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## **Author's Preface**

This is the second in a series of three books which treats the history of the Bible in story form for children from the ages of six to eight years. This second book treats the history from the beginning of Saul's reign to the return of the Jews from captivity.

The teacher will notice that generally only one or two events are treated in each lesson, rather than the many details. The teacher will use his own discretion in determining how much other material should be included in the discussion in the class room.

May our God use these means to realise His promise among us that He will be our God and the God of our seed forever. That is our sincere prayer and also our blessed confidence.

*- Rev. C. Hanko*

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## **Editor's Preface**

The use of the Catechism for instruction of the young in the Church is an ancient and time-tested method. The three-tiered Bible History Catechism that we are using was first designed by the Protestant Reformed Church (though using different titles). The purpose of these Catechisms is to provide the children with a firm grounding on Bible facts and history, which will eventually serve as a foundation for the doctrinal Catechism such as the WSC. We have taken the liberty to edit and modify some of the questions either to correct errors or to enhance their value.

If your child has the capacity to memorise more than what is required in the week (the 10 questions and a memory verse), I would recommend that he/she be made to memorise, systematically, also some questions from the Catechism for Young Children. This introduction to the Westminster Shorter Catechism will be taught after completing the three books of Bible History Catechism, level 1.

A workbook accompanying this booklet has also been produced. Parents are encouraged to help the children do the relevant worksheets in addition to helping them memorise the answers to the ten questions each week. And as the Sabbath School teachers' role is designed to be complementary, parents (especially fathers) are urged to explain the lessons to their children in a way suitable to them before they come for class. At class the teachers will only give a few applicatory lessons, and then review the lesson with each of the students by testing them on their memory work.

May the Lord bless our feeble efforts to instruct our children in the way of the Lord.

*- Ps J.J. Lim*

**Lesson 1**  
**SAUL**  
**1 Samuel 8 - 15, 28, 31**

1. Why did the Israelites want a king?  
They wanted to be like the other nations. [1 Sam 8:4-5]
2. Did God give them a king?  
Yes, He gave them Saul of the tribe of Benjamin. [1 Sam 9:16-17; 10:1]
3. Was Saul a good king?  
No, he was very wicked. [1 Sam 15:10-11]
4. How did Saul show that he was wicked?  
He disobeyed God's commands. [1 Sam 13:7-14; 15:1-9]
5. How did God punish Saul?  
He took the kingdom away from Saul. [1 Sam 15:22-30]
6. Did God speak to Saul after that?  
No, God did not speak to him anymore. [1 Sam 28:6, 15]
7. Did Saul eventually try to seek help from God?  
Yes, before a battle with the Philistines. [1 Sam 28:3-6]
8. Where did Saul go since God would not speak to him?  
He went to a witch during the night. [1 Sam 28:7-8]
9. What message did Saul get?  
He was told that he would die. [1 Sam 28:19-20]
10. How did Saul die?  
He killed himself in the battle. [1 Sam 31:1-5]

*Memory verse:* "For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psalm 1:6).

**Lesson 2**  
**DAVID ANOINTED AS KING**  
**1 Samuel 16 – 28**

1. Who did Samuel anoint in Saul's place?  
David, who was of the tribe of Judah. [1 Sam 16:11-13]
2. What did David do when he was a boy?  
He cared for his father's sheep. [1 Sam 16:11, 19; cf 17:15, 20]
3. Was God with David even then?  
Yes, God saved him from a lion and a bear. [1 Sam 17:34-37]
4. Who mocked the army of Israel?  
The giant, Goliath. [1 Sam 17:4, 8-10, 26]
5. What did David do to Goliath?  
He killed him with a slingshot. [1 Sam 17:47-50]
6. Was Saul pleased that David killed Goliath?  
No, he was jealous of David. [1 Sam 18:7-9]
7. Why was he so jealous of David?  
He knew that God would make David king. [1 Sam 16:1-4; cf 20:31]
8. How did Saul try to kill David?  
He pursued him with his army. [1 Sam 23:7-8]
9. Where did David hide?  
He hid in the caves in the mountains. [1 Sam 24:1-8]
10. Was Saul ever able to harm David?  
No, for God always took care of him. [1 Sam 27:4; cf 28:16-17]

*Memory verse:* "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me"  
(Psalm 23:4).

**Lesson 3**  
**DAVID AS KING**  
**2 Samuel 2 - 12**

1. Who became king after Saul died?  
David, who feared the LORD. [2 Sam 2:1-4]
2. Where did David live?  
In Jerusalem. [2 Sam 5:6-7, 9]
3. What did David bring to Jerusalem?  
The ark of God. [2 Sam 6:12, 15-17]
4. What did David plan to build in Jerusalem?  
A beautiful temple of God. [2 Sam 7:1-5; cf 1 Kgs 8:17]
5. Did David build this temple?  
No, God told him that his son Solomon would build it. [2 Sam 7:11-13; cf 1 Kgs 8:18-19]
6. Name one big sin that David committed.  
He took another man's wife. [2 Sam 11:2-5]
7. How did David try to hide his sin of taking another man's wife?  
He killed the man by putting him in the front line of battle. [2 Sam 11:14-17]
8. Was David sorry for this sin?  
Yes, but not until God sent the prophet Nathan to him. [2 Sam 12:1-13; Ps 32; Ps 51]
9. How did God show that He was displeased with David?  
He made his son get sick and die. [2 Sam 12:14-23]
10. Did God punish David in other ways?  
Yes, God brought many troubles to his family. [2 Sam 12:10-12]

*Memory verse:* "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1).

**Lesson 4**  
**THE SIN OF ABSALOM**  
**2 Samuel 15 - 19**

1. Who was Absalom?  
A son of David. [2 Sam 3:2-3]
2. What sin did Absalom commit?  
He tried to take the kingdom from his father. [2 Sam 15:1-12]
3. Why was this wrong of Absalom?  
Because God had made David king. [2 Sam 5:3; cf 1 Sam 24:10]
4. Did the people want Absalom to be king?  
Yes, many of the people liked him. [2 Sam 15:13]
5. Did David want to fight against his son Absalom?  
No, he fled from Jerusalem. [2 Sam 15:14]
6. Did David flee alone?  
No, his army went with him. [2 Sam 15:15-18]
7. Did Absalom follow David?  
Yes, he came with an army to fight him. [2 Sam 17:1, 24-26]
8. What happened in the battle between David's army and Absalom's army?  
Absalom was caught by his head in a tree. [2 Sam 18:9-10]
9. How did the battle end?  
Absalom was killed. [2 Sam 18:14-17]
10. Did David go back to Jerusalem?  
Yes, he was king as before. [2 Sam 19:14-15]

*Memory verse:* "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

**Lesson 5**  
**SOLOMON**  
**1 Kings 1 - 11**

1. Who was king after David died?  
Solomon, as David had promised. [1 Kgs 1:17, 34-35, 39; cf 2:1-2, 12]
2. What did Solomon ask of God?  
Wisdom to rule the people. [1 Kgs 3:8-12]
3. Did God give Solomon wisdom?  
Yes, and God also gave him riches and honour. [1 Kgs 3:13; 4:29-30]
4. When did Solomon show his wisdom?  
When two mothers wanted the same baby. [1 Kgs 3:16-28]
5. What did Solomon build?  
A great and beautiful temple. [1 Kgs 6:1-10]
6. Why did the queen of Sheba come to Solomon?  
To see the glory that God gave him. [1 Kgs 10:1, 4-9]
7. What sin did Solomon commit?  
He married many heathen wives. [1 Kgs 11:1-4]
8. Did these wives cause him to sin still more?  
Yes, they caused him to serve idols. [1 Kgs 11:7-8]
9. How did God show that He was displeased?  
God took part of the kingdom from his son. [1 Kgs 11:9-13]
10. Did Solomon repent?  
Surely he did; for he wrote Ecclesiastes in his old age. [Ecc 12:13-14]

*Memory verse:* "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge"  
(Proverbs 1:7).



**Lesson 6**  
**REHOBOAM, KING OF JUDAH**  
**1 Kings 11 - 14**

1. Who became king after Solomon?  
His son, Rehoboam. [1 Kgs 11:43 - 12:1]
2. What did the people ask Rehoboam to do?  
They asked him to lower their taxes. [1 Kgs 12:3-4]
3. Did Rehoboam do as the people asked?  
No, he answered them roughly and said he would increase the taxes. [1 Kgs 12:12-14]
4. How did the people rebel against Rehoboam?  
Ten tribes made Jeroboam their king. [1 Kgs 12:20]
5. Was this right for the people to do?  
No, God had made Rehoboam their king. [1 Kgs 12:1; cf 1 Sam 24:10]
6. What were the ten tribes called?  
The kingdom of Israel, or the Northern Kingdom. [1 Kgs 12:19-20]
7. How many tribes stayed with Rehoboam?  
Two, Judah and Benjamin. [1 Kgs 12:21]
8. What were the two tribes called?  
The kingdom of Judah, or the Southern Kingdom. [1 Kgs 12:23, 27]
9. Did Rehoboam serve God always?  
No, he and the people turned away from the LORD. [1 Kgs 14:21-24]
10. How did God punish him?  
God sent the king of Egypt against him. [1 Kgs 14:25-26]

*Memory verse:* "Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee" (Psalm 33:22).

**Lesson 7**  
**JEROBOAM, KING OF ISRAEL**  
**1 Kings 12 - 14**

1. Was Jeroboam a good king?  
No, he caused Israel to worship golden calves. [1 Kgs 12:28]
2. Why did Jeroboam make these golden calves?  
Because he did not want the people to go to the temple at Jerusalem. [1 Kgs 12:26-30]
3. Who spoke against the altar Jeroboam set up?  
A Prophet from Judah. [1 Kgs 13:1-2]
4. What happened when this Prophet spoke against the altar?  
The altar broke in pieces. [1 Kgs 13:2-5]
5. What happened to the Prophet on his way home?  
He was killed by a lion. [1 Kgs 13:24]
6. Why was the Prophet killed by the lion?  
Because he did not go back to Judah immediately as God commanded him. [1 Kgs 13:7-9, cf v 11-19, 25-26]
7. Why did the Prophet not do as commanded?  
Because someone pretending to speak God's Word tricked him to stay back. [1 Kgs 13:18ff]
8. How did God punish Jeroboam for his sin?  
God made his son sick. [1 Kgs 13:33 - 14:1]
9. How did Jeroboam's wife try to save her son's life?  
She went to Ahijah, a Prophet of God. [1 Kgs 14:2-5]
10. What did Ahijah tell Jeroboam's wife?  
That her son would surely die. [1 Kgs 14:6, 12-13]

*Memory verse:* "Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness"  
(Psalm 5:4).

**Lesson 8**  
**ELIJAH AND AHAB**  
**1 Kings 16 - 17**

1. Did the kingdom of Israel have any good kings?  
No, they were all wicked. [1 Kgs 16:30, 33; cf 2 Kgs 8:18; 16:3]
2. Which king was especially wicked?  
King Ahab, who married wicked Jezebel. [1 Kgs 16:30-31]
3. Did Ahab want Israel to serve God?  
No, he made them serve Baal. [1 Kgs 16:32]
4. How did Ahab make the people serve Baal?  
He killed those who served God. [1 Kgs 16:33; 18:3-4]
5. Which Prophet came to Ahab?  
The Prophet Elijah. [1 Kgs 17:1]
6. What did Elijah tell Ahab?  
That there would be no rain for three and a half years. [1 Kgs 17:1; cf Jas 5:17]
7. Where did Elijah go during the famine?  
He went to hide by the brook Cherith. [1 Kgs 17:2-3]
8. How did God feed Elijah at the brook Cherith?  
He commanded the ravens to bring him food. [1 Kgs 17:4-7]
9. Where did God send Elijah after the brook was dry?  
To the home of a poor widow in Sidon. [1 Kgs 17:8-12]
10. How did God care for Elijah and the widow?  
He gave them oil and meal every day. [1 Kgs 17:13-16]

*Memory verse:* "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

**Lesson 9**  
**ELIJAH ON CARMEL**  
**1 Kings 18**

1. When did the famine end?  
When God sent Elijah to Ahab again. [1 Kgs 18:1]
2. What did Elijah tell Ahab to do?  
To bring all Israel to Mount Carmel. [1 Kgs 18:17-19]
3. Who else came to Mount Carmel?  
450 prophets of Baal. [1 Kgs 18:19, 22]
4. What did Elijah tell them to make?  
A sacrifice to Baal. [1 Kgs 18:22-24]
5. Might the prophets put fire on their altar?  
No, they had to ask Baal to do that. [1 Kgs 18:25]
6. Could Baal send fire?  
No, for he was only an idol. [1 Kgs 18:26-29]
7. What happened when Elijah prayed?  
God sent fire from heaven upon His altar. [1 Kgs 18:30-39]
8. What did the people shout when they saw this?  
"The LORD, He is the God" (1 Kgs 18:39).
9. What did Elijah do to the prophets of Baal?  
He killed all of them. [1 Kgs 18:40]
10. What happened after the prophets of Baal were killed?  
God sent rain in answer to Elijah's prayers. [1 Kgs 18:41-45]

*Memory verse:* "I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me" (Isaiah 45:5).

**Lesson 10**  
**JEHOSHAPHAT, KING OF JUDAH**  
**2 Chronicles 17 - 20**

1. Did the Kingdom of Judah serve golden calves?  
No, they worshipped in the temple in Jerusalem. [2 Chr 17:1-4]
2. What do we know about the kings of Judah?  
They were all of the family of David. [2 Chr 32:32-33; 34:1-3; Jer 17:25]
3. Why did God place David's sons on the throne?  
Because our Lord Jesus would be born of David's family. [Mt 1:1; cf, eg, Mt 9:27]
4. Did all the kings of Judah serve God?  
Some of them did, but many were wicked. [Eg, 2 Chr 21:3-4, 6]
5. Name a God-fearing king after Rehoboam.  
Jehoshaphat. [2 Chr 17:1-6.]
6. What did Jehoshaphat do for the people of Judah?  
He taught them to serve the LORD. [2 Chr 17:7-9]
7. What sin did Jehoshaphat commit?  
He went along with Ahab to battle. [2 Chr 18:1-3, 28; 19:2]
8. What happened in the battle?  
Ahab was killed. [2 Chr 18:33-34]
9. How did God bless Jehoshaphat?  
God made him very rich. [2 Chr 20:25; 17:3-6]
10. Did God help Jehoshaphat against his enemies?  
Yes, God made his enemies afraid of him. [2 Chr 20:29-30]

*Memory verse:* "Praise the LORD; for His mercy endureth for ever" (2 Chronicles 20:21).

**Lesson 11**  
**THE PROPHET ELISHA**  
**2 Kings 2 - 5**

1. Did Elijah die?  
No, God took him to Heaven. [2 Kgs 2:1]
2. How did God take him to Heaven?  
By a chariot of fire in a whirlwind. [2 Kgs 2:11]
3. Which Prophet took Elijah's place?  
Elijah's servant, Elisha. [2 Kgs 2:8-9, cf v 12-15]
4. How did some children mock Elisha?  
They cried, "Go up, thou bald head" (2 Kgs 2:23).
5. How did God punish these children for this?  
Two bears killed forty-two of them. [2 Kgs 2:24]
6. Who came to Elisha to be healed?  
Naaman, a leper from Syria. [2 Kgs 5:1, 9]
7. How did Naaman know about Elisha?  
A Jewish girl told him. [2 Kgs 5:2-4]
8. How was Naaman healed?  
He obeyed Elisha and washed himself in the Jordan River seven times. [2 Kgs 5:10-11, 13-15]
9. What sin did Elisha's servant commit?  
He took presents from Naaman. [2 Kgs 5:15-16, 20-24]
10. How was Elisha's servant punished?  
He became a leper. [2 Kgs 5:25-27]

*Memory verse:* "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" (2 Kings 2:14)

**Lesson 12**  
**ELISHA PROMISES FOOD TO ISRAEL**  
**2 Kings 6 - 7**

1. Why did God send the Prophet Elisha to wicked Israel?  
Because God still had His people there. [2 Kgs 6:8-10; cf 1 Kgs 19:18]
2. Why did the king of Syria try to capture Elisha?  
Because Elisha helped the king of Israel. [2 Kgs 6:13-14]
3. What happened to the army that came to take Elisha?  
The LORD made them blind. [2 Kgs 6:18]
4. Did Syria come against Israel again?  
Yes, the army camped around the walls of Samaria. [2 Kgs 6:24]
5. How did this trouble the people in the city?  
They had no food. [2 Kgs 6:25]
6. Were they very hungry?  
Yes, two women even ate a baby. [2 Kgs 6:26-30]
7. What did Elisha promise the king?  
That there would be plenty of food the next day. [2 Kgs 7:1]
8. Did the king believe Elisha?  
No, he and his servant mocked Elisha. [2 Kgs 7:2]
9. How did God give food to Samaria?  
God caused the Syrians to flee away. [2 Kgs 7:5-7, 14-16]
10. What happened to the servant who mocked Elisha?  
He was trampled to death. [2 Kgs 7:2, 17-20]

*Memory verse:* "I, even I, am the LORD; and beside Me there is no saviour" (Isaiah 43:11).

**Lesson 13**  
**JEHU, KING OF ISRAEL**  
**2 Kings 9 - 10**

1. Whom did Elisha command a young prophet to anoint as king of Israel?  
Jehu, the captain of the army. [2 Kgs 9:2-3]
2. What was Jehu commanded to do?  
To kill the whole family of Ahab. [2 Kgs 9:6-10]
3. Why did God command him to do this?  
Because Ahab's family was very wicked. [2 Kgs 9:7]
4. Who did Jehu kill first?  
The king of Israel and the king of Judah. [2 Kgs 9:21, 24, 27]
5. Was God pleased that Jehu killed the king of Judah?  
No; he was commanded only to kill the house of Ahab [Hos 1:4]
6. Did Jehu also kill Jezebel?  
Yes, he told the servants to throw her out of a window. [2 Kgs 9:30-33]
7. What happened to Jezebel's body?  
It was eaten by dogs. [2 Kgs 9:35-37]
8. Was Ahab's whole family killed?  
Yes, his seventy sons were beheaded. [2 Kgs 10:6-8]
9. How did Jehu pretend to serve God?  
He killed all those who served Baal. [2 Kgs 10:18-28]
10. Did Jehu really serve God?  
No, he made Israel serve idols again. [2 Kgs 10: 29, 31]

*Memory verse:* "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD" (Proverbs 15:8).



**Lesson 14**  
**THE PROPHET JONAH**  
**Book of Jonah**

1. What did God say to Jonah?  
"Go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it" (Jon 1:2).
2. Did Jonah go to Nineveh?  
No, he ran away. [Jon 1:3]
3. What happened when Jonah was on a ship?  
God sent a storm upon the sea. [Jon 1:4-5]
4. What did the sailors do to Jonah?  
They threw him into the sea. [Jon 1:9-12, 15]
5. Did Jonah drown?  
No, God prepared a whale to swallow him up. [Jon 1:17; cf Mt 12:40]
6. Did he die in the whale?  
No, after three days the whale spat him out. [Jon 1:17; 2:10]
7. Did Jonah obey God after that?  
Yes, he went to Nineveh to warn the people to repent or God would destroy them. [Jon 3:2-4]
8. Was Nineveh destroyed?  
No, because many of the people repented. [Jon 3:5, 10; cf Mt 12:41]
9. Was Jonah happy that Nineveh was spared?  
No, he was very angry. [Jon 4:1]
10. What did God tell Jonah to admonish him for being angry?  
That there were many people who had not heard God's truth in the city.  
[Jon 4:11]

*Memory verse:* "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27).

**Lesson 15**  
**JOASH, KING OF JUDAH**  
**2 Chronicles 22 - 24**

1. Who was Athaliah?  
A daughter of wicked king Ahab. [2 Chr 22:1-2; 2 Kgs 8:16-18]
2. How did Athaliah become queen?  
She killed her own grand-children. [2 Chr 22:10]
3. Was Athaliah able to kill all of them?  
No, the baby Joash was hidden in the temple. [2 Chr 22:11-12]
4. When was Joash made king?  
When he was seven years old. [2 Chr 23:1; 24:1]
5. Who helped to make Joash king?  
Jehoiada, the God-fearing priest. [2 Chr 23:1-3, 11]
6. What happened to Athaliah?  
She was killed. [2 Chr 23:21ff]
7. Did Joash do what was right?  
Yes, as long as Jehoiada lived. [2 Chr 24:2]
8. What good deed did Joash do?  
He repaired the temple. [2 Chr 24:4-5, 11-14]
9. What did Joash do after the priest died?  
He served idols. [2 Chr 24:17-18]
10. What other sin did Joash commit?  
He killed Jehoiada's son, who was a Prophet. [2 Chr 24:20-22]

*Memory verse:* "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty" (Psalm 91:1).

**Lesson 16**  
**HEZEKIAH, KING OF JUDAH**  
**2 Kings 16 – 20 and 2 Chronicles 29 – 32**

1. Name another good king of Judah.  
Hezekiah, who was one of the most godly kings in Judah. [2 Kgs 18:1-7; 2 Chr 32:32-33]
2. Were the people still serving God when Hezekiah became king?  
No, even the doors of the temple were closed. [2 Kgs 16:8, 14, 18; 2 Chr 28:24; 29:6-7]
3. Did Hezekiah want the people to serve God?  
Yes, he opened the doors of the temple. [2 Chr 29:3]
4. What did Hezekiah do to the idols?  
He destroyed them. [2 Kgs 18:4]
5. Did Hezekiah destroy the high places used to worship God too?  
Yes; for God must be worshipped only in the way He has appointed. [2 Kgs 18:4, 22; cf Deut 12:32]
6. How else did Hezekiah show that he wanted Judah to serve God?  
He made a great Passover feast. [2 Chr 30:1]
7. Did Hezekiah call only the people of Judah to the feast?  
No, he called also the people of Israel in the North. [2 Chr 30:1-2]
8. Did the people of Israel come when Hezekiah called them?  
Yes, many came, but most of them refused. [2 Chr 30:10-13]
9. What happened to the kingdom of Israel during the reign of Hezekiah?  
God brought them into captivity because of their sins. [2 Kgs 18:10-11; 17:5-6]
10. Did the people of Israel (i.e. the ten tribes in the North) ever return to their home?  
No, most of them never did. [Cf Acts 2:5-11]

*Memory verse:* "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" (Psalm 33:12).

**Lesson 17**  
**HEZEKIAH BECOMES SICK**  
**Isaiah 36 – 39**

1. Who came to fight against Hezekiah?  
The king of Assyria with his army. [Isa 36:1]
2. What did the king of Assyria do?  
He sent an envoy to discourage the people and then he sent a letter to Hezekiah. [Isa 36:4-7, 13-18; 37:8-14]
3. What did the letter say?  
That God could not help Hezekiah. [Isa 37:10]
4. What did Hezekiah do with the letter?  
He spread it before the LORD and prayed [Isa 37:14-15]
5. What did Isaiah tell Hezekiah to do?  
To trust in the LORD alone. [Isa 37:5-6; 2 Kgs 19:20-21, 32-34]
6. How did God help Hezekiah?  
He destroyed the army of Assyria. [Isa 37:36]
7. What happened to Hezekiah about this time?  
He became very sick. [Isa 38:1]
8. What did Hezekiah pray in his sickness?  
He prayed to be made well. [Isa 38:2-3]
9. Did the LORD hear his prayer?  
Yes, God made him well and gave him a son. [Isa 38:4-5; 2 Kgs 20:21]
10. Who was this son?  
Manasseh. [2 Kings 20:21 - 21:1]

*Memory verse:* "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27:1).

**Lesson 18**  
**MANASSEH, KING OF JUDAH**  
**2 Chronicles 33**

1. Who became king after Hezekiah?  
His son, Manasseh. [2 Chr 33:1]
2. Was Manasseh a good king?  
No, he was very wicked. [2 Chr 33:2-5]
3. What wicked deed did Manasseh do?  
He sacrificed his children to idols. [2 Chr 33:6]
4. How else did Manasseh sin against God?  
He killed the people of God. [2 Kgs 21:16]
5. How did God punish Manasseh?  
He was put in prison in Babylon. [2 Chr 33:11]
6. What did the LORD do to Manasseh in prison?  
God made him sorry for his sins. [2 Chr 33:12]
7. Did Manasseh stay in prison?  
No, he became king again. [2 Chr 33:13]
8. How did Manasseh show that he was sorry for his sins?  
He took the idols out of the temple. [2 Chr 33:15]
9. Did Manasseh also restore the worship of God?  
Yes, the priests might sacrifice to God again. [2 Chr 33:16]
10. Did the people really repent?  
No, sadly, they soon turned back to their sins. [2 Chr 33:17]

*Memory verse:* "For Thy Name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great" (Psalm 25:11).

**Lesson 19**  
**JOSIAH, KING OF JUDAH**  
**2 Kings 22 - 23**

1. Who was the last good king of Judah?  
Josiah. [2 Kgs 22:1-2; 23:25]
2. How did Josiah show that he feared God?  
He broke down the idols. [2 Kgs 23:6,24; 2 Chr 34:3-4]
3. Did Josiah repair the temple?  
Yes, he hired men to do it. [2 Kgs 22:3-6]
4. What did Hilkiah the high priest find in the temple?  
A Book of the Law. [2 Kgs 22:8; cf 2 Chr 34:14-15]
5. What did the king do with the law?  
He read it to the people. [2 Kgs 23:1-2]
6. What did Josiah command the people to do?  
To keep the Passover. [2 Kgs 23:21]
7. Was it a great feast that the people held?  
Yes, for years there was not one like it. [2 Kgs 23:22-23]
8. How did Josiah die?  
He was killed in battle. [2 Kgs 23:29-30; 2 Chr 35:20-24]
9. Did the people continue to serve God?  
No, they became more wicked. [2 Chr 36:14-16]
10. Of what did the LORD warn the people?  
That He would punish Judah as He did Israel. [2 Kgs 23:26-27]

*Memory verse:* "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

**Lesson 20**  
**THE PROPHET JEREMIAH**  
**Jeremiah 1, 25, 37 - 39 and 43**

1. Who was Jeremiah?  
He was a Prophet in Judah. [Jer 1:1; 4-5]
2. When did God call Jeremiah to be a Prophet?  
When he was still a boy. [Jer 1:6-7]
3. What did Jeremiah tell about Jerusalem?  
That Jerusalem would be burned. [Jer 37:6-11]
4. What did Jeremiah say would happen to the people?  
They would be taken to Babylon. [Jer 37:17; 38:2-3]
5. Did the king and the priests believe Jeremiah?  
No, they were very angry with him. [Jer 38:4-5]
6. How did Jeremiah suffer?  
He was put in a pit. [Jer 38:6]
7. Did God punish the people as He had said?  
Yes, they were taken to Babylon. [Jer 39:6-9]
8. Did Jeremiah go with them?  
No, he and some others were left in Jerusalem. [Jer 39:11-14]
9. Did Jeremiah stay in Jerusalem?  
No, the people took him to Egypt. [Jer 43:4-7]
10. What did Jeremiah promise the people in captivity?  
After 70 years, God would bring them back to their own land. [Jer 25:11]

*Memory verse:* "It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed"  
(Lamentations 3:22).

**Lesson 21**  
**DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS**  
**Daniel 1 - 4**

1. Who were taken with the Jews to Babylon?  
Daniel and his three friends. [Dan 1:1-4, 6-7]
2. What became of Daniel and his three friends?  
They became princes in Babylon. [Dan 3:30; 2:48-49; 6:1-3]
3. How did God show that He was with them?  
He made them the wisest men in Babylon. [Dan 1:17-20]
4. How did Daniel show his wisdom?  
He explained the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. [Dan 2:1, 19, 28-29, 47]
5. Of (or, About) what did Nebuchadnezzar dream?  
A great image destroyed by a stone. [Dan 2:31-35]
6. What did the dream mean?  
That Christ will destroy all the wicked nations of the earth. [Dan 2:35-46; cf Ps 2:9; Ps 110; 1 Cor 15:24-25; Rev 17:12-18]
7. Did the three friends worship God in Babylon?  
Yes; they would not worship an image of the king. [Dan 3:4-5, 8-18]
8. Did the king punish them for this?  
Yes, he threw them into a fiery furnace. [Dan 3:19-23]
9. Were they burned up in the furnace?  
No, God sent one "like the Son of God" (Dan 3:25) into the furnace with them. [Dan 3:24-27]
10. How was the king punished for being proud?  
God made him to live like an animal. [Dan 4:23-33]

*Memory verse:* "Our God Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace" (Daniel 3:17)



**Lesson 22**  
**DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN**  
**Daniel 6**

1. Did Daniel pray to God in Babylon?  
Yes, he prayed looking toward Jerusalem three times a day. [Dan 6:10]
2. Why did Daniel pray looking toward Jerusalem?  
Because Jerusalem represented God's faithfulness and presence. [Cf Ps 48:1-3; 132:13; Isa 2:2-3]
3. Were the other princes jealous of Daniel?  
Yes, they wanted to kill him. [Dan 6:3-5]
4. How did they try to kill him?  
They asked the king to pass a very wicked law. [Dan 6:6-7]
5. What was the wicked law?  
That all the people must worship only the king. [Dan 6:8-9]
6. Did Daniel obey the king?  
No, he prayed to God as before. [Dan 6:10]
7. What did the king do to Daniel for refusing to worship him?  
He threw him into a den of lions. [Dan 6:12-17]
8. Did the lions eat Daniel?  
No, God shut the lions' mouths. [Dan 6:20-22]
9. What did the king do to the bad princes?  
He threw them into the den of lions. [Dan 6:24]
10. Did the lions eat them?  
Yes, even before they fell to the bottom of the den. [Dan 6:24]

*Memory verse:* "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

**Lesson 23**  
**THE RETURN FROM BABYLON**  
**Ezra 1 - 6**

1. How long did the Jews stay in Babylon?  
About 70 years. [Dan 9:2]
2. How did they return?  
The LORD told King Cyrus to send them back. [Ezr 1:1-4]
3. How many returned to Jerusalem?  
About fifty thousand people. [Ezr 2:64-65]
4. What was the first thing the people did?  
They built an altar and worshipped God. [Ezr 3:1-3]
5. What did the people do after building the altar?  
They began to build the temple. [Ezr 3:7-9]
6. Did they finish rebuilding the temple?  
Yes, but only more than 20 years later with the prophets Haggai and Zechariah encouraging them. [Ezr 5:1-2; 6:14-15]
7. Were the people happy when they could use the temple again?  
Yes, but some wept. [Ezr 3:12-13]
8. Why did some weep?  
Because the temple of Solomon was far more beautiful. [Ezr 3:12; Hag 2:3]
9. Who troubled the Jews?  
The wicked Samaritans. [Ezr 4:1-10]
10. How did they trouble the Jews?  
They tried to stop the work on the temple. [Ezr 4:3-5]

*Memory verse:* "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psalm 126:3).

**Lesson 24**  
**ESTHER**  
**Book of Esther**

1. Did all the Jews return to Jerusalem?  
No, some stayed in Babylon. [Esth 2:5-6; 3:6]
2. Name two of them that stayed.  
Mordecai, and Esther his cousin. [Esth 2:5-7]
3. What happened to Esther there?  
She became queen. [Esth 2:2-4, 8-9, 16-17]
4. Who was a chief ruler under the king?  
Haman, who hated Mordecai. [Esth 3:1-2, 5]
5. What did Haman want to do?  
He wanted to kill all the Jews. [Esth 3:6, 8-12]
6. Who heard of this plan?  
Mordecai, who told Esther through Hatach, her attendant. [Esth 4:1-10]
7. Did Esther tell the king?  
Yes, she told him at a banquet. [Esth 6:14 - 7:7]
8. Were all the Jews killed?  
No, the king told them to fight for their lives. [Esth 8:7-11]
9. What happened to Haman?  
He was hanged on the gallows he made for Mordecai. [Esth 7:9-10]
10. What does this show?  
That God always takes care of His people. [Esth 8:1, 15-17; 9:1-5; Jer 24:6-7]

*Memory verse:* "Our help is in the Name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8).

**Lesson 25**  
**NEHEMIAH**  
**Book of Nehemiah**

1. Who was Nehemiah?  
A cupbearer to the king in Persia. [Neh 1:1a, 11]
2. What did Nehemiah hear about the Jews?  
That they were not building the walls of Jerusalem. [Neh 1:1-3]
3. What did Nehemiah do when he heard this?  
He asked the king to let him go to Jerusalem. [Neh 2:1-5]
4. What was the first thing Nehemiah did in Jerusalem?  
He looked at the walls at night. [Neh 2: 12-13]
5. Did Nehemiah start to build the walls?  
Yes, he set all the people to work. [Neh 2:17-18; 3:1-32; 4:6]
6. How were the people troubled?  
Wicked men tried to stop the work. [Neh 2:19; 4:1-3, 7-8]
7. Did they stop the work?  
No, Nehemiah gave the people swords. [Neh 4:13-18]
8. Did these wicked men continue to bother them?  
Yes, they lied to the people about Nehemiah. [Neh 6:5-8, 12-14]
9. How long did the people take to rebuild the wall?  
Fifty-two days. [Neh 6:15]
10. How were the walls built so quickly?  
God helped His people to build. [Neh 2:19-20; 4:16-23; Ezr 9:8-9]

*Memory verse:* "O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee" (Psalm 84:12)