Better Days Are Coming



Lesson Scripture: Zechariah 8:1-8, 11-17

Key Verses: [God said,] "I will save my people I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be . . . their God." (*Zechariah 8:7, 8a*)



What Did God Say?

Choose the right word or words in each sentence by circling the word or words that best complete(s) the statements (which are related to today's lesson).

- 1. "I am very (jealous / sorry) for Zion; I am burning with (jealousy / anger) for her." (verse 2)
- 2. "I will return to (**Bethlehem / Zion**) and dwell in (**Jerusalem / Nazareth**)." (verse 3)
- 3. "Once again (men / angels) and (women / prophets) of ripe (understanding / old age) will sit in the streets of (heaven / Jerusalem), each of them with (branches / cane) in hand because of their age." (verse 4)
- 4. "I will (save / send) my people (to / from) the countries of the east and the west." (verse 7)
- 5. "I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my (slaves / people), and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their (God / dictator)." (verse 8)
- 6. "Just as you, Judah and Israel, have been a (**fool / curse**) among the nations, so I will (**desert / save**) you, and you will be a (**failure / blessing**)." (verse 13)



Make a Choice!

In the box below, circle the actions that please God, and place an X on the actions that do not please God.

Praying

Being selfish

Telling lies

Being loving

Going to Sunday school and church

Being kind

Sharing

Helping

Cheating on a test

FIGHTING

Refusing to do chores around the house

Being mean

Working together

Forgiving others

Answer Key

Activity 2

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

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

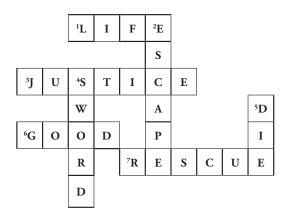
Actions to be crossed out: Being selfish; Telling lies; Cheating on a test; Fighting; Refusing to do chores around the house; Being mean

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 <u>choose to serve God</u>. (2) <u>God told the people</u> how to regain His favor. (3) Because of <u>Israel's disobedience to God</u>, they brought punishment to themselves. (4) God gives His people <u>an opportunity to repent</u>. (5) God said, "I will punish you as your deeds deserve."

Activity 2

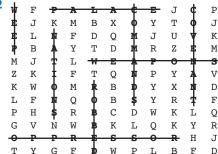


LESSON 13

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."