

4/7/19- 5-3 Return

Bible verses

- Primary Passage Ezra 1:1-4
- Ezra 3:10-13
- 2 Chronicles 36:22-23
- Ezekiel 36:24-28

Summary of the lesson: In this lesson we learned that we need to trust in God even when it is hard, just like it was hard for the Israelites who were exiled to return to Jerusalem and start again. We further discussed how hope and grief can be paired together and placed on God.

Questions to discuss with your kids:

- Do you often find yourself living in the past wishing you had done something or remembering ‘the good old days’? How can you focus on each day and live life to the fullest the way God intended?
 - Have you ever had to apologize to someone? Is it hard to admit that you were wrong or acted wrongly? How can you become better at apologizing?
 - Why is it hard to forgive yourself at times? How is it harmful when we don’t forgive ourselves?
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4/14/19- 5-4 Occupation

Bible verses

- Primary Passage Esther 4:13-17
- Daniel 6:10-13
- Psalm 137:1-9
- Mark 12:13-17

Summary of this lesson: In this lesson we discussed how God’s people, Judah, were occupied and struggled living under the Babylonians. Daniel also had a hard choice between following God’s laws or the new laws from the Babylonians. We further discussed how faithfulness requires creativity at some points in time.

Questions to discuss with your kids:

- Would you have the faith to worship even if you would be prosecuted for your beliefs?
- Is it hard to keep faith when you are in the minority?

Where in the world are people persecuted for their beliefs? Go online to the Voice of the Martyrs’ website as a family and read some stories of Christians in other places who are being mistreated based on their faith in Christ - <https://www.persecution.com>. Commit to praying for some of them this week.

4/21/19- Easter

4/28/19- Youth Sunday
