



THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these stories:

- **King Hezekiah Prays,** page 209
- **King Josiah's New Book,** page 211
- **God Calls Jeremiah,** page 215
- **Israel Goes Away,** page 203
- **The Lord Leaves the Temple,** page 235

In your daily prayers, include a neighbor or a friend who doesn't know Jesus Christ as their Savior or is not engaged in the practice of the faith. Here's a sample prayer you could use:

Dear Lord Jesus, You came into this world to give Your life to save sinners. Right now I bring before You _____ who is dear to me. They need your forgiveness and grace in their lives. Today I ask the Holy Spirit to touch that lost or doubting heart. Give me an opportunity to invite them to church or to share with them the hope I find in You. Amen.

Know the Bible Now (including Scripture references)

KING HEZEKIAH PRAYS — [2 Kings 18-19](#) | KtBN page 154

- When it seemed like everything was against King Hezekiah, what did Hezekiah say in his prayer?
- How might hardships in life actually teach us to trust in God even more?

Prayer: *Lord God, help me to be confident that You will never forget me. Keep my eyes always fixed on your promises. Amen.*

KING JOSIAH — [2 Kings 22-23](#) | KtBN page 158

- After King Josiah found out that they were breaking the commandments handed down to them by God, what did he do in response - both in words and actions?
- Why do you think it seems so easy to fall into unbelief and sin?

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, help me examine every part of my heart, mind and soul. I confess my sins to you. Thank you for Your son Jesus, who has won forgiveness for me. Amen.*

GOD CALLS JEREMIAH — [Jeremiah 1:1-10, 23:5-6, 31:3b,10,13,31-34](#) | KtBN page 162

- God told Jeremiah that before he was born, God knew him. How does it make you feel to know that God knew you, BEFORE you were born?
- Read [Jeremiah 31:33-34](#) (last paragraph in KtBN story). That's a promise to YOU, because of Jesus. He not only forgives you, God no longer remembers your sins, because of His son Jesus. How does this make you feel?

Prayer: *Before I was born, You knew me. Thank you for Your love and constant care for me. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*

ISRAEL AND JUDAH IN EXILE — [2 Kings 17:1-17 & 24:8-25:12,27-30](#) | KtBN page 168

- Why do you think Israel and Judah were taken into captivity and exile?
- Sometimes we make bad decisions like the kings and people of Israel and Judah. What do you think God would have us do in response (hint: read [2 Kings 17:13](#))?

Prayer: *Lord, I often fail in keeping your commandments. I confess my sins to you and call upon your mercy and forgiveness, won for us on the cross by Your son Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

GOD'S PROMISES TO THE EXILES — [Ezekiel 8 & 36](#) | KtBN page 196

- After God promised punishment for Israel's evil deeds, what GOOD things did he promise as well?
- God hates sin, but loves us. How does Israel and God's treatment of Israel apply to your life and relationship with God?

Prayer: *Lord, forgive my sin and change my heart. Bring the power of your love and forgiveness into me. In Jesus' name, Amen.*