

Calvary Kids

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Habakkuk learned to have faith and trust in God.

Bible Passage: Habakkuk



MEMORY VERSE

"If my people ... turn from their wicked ways,
then I will ... forgive their sin."

2 Chronicles 7:14

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!
Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today's lesson with the entire family.**

1. TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY

Habakkuk was a prophet who lived in Judah. Bad things were happening, and Habakkuk was confused. He prayed to God, "How long do I have to wait, God?" he asked. "When I cry to You for help, and You do not hear me?" He asked God, "Why are You not punishing the people who do wrong things?" "People are fighting and stealing. The bad people always win." God said, "I am listening. Look around, I am doing something amazing, and you would not believe it if I told you." God told Habakkuk what was going to happen. Judah's enemies, the mighty Babylonians, were raising up an army to come and make God's people prisoners. The Babylonian army would be strong and fast like hungry eagles that swoop from the sky to catch mice in the field. Habakkuk said, "Judah did wrong things, but Babylon is worse! You are so holy. Why will Babylon destroy Judah?" God answered, "I will show you what will happen. Be patient, it may seem like the bad people are always winning, but one day they will not win anymore." God promised that one day, He would punish the Babylonians for their evil ways. God told Habakkuk that the people's captivity in Babylon would not be forever, He would bring his people back to their land. Habakkuk prayed for the people to change. The people had stopped praying, they sinned and forgot all about God. Habakkuk wanted the people to wake up, to remember, to love God and hate sin. Habakkuk said "You have done so many amazing things, powerful things. Please do it again so everyone will know you." Habakkuk praised God for His power. He trusted God to take care of His people. The Babylonians were going to come, the people of Judah would be prisoners for a while, but not forever. God would rescue His people and bring them home. God told Habakkuk to write down His words so people would know God's plan. Habakkuk said, "No matter what happens, I will be happy because of God. Even if none of the plants grow fruit, if no food grows in the fields, and even if I do not have any sheep or cows, I will rejoice in the God who saves."

2. EXPERIENCE THE STORY

- **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**
- For a fun family activity, play a game of "Fair or Unfair." Designate or label each side of a room as either fair or unfair. Have an adult read the statements listed below. Everyone else will move to the side of the room they feel best reflects the nature of the situation. Ask family members to explain their reasoning for their choice. Listed below is a series of statements for your game. You can add your own statements, if you would like.

Your teacher disciplines you for talking, but you were only asking a noisy classmate to be quiet.

Your mom catches you and your sister sneaking an extra cookie and sends you both to your room.

Your older sibling gets to stay up later than you.

Your friend brings a new ball to school and won't let you play with it.

You are late to school and the teacher is upset, but the school bus broke down.

A friend steals the answers to a test and gets an A.

A friend gets a new video game at their birthday party and invites you to be the first to play before the rest of the group.

You, your sibling and a parent are going to the store, you call "shotgun" but your sibling gets in the front seat before you.

- 3. FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)**
- 1. What did Habakkuk pray to God about?** (He was asking about why bad things were happening.)
 - 2. Did God know about the bad things and was He working on a plan for His people?** (Yes, God knows everything, and He has a plan for His people.)
 - 3. Who was God sending to punish Judah?** (The Babylonians.)
 - 4. Did Habakkuk stop praising God when things got bad?** (No, Habakkuk learned to trust in God, who is in control of all things. Habakkuk had faith that God does what is for His glory and our good. We do not always understand the ways of God, but we can trust Him to always take care of us.)
 - 5. Why do you think God punished His people's sin?** (God's justice is part of His love. God punishes sin to keep sin from growing and destroying more lives. If God allowed sin to grow and flourish, He would be going against His own character as a loving and Holy God.)
 - 6. When you think about God's plan to punish Jesus for our sins, how does that make you feel?** (Allow the kids time to talk about their thoughts. Ask some follow up questions like; are they grateful towards God, shocked by His amazing love or simply humbled by Jesus' sacrifice.)
 - 7. What hope do we have when evil seems to be everywhere?** (We have the ultimate source of hope, Jesus. Even though evil may seem like it is everywhere and winning in the world, God is in control. Like Habakkuk, we can have faith and trust in God. God will eventually punish the wicked, but it will be in His time and His way. Evil will not win in the end. We win, when we trust in Jesus, He is always with us.)

4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: 2 Chronicles 7:14 (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse.)

“If my people ... turn from their wicked ways, then I will ... forgive their sin.”

SAY: Our memory verse speaks to the faithfulness of God. God hears us when we repent of our sins and ask for forgiveness. God wants people to turn back to Him. He doesn't accept us because we are perfect; He accepts us because Jesus is. We know that God is just to punish sin, but His heart is for sinners to repent, turn to Him and receive forgiveness. Just like God promised to heal His people and fix their brokenness, He will forgive us our sins and fix our brokenness when we trust in Jesus.

5. FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arching theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time in Prayer.)

SAY: During the time of Habakkuk evil seemed to be everywhere. By faith, he trusted God's promise that God would deliver His people. Injustice, violence, and wickedness surround us today, but we can live by faith and trust that Jesus will return to make all things right. It is a normal reaction to feel sad because of all the evil that we see in our world. God created us to live in a perfect world with no sin, but we actually live in a world broken by our sin, and we are broken by sin as well. God had a plan even before He created the world, a plan to send Jesus to save sinners. When we trust in Jesus, He forgives our sin and begins to heal the damage sin causes. One day in the future Jesus will return to earth and fix our broken world.

For some additional activities and discussion questions, please check out the Family Experience Page below.

FAMILY EXPERIENCE

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“The Church Has Left The Building”
Parents remember: “Train up a child in the way he
should go; even when he is old, he will not
depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6
We miss you!!!

MAIN POINT: Habakkuk

Habakkuk learned to have faith and
trust in God.

FAMILY TIME QUESTIONS

- Why is there still evil in the world?
- Why can we have patience, faith, and joy in a world broken by sin?
- How can we trust God when we face difficult times or evil events?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Spend time together as a family.

- As a family have each member think of a time, they had to wait for something. Was waiting easy or hard? Why? Take some time and talk as a family about the world in which we live. Talk about the evil things that we see in our world. Remind your family that, although many difficult and bad things happen, God is ultimately in control. Encourage the family to think of ways they can be part of God's good work in the world.

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