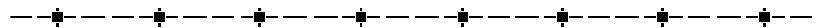


Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part Two



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Micah

Last week we learned that God saw that the people had repented and forgave the Ninevites. Jonah was angry that God forgave them. Jonah knew that God is gracious, tender, kind, and full of love but he did not want his enemies to be forgiven. God told Jonah he was wrong to feel the way he did. God cared about the people of Nineveh.

Micah 6-7

Read the Bible

READ: Micah 7:2-17 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse

Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of Him, all of our sins have been forgiven.
(Colossians 1:14 NIV)

Begin With Prayer

This week we are talking about a prophet named Micah (My-ca). God told him to take a message to the people.

The people asked Micah what God wanted. "What should we bring with us when we go to worship the Lord? What should we offer the God of heaven when we bow down to him? Should we take burnt offerings to him?" (Micah 6:6)

Goals

1. Understand that God told the people what He wanted them to do.
2. Recognize that they were cruel to each other.
3. Learn that Micah's hope was in the Lord.
4. Understand that God's People were being punished.

Micah told them God wanted three things from them. In Micah 6:8 the Bible says, "The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what He requires of you. You must treat people fairly. You must love others faithfully. And you must be very careful to live the way your God wants you to."

Because they were so cruel to the people, God decided to punish them. God called them "sinful people." He said they stole the treasures they had. God said they cheated others and used scales that were dishonest. He said they told lies all the time and followed bad examples. God said He would destroy them. (Micah 6:10-16 NIV)

In the next chapter Micah says that all the honest people are gone. He says that they should not trust anyone; not their neighbors, not their friends nor even their wives. Micah says that children don't honor and obey their parents. It is what the prophets had told them. (Micah 7:2-6)

But Micah's hope was in the Lord, "I will look to the Lord. I'll put my trust in God my Savior. He will hear me." (Micah 7:7 NIRV)

Micah — Bible Facts

1. God wanted the people to treat people fairly, love others, and live the way God wanted them to.
2. God said that the people stole, cheated, used scales that were dishonest, told lies, and followed bad examples.
3. God planned to punish the people.
4. Micah asked God to shepherd His people.

Micah continued saying that their enemies laugh because they have fallen but they will get back up. They may sit in the dark but the Lord will give them light. Micah said that God was angry but He would do what is right, and God would bring them out into the light and save them. Then Micah said that there would come a time when Jerusalem will be rebuilt and the people will return. (Micah 7:8-12)

Micah keeps on expressing his trust in God. “Lord, who is a God like you? You forgive sin. You forgive your people when they do what is wrong. You don't stay angry forever. Instead, you take delight in showing your faithful love to them.” Micah says that God will show “loving concern for His people.” He says that God will wipe out their evil and throw their “sins to the bottom of the sea.” Micah proclaims that God will be faithful and show His love to His people. Micah knew that God would do what He promised. (Micah 7:18-20 NIV) We can be forgiven, too. “Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of him, all of our sins have been forgiven.” (Colossians 1:14 NIV)

The chapter ends with prayer and praise. “Lord, be like a shepherd to your people. Take good care of them. They are your flock.” Micah recalls the things that God did when He took Israel out of Egypt. Micah declares that God would show them to His people again. He says their enemies will be put to shame when they see the power of God.” (Micah 7:14-17 NIV)

Review

1. **What three things did God want from the people?** (God wanted the people to treat people fairly, love others, and live the way God wanted them to.)
2. **What did God say the people did wrong?** (God said that the people stole, cheated, used scales that were dishonest, told lies, and followed bad examples.)
3. **What did God plan to do?** (God planned to punish the people.)
4. **What did Micah do?** (Micah asked God to shepherd His people.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God knew that Jesus was the only One who could help us go to Heaven. Jesus took our punishment when He died. But He rose from the dead. He forgives all our sins and makes us clean. Would you like to ask Jesus to make you clean and to be in charge of your life? (Romans 10:9-10) Talk to your teacher.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for being our shepherd.
3. Ask God to forgive you.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to ask God to forgive them.

Application

God told the people what He wanted them to do. God was punishing them because they did not do right, and they were cruel to each other. Micah's hope was in the Lord. He asked God to shepherd His people and show them His love and concern. Micah knew God would forgive His people. We can be forgiven, too. “Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of Him, all of our sins have been forgiven.” (Colossians 1:14 NIV)

Planning for Next Week

Nahum — Nahum 1

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Micah 7:2-17 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Bring a blue tarp or plastic table cloth. Ask the children to write down some things they have done wrong. Put the tarp inside a tall box. Have the children run races to place their sins at the “bottom of the sea.” (Tell the children only God and do that.)

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Micah expressed his trust in God. “Lord, who is a God like you? You forgive sin. You forgive your people when they do what is wrong. You don't stay angry forever. Instead, you take delight in showing your faithful love to them.”

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Memory verse for younger children

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Learning Activities

- Memory verse activity** — Make a cross with construction paper. Write the memory verse on the cross. Glue it on to another piece of construction paper and decorate.
- Test your memory** — Cut out hearts. Write down words of hope and key phrases from the story. Use the hearts to tell the story. Allow the children to retell the story.
- Taste activity** — Bring animal cookies.
- Think about it** — Talk about the reasons God said the people were sinful. Talk about the things God wants to do.
- Touch activity** — Fold a sheet of cardstock in thirds and write the three things God wants from us according to Micah. (You must treat people fairly. You must love others faithfully. And you must be very careful to live the way your God wants you to.)

Bring flashlights and blankets. Make a tent out of the blankets. Use the flashlights for light in the tent. Practice the memory verse and sing songs under the tent.

- Run and play** — Bring a blue tarp or plastic table cloth. Ask the children to write down some things they have done wrong. Line a tall box with the tarp. Have the children run races to place their sins at the “bottom of the sea.” (Tell the children only God and do that.)

Divide the children into at least two groups. Assign one child to be the shepherd of each group. Have each group stand in a tight circle (standing next to or close to each other). Wrap a piece of yarn around the group. Have the shepherd move the group by giving instructions: two steps forward, two steps left. You may want to give them the instructions. Race to see which group gets from one side to the other fastest.

- Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to live the way He has told us to live.

- Sing** — Sing, “Micah 6:8,” “This Little Light of Mine,” “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us,” “All We Like Sheep,” “I’ve Been Redeemed,” or another song related to the story.

- Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids who did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the cross handout with the verse to those who were absent. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

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Colossians 1:14

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Micah told the
people 3 things
God wanted
them to do.

Word Search

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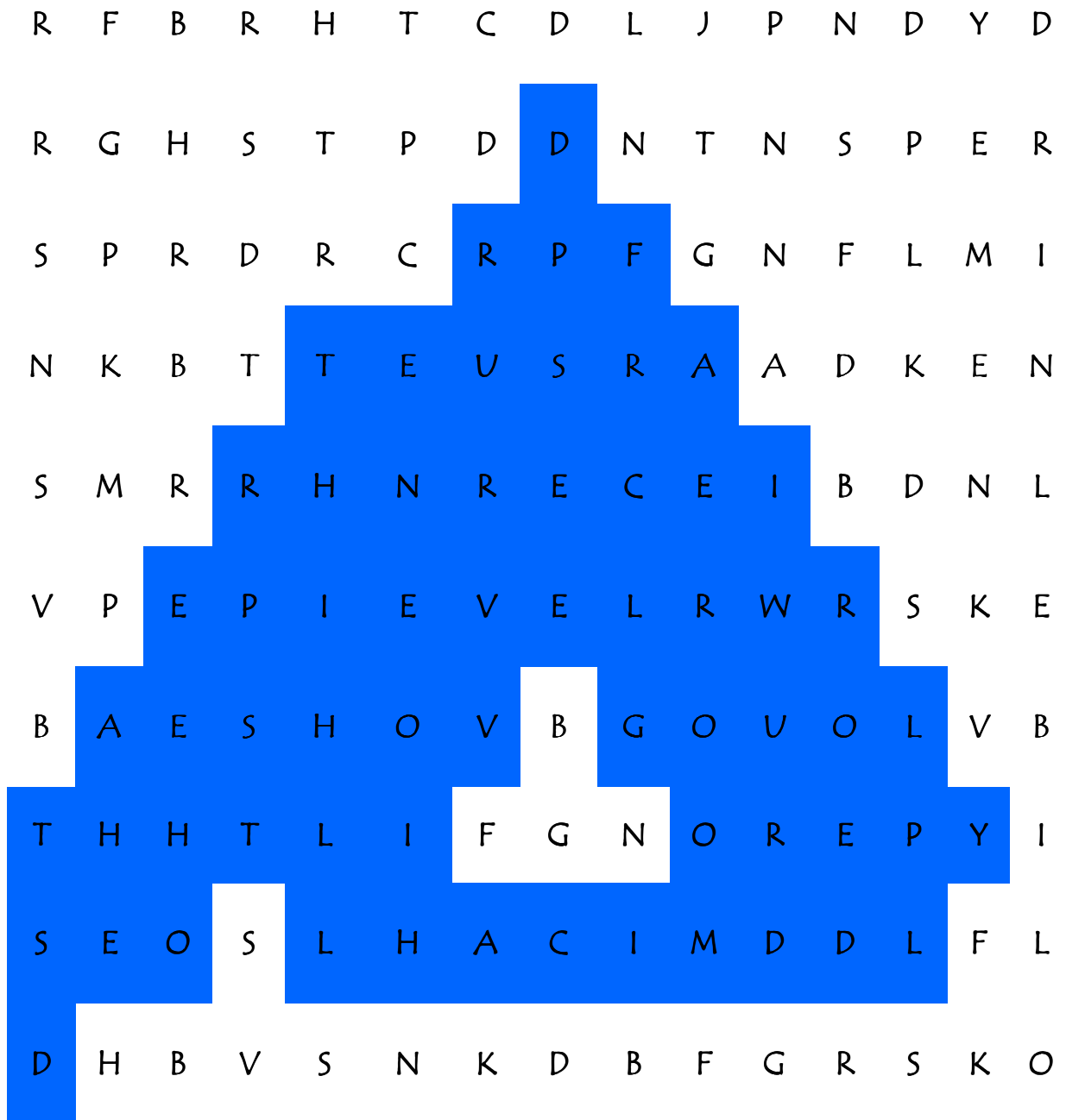
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