



**Lesson Scripture:** Zephaniah 3:1-2, 5, 12-13

**Key Verse:** The LORD... is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail. (*Zephaniah 3:5*)

## ▶ Activity 1 ◀

### Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks of the sentences below to complete statements from today's lesson. The words to be filled in are found in the Word Bank.

#### WORD BANK

city    deceitful    justice    obeys    remnant    righteous    trust

1. Woe to the \_\_\_\_\_ of oppressors, rebellious and defiled! (verse 1)
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ no one, she accepts no correction. (verse 2a)
3. She does not \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD, she does not draw near to her God. (verse 2b)
4. The LORD within her is \_\_\_\_\_; he does no wrong. (verse 5a)
5. Morning by morning he dispenses his \_\_\_\_\_, and every new day he does not fail, yet the unrighteous know no shame. (verse 5b)
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel will trust in the name of the LORD. (verse 12b)
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ tongue will not be found in their mouths. (verse 13b)



## ▶ Activity 2 ◀

### Decode the Message

*Decode* (figure out) a message related to today's lesson by writing on each dash the letter that comes between the combination of letters in the alphabet. (The letter combination is found under the dash.) (For example, z-b = a; l-n = m.) When you reveal the message, you will learn what God expects from us.

f-h   n-p   c-e   d-f   w-y   o-q   d-f   b-d   s-u   r-t

i-k   t-v   r-t   s-u   h-j   b-d   d-f   e-g   q-s   n-p   l-n

g-i   h-j   r-t   o-q   d-f   n-p   o-q   k-m   d-f

# Answer Key

## Activity 2

**Answers:** (1) The king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet. (2) Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining. (3) "What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted." (4) "He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king."

## LESSON 9

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) king; (2) woman; (3) house; (4) baby; (5) asleep; (6) alive; (7) mother; (8) Israel

### Activity 2

B A B Y  
W O M E N  
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G I V E

## LESSON 10

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) city; (2) obeys; (3) trust; (4) righteous; (5) justice; (6) remnant; (7) deceitful

### Activity 2

**Decoded Message:** God expects justice from His people.

## LESSON 11

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) jealous, jealousy; (2) Zion, Jerusalem; (3) men, women, old age, Jerusalem, cane; (4) save, from; (5) people, God; (6) curse, save, blessing

### Activity 2

**Actions to be circled:** Praying; Being loving; Going to Sunday school and church; Being kind; Sharing; Helping; Working together; Forgiving others

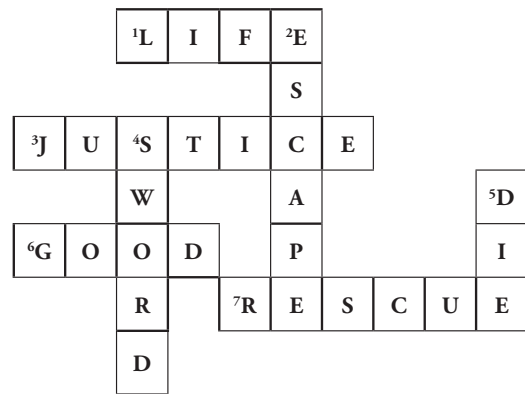
**Actions to be crossed out:** Being selfish; Telling lies; Cheating on a test; Fighting; Refusing to do chores around the house; Being mean

## LESSON 12

### Activity 1

**Answers:** A=3; B=4; C=5; D=1; E=2; (1) Jeremiah reminds the people of Jerusalem that they could still choose to serve God. (2) God told the people how to regain His favor. (3) Because of Israel's disobedience to God, they brought punishment to themselves. (4) God gives His people an opportunity to repent. (5) God said, "I will punish you as your deeds deserve."

### Activity 2

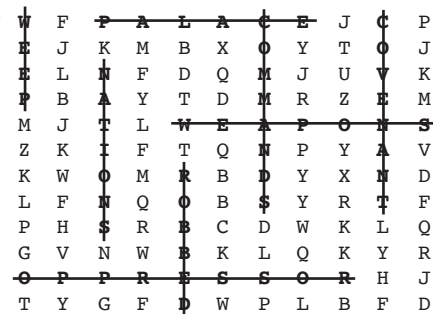


## LESSON 13

### Activity 1

Drawings will vary. Assist any students who need help understanding the Scripture verses.

### Activity 2



## LESSON 14

### Activity 1

**Answers:** (1) Israel; (2) Egypt; (3) baals; (4) incense; (5) exalt; (6) heart; (7) compassion; (8) love; (9) justice; (10) Lord; lesson summaries will vary.

### Activity 2

**Revealed Message:** "I have been the LORD your God ever since you came out of Egypt."