

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Discuss consequences your family has established for certain behaviors.
- Talk about how you feel when you do something wrong.
- Does God punish us as we deserve? Why or why not?

Israel Taken Captive

2 Kings 17

STORY POINT: ISRAEL IGNORED GOD'S PROPHETS AND WAS CAPTURED.

God had done so many good things for the Israelites. Even though God loved them like a father, the Israelites forgot about God. They worshiped things that were not God, and they did exactly what God told them not to do.

So God sent prophets to warn the people to stop doing evil things. The prophets said bad things would happen if they did not obey God. Did Israel obey? No. In fact, they sinned even more!

God finally had enough. He loved His people too much to let them continue in their sin and rebellion. So God punished the people of Israel by letting their enemies take over.

One day, the king of Assyria and his army attacked Israel. King Hoshea was thrown into prison. The Assyrian army surrounded the capital of Israel.

Finally, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and forced the people to leave their homes. He made them walk hundreds of miles to Assyria. The Northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed.

Christ Connection: When the Israelites disobeyed God again and again, God punished them by removing them from His presence. We disobey God, but Jesus took the punishment for our sin upon Himself. Jesus brings us into God's presence and keeps us there.



FOLD