

GOD IS OUR TEACHER

GOD TEACHES THROUGH HIS WORD

LESSON POINTS

Bible Story | Ezra and the Levites Teach the Bible

Nehemiah 8

- Many of the Israelites had returned to Jerusalem from being held captive in Babylon.
- The 70 years while the Israelites were in Babylon, the Word of God (Book of the Teachings of Moses) was not heard by the people.
- The people did not know how God wanted them to live and had picked up some really bad habits.
- Ezra and the Levites called all the people to come together in Jerusalem and hear the Word of God.
- Ezra stood on a high platform and read the Book of the Teachings of Moses to the people.
- The Book was written in a language that was hard for the people to understand, so the Levites stood out among the people and explained what the Book said to the people.
- When the people understood the Word of God, they cried out to God and worshiped Him because they now knew how they were supposed to live.
- God taught the people through His Word, the Bible.

MINISTRY IDEA

Pray Scripture over Children

In large group or small group pray the scripture Jeremiah 29:11 over the children blessing them and their future.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What kinds of things do you think the Israelites went through when they were slaves?
2. Tell of a time in your life when you forgot something you were taught and had to later be reminded of the teaching.
3. Why do you think God called Ezra to read the book?
4. Tell of a time when you learned something out of the Bible, and you loved God so much because of it.

DRAMA SYNOPSIS #87

Chance has had a terrible week and is frustrated because he has to try out for the baseball team again. Virginia reminds Chance that he can find answers and encouragement in God's Word.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

God's Laws Scroll

Ezra was known for writing the scroll that contained the Laws of God. Let each child have a piece of manila paper. Have them tear the edges and paint the entire sheet of paper in brown watercolors to give it an old look. When it is dry write the following: "I will follow God's Law." Roll the outside edges of the paper to form a scroll.

Memory Verse Code Breaker

Write out the memory verse using a code (ex: substitute letters for number or symbols....) Let the children take a look at the memory verse written in this form and let them try and figure out how to translate it. If they can't, let them have a key to help them figure it out. Talk to them about how it was hard to understand, until they translated it.

LESSON OBJECTIVE

Children will learn that God is our Teacher and He teaches us through His Word.

LIFE APPLICATION

Through learning that God is our Teacher, children will know that God teaches them through the Bible.

MEMORY VERSE

Accept my teachings and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives.
Matthew 11:29