



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 8, Lesson 42

God Answers Habakkuk

Lesson Aim: To show God wants us to trust Him to punish evil and keep all His promises.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best message you have ever received?

GAME: Running Heralds Relay

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS FAITHFUL

Read Worship Scripture: Revelation 21:3-4.

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

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD ANSWERS HABAKKUK'S QUESTIONS

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

Review: God chose Jeremiah to tell people to seek Him with all their hearts.

Habakkuk was a prophet to Jerusalem and Judah. Point to Jerusalem, Israel. Point to Habakkuk (Circa 603 B.C.). **He asked God questions, wrote down God's answers and sent them to people as a written oracle. An oracle is a message from God sent as an answer to a respectful complaint or question. He wanted to know why God did not stop evil.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Habakkuk 1:2, 13; 2:2-4, 20; 3:17-18. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Habakkuk 2:4. Pray.

THE WAY LIVING BY FAITH

What was Habakkuk's first complaint to God? (He saw unfairness and wrongdoing go unpunished with God's people in Judah.) **What would you like to ask God about unfairness and wrongdoing today? God does not allow wrongdoing (sin) to go unpunished forever. That is why Jesus came to save us. On the cross, Jesus took the punishment for our sin. What has God promised to do about the sin of all who believe in His Son?** (Forgive them.)

Have you ever wondered why God allows evildoers to succeed? God told Habakkuk to wait for that, because even though it might be slow in coming, God would keep His promise to punish the

evildoers. It's hard to trust God's plan when we don't understand it or when it seems unfair. God gives a choice to the righteous, those who do right in God's eyes. When we belong to Jesus, God sees us as righteous. What is the choice of the righteous? (To live by faith.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

What is "faith"? 600 years after Habakkuk wrote about it, the letter to the Hebrews explains it. Reveal Hebrews 11:1. Read.

What do you hope is true about God? The Bible gives us hope that God is good and keeps all His promises. When we are sure those things are true about Him, that is called faith. Faith is being certain of what we do not see. What experiences have helped you be certain God is doing these things? Discuss God's presence, love, etc.

How does faith in the invisible things of God help you trust Him enough to praise Him even when evil is not punished or when bad things happen to good people? In Old Testament times, all they had was the hope that God would one day send the Savior. Some of those people were so sure of that hope, that God counted it as faith. God saw them as righteous, because they lived by faith. That is to trust God is good and will keep His promises. In hard times, we can choose to trust God with whatever happens instead of by waiting to see God make everything right in that moment.

When have you trusted God in hard times? Even though Habakkuk saw wrongdoing and sorrow, he chose to rejoice in the Lord. What do you think that means? It means to find joy in belonging to an awesome God. Let's see how many amazing things we know to be true about God. List qualities or attributes of God on a poster board or dry erase board. **When times are hard, we can still rejoice in the Lord.**

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Oracle scroll
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #42
- OFFERING OF ART: A herald running to deliver the oracle scroll
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Where are the Grapes?

GAME: Drop the Oracle

CRAFT: Rejoice Kazoos

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW