At Home Lesson Seek God (Jeremiah 29:1-13)

Gather your family together. Start off in prayer. Pray for each other, the church, the leaders around the world, and people who you know are in need. Ask God to teach your family something during this time together. Tell the Bible story and discuss. Stay open and make sure kids are invited to participate however, they are comfortable.

BIBLE STORY

Today's lesson comes from Jeremiah. You can read the verses from the bible you have at home, watch the video on https://icbc.org/jcbc-kids-online/, and/or read the text from your Bible at home.

CONNECT AND DISCUSS

Ask these questions and explain these things to your children. Break it down on their level and adapt to their age group. The older your kids are, the more they can explain and think outside the box. Instead of defining words, ask them what it means. For younger kids, make sure to explain in the simplest terms. No matter the age let them answer before you do. Accept their answers and make sure they know you are proud of how hard they are thinking, even if they don't get the "right" answer.

Bible Story Questions

- This was written while the Jewish people were in the Babylonian Exile. The Exile was when the King of Babylon took the Jewish people of Judah out of their homes and into their kingdom. Let's think of some other Books of Bible or people who were part of the Babylonian Exile:
 - o Daniel (King Nebuchadnezzar)
 - Esther
 - o Ezra
 - o 2 Kings
- What did God's message tell the Jewish people to do? (vs 5-7)
- What does it say will happen after 70 years? (vs 10)
- What kind of plans does God have for God's people? (vs 11)
- When we call on God, what happens? (vs 12)
- How should we seek God? (vs 13)

Connection Questions

- Do you ever feel like things aren't working out the way you thought they would?
- What do you do when you feel disappointed?
- Do you believe God has big plans for you?
- What do you think it means to have hope in God's plans?
- How do you search for God?
 - o Read Bible
 - o Pray
 - o Go to church
 - o Look for good things around you

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Pray and thank God for always having a plan for us, even when we don't think things are working out.

WORSHIP, CREATE, & PLAY TOGETHER

• Create by doing the craft below!

Sing and dance along to some of our kids' favorite songs!

My God is so Big Red Sea Road The Way

Seek God Craft



What you Need:

- Toilet paper rolls (optional)
- Construction paper
- Stickers
- Markers or crayons
- Yarn or string
- Glue or tape

What to Do:

- Roll construction paper into tubes (2).
 - o glue onto toilet paper rolls, if you have them
- Glue together to look like binoculars
- Have kids decorate the binoculars.
- Attach yarn with glue or tape

Once the binoculars are finished, go on a "God Hunt." Look around your house, yard, town, etc. Find things that God created or that make you remember God's goodness. Remind your kids that God is with us no matter what and that God is always working things out for us to have a future full of hope!

