief Application, with questions to provoke thought](#).



Land the lesson

Bring everything together with: Recap, Memory Verse and Prayer.

Scroll of time update

- Remind them of the Big Idea and Main Aim.



Memory verse

“Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the Lord your God will gather you and bring you back.” Deuteronomy 30:4 (NIVUK)

[Ideas for learning the memory verse](#). I will provide the verse on laminated paper with Blu Tack.

- Sailors - **Song and actions are available here. (Sent on Whatsapp for now)**
- Officers - [If capable, they can come up with a rap/ spoken word for the verse.](#)
They can repeat and improve it each week.

Pray

Encourage the children to pray with you about the Big Idea and Main Aim.

They could **thank/praise God** for it or **ask for help** in believing it.

- Sailors

You could ask for hands up/ thumbs up for those who would like to pray.

You could suggest “Popcorn prayers” - really short prayers. Or “Arrow prayers”- We all shoot up like an arrow at the end. Or you could try the idea we use with Officers.

- Officers

You could pass an object, like a Bible, around the room. When a child receives the Bible, they can choose to pray in their head or aloud.



Extra fun time.

An optional game, which can be played mid-session.

Game idea. Feel free to play something different!

- Sailors - [Simon says?](#)
- Officers - [Use idea above or feel free to think of something fun.](#)

Link: They didn't listen to God's law, and were sent away.
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Sign out with Take Home Sheets

- While signing out with Rollcall, Take Home sheets will be provided to carers and parents about the children's lesson.

Final notes

The following items will be printed for you and brought to the lesson:

- Main teaching pictures and materials.
- Activities: Sailors craft and Officers worksheets.
- Memory verse, laminated.
- Take Home Sheets.

Additional materials will be available:

- Craft materials.
- Pens, paper, glue, scissors.