



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi  
Unit 8, Lesson 41

## Jeremiah and the Linen Belt

Lesson Aim: To know God wants us to seek Him  
and be close to Him.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What do you plan to do in the future?

**GAME:** I Will Go!

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS FAITHFUL

Read Worship Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-23.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

### THE WORD THE LINEN BELT

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent Zephaniah to warn the people about complacency and encourage those who seek Him.

**Today, we will hear how God chose Jeremiah to be His prophet to the nations. He told Jeremiah exactly how to use objects, such as a linen belt, to explain God's plans.** Point to Jeremiah (Circa 626 B.C.).

**The people of Jerusalem and all of Judah worshiped idols and disobeyed God.** Point to Jerusalem. **God chose Jeremiah to show them His plans for them and to tell them to seek Him with all their hearts.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 1:4-9; 13:3-11; 29:11-13. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Jeremiah 29:13. Pray.

### THE WAY CHOOSING TO SEEK GOD

**What did Jeremiah say when God chose him?** (I am only a child.) **Has it ever been hard for you to talk to others about God? Jeremiah did not know what to say to people about God; he was afraid. Why did God tell Jeremiah not to say he was just a child?** (God planned to give him all he needed to be a prophet.) **What was God's plan for helping him?** (God planned to tell him exactly what to say and to protect him.)

**How can you find out what God wants you to say? Reading the Bible is one way. It is also a way you can seek Him with all your**

**heart. To seek means to search for someone. What does seeking God with all your heart mean to you?**

**What did God tell Jeremiah to do to show how close He wanted to be with His people?** (Wear a belt.) Distribute belt or belts. **How is this belt like the friendship between God and His people?** (He wants us to be close to Him.) **What did God tell Jeremiah to do with the belt?** (To hide it by burying it under rocks.) **What happened to the belt?** (It was ruined and useless.) **How was the ruined belt like a picture of God's plans for the wicked people who would not listen to Him?** (They would be useless.) **That ruined belt is a picture of how useless we would be if we did not listen to God's words. When have you felt especially close to God? When have you felt far from God?**

**What is God's plan for those who listen and seek Him with all their heart?** (He has "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.") **In God's plan for our future, we will pray and He will listen. We will be as close to God as the belt is to our waist.**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**When we believe in Jesus, it is as if He washes away our sins and makes the ruined belt perfect. He brings us so close to God that nothing can separate us from His love. Paul describes this.** Reveal Romans 8:38-39. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**Even those who believe in Jesus have times when they don't feel close to God. They may feel like a ruined belt hidden in the rocks. That's not what God wants for you. If ever you feel far from God, remember the choice and the promises He gives us.** Review Jeremiah 29:11-13. **What are some ways you can choose to seek Him with all your heart?** (Talk to God in prayer. Read and obey God's Word. Love Him. Love others. Gather with others to worship Him.)

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Cloth belt
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jeremiah showing the linen belt around his waist
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Food for Every Age

**GAME:** Seek & Find

**CRAFT:** Seeking God's Pottery

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Passing the Light, Kneel & Say

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**