







# God Judges Judah

Lesson Theme Poster / Unit 11 / Lesson 106

## Lesson Focus

For hundreds of years, God warned Judah and called them to repentance through his prophets. But they refused to turn from evil, so God used Babylon to destroy Judah. The Babylonians killed most of the people of Judah, destroyed the temple of God, and took survivors to Babylon as captives.

## Key Passages

**Grades 2–3:** 2 Chronicles 36:11–12, 36:17–20; Jeremiah 38:6, 38:9–13, 39:12

**Grades 4–5:** 2 Chronicles 36:11–14, 36:17–20; Jeremiah 38:6–13, 39:11–12

## What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ God used the nation of Babylon to conquer and punish Judah because the people would not listen to God's prophets and their warnings to turn back to God.
- ▶ The Babylonians brought total destruction to Judah: killing the people, destroying the temple of God, and taking the survivors to Babylon as captives.





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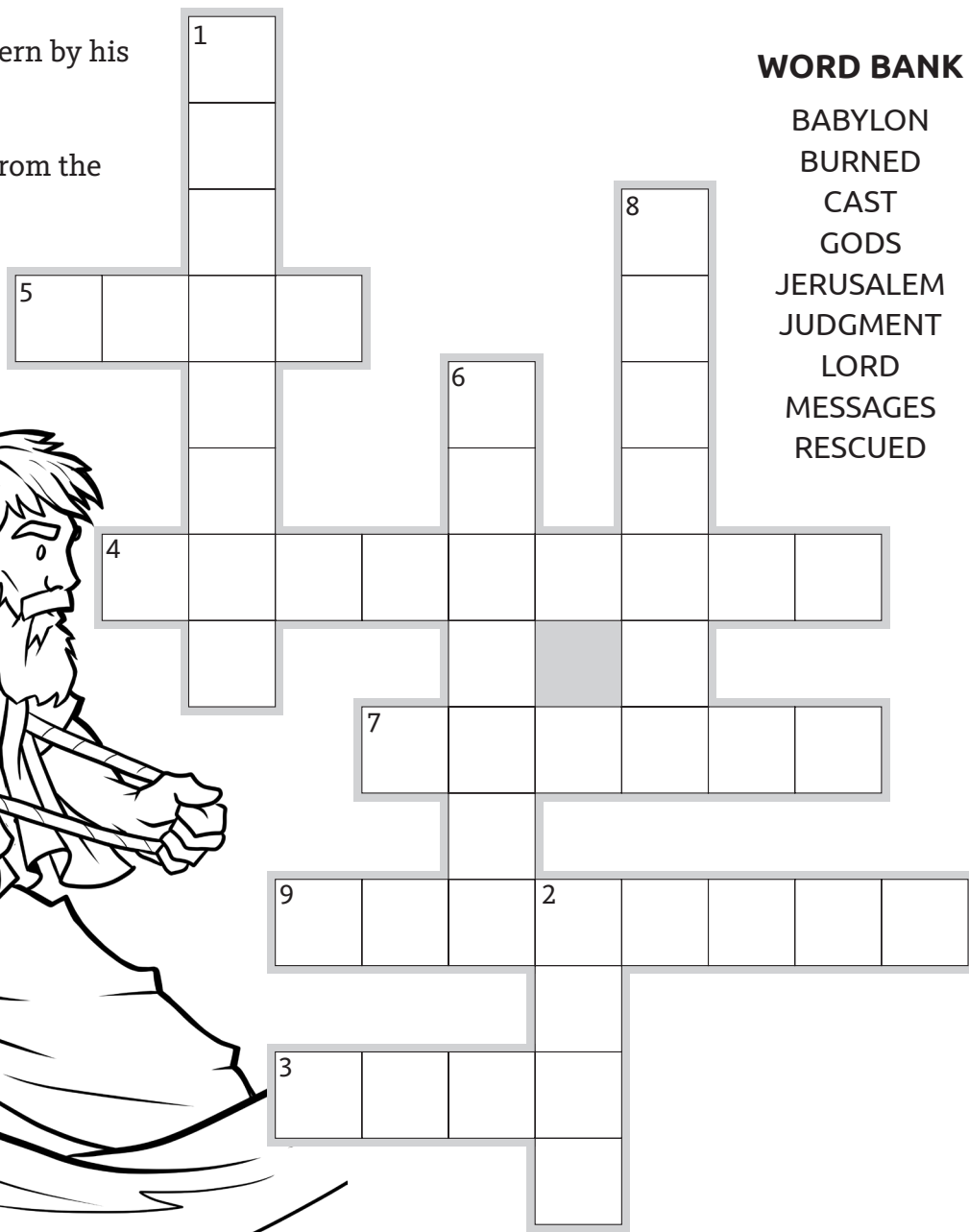
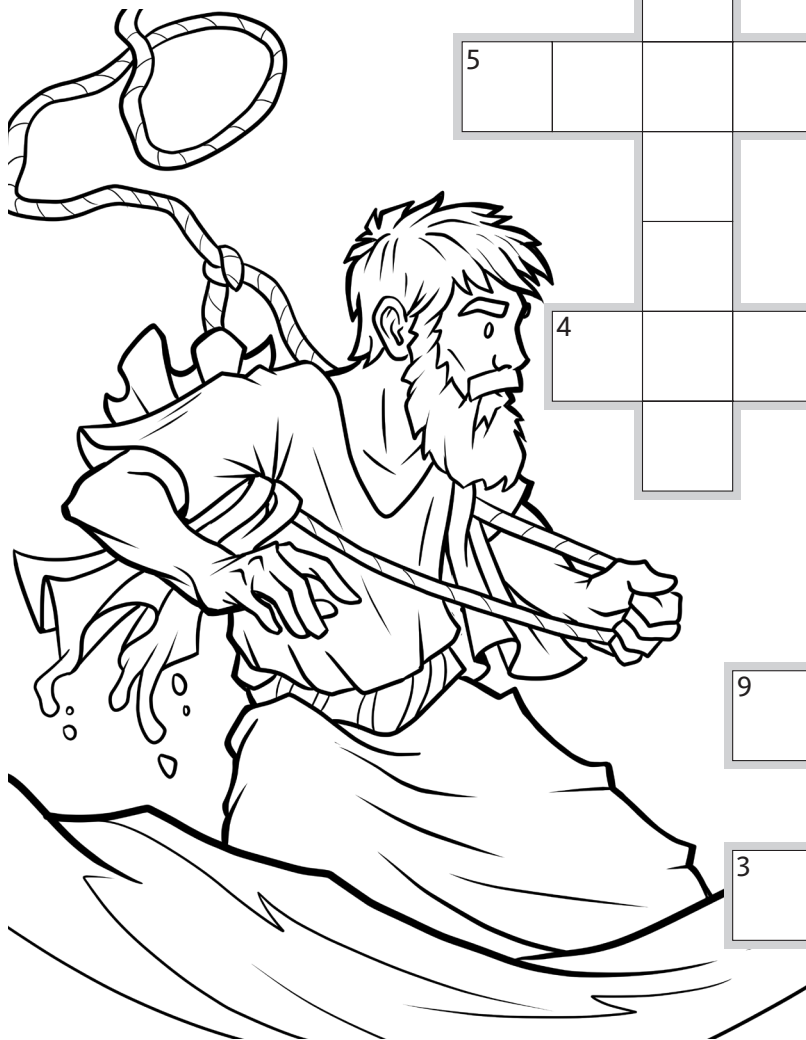
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# Class Notes

1. Jeremiah was called to be a prophet who would bring God's \_\_\_ to the people.
2. The people of Judah sinned by worshipping false \_\_\_ and by not listening to God's prophets.
3. King Zedekiah refused to turn to the \_\_\_.
4. Jeremiah said that the Babylonians would capture the city of \_\_\_.
5. Jeremiah was \_\_\_ into a cistern by his own people.
6. Ebed-melech \_\_\_ Jeremiah from the cistern.
7. King Nebuchadnezzar \_\_\_ the temple in Jerusalem.
8. Many people of Judah died, and many who lived were taken to \_\_\_, far from home.
9. Jeremiah lived through God's \_\_\_ of Judah.

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# Class Notes Answer Key

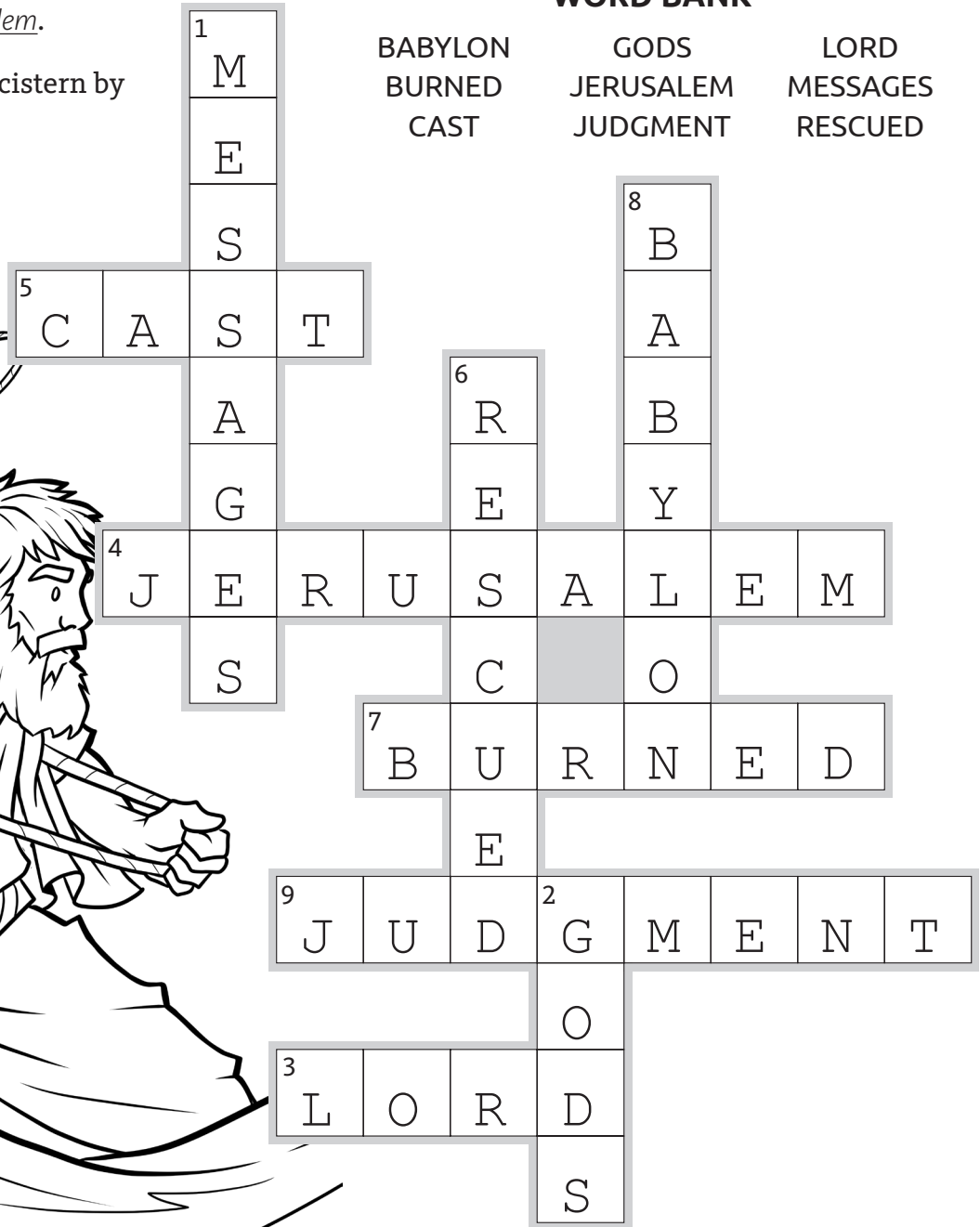
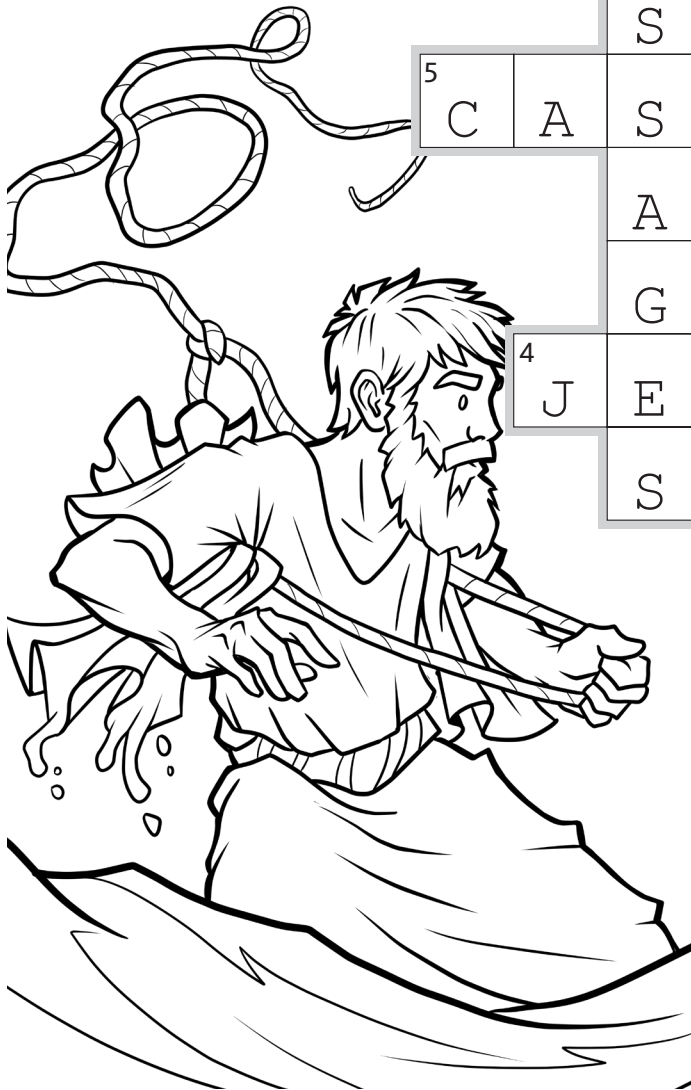
- Jeremiah was called to be a prophet who would bring God's messages to the people.
- The people of Judah sinned by worshipping false gods and by not listening to God's prophets.
- King Zedekiah refused to turn to the Lord.
- Jeremiah said that the Babylonians would capture the city of Jerusalem.
- Jeremiah was cast into a cistern by his own people.
- Ebed-melech rescued Jeremiah from the cistern.
- King Nebuchadnezzar burned the temple in Jerusalem.
- Many people of Judah died, and many who lived were taken to Babylon, far from home.
- Jeremiah lived through God's judgment of Judah.

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# Review Questions

1. Which evil king of Judah was supposed to obey King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon: Jehoahaz, Zedekiah, or Hezekiah? *Zedekiah.*
2. Since King Zedekiah refused to follow the Lord, what did the priests and the people do? *They refused to follow God, too.*
3. How did the king and the people treat God's prophets: welcomed them, listened carefully to them, or made fun of them and would not listen to them? *They made fun of them and would not listen to them.*
4. What sins did Zedekiah and the people commit against the Lord? *They worshipped false gods; they took idols into the temple; they refused to listen to God's prophets.*
5. True or false: Jeremiah told the people that the Babylonians would capture and burn Jerusalem. *True.*
6. What did the officials do to Jeremiah when he tried to go visit his family outside the city? *They beat him and put him in prison.*
7. Jeremiah kept prophesying, so the officials cast him into a what? *Cistern/pit that stored water.*
8. Who was Ebed-melech: a servant of King Zedekiah, a guard at the city gate, or a court official? *A servant of King Zedekiah.*
9. What three things did Ebed-melech use to rescue Jeremiah from the cistern? *Old rags, worn-out clothes, and ropes.*
10. Name one terrible thing that the Babylonians did to Jerusalem. *Allow several students to answer. Killed both young and old people; stole the valuable vessels and treasures and took them to Babylon; burned the temple and the palaces; broke down the wall of Jerusalem; took some people back to Babylon.*
11. True or false: Jeremiah died before God's judgment came on Judah. *False.*
12. How did King Nebuchadnezzar tell his commander to treat Jeremiah: throw him in prison, do him no harm, or make him a slave? *Do him no harm.*
13. Did Jeremiah choose to go with his people to Babylon or to stay with those left in Judah? *Stay with those left in Judah.*
14. God had to punish the people of Judah for their sin because he is what? *Just.*
15. God was merciful to the people of Judah by giving them many messages of warning. Who gave these messages? *Jeremiah/prophets.*
16. How can we be saved from the punishment we deserve for our sins? *Trust in Jesus to forgive us of our sins.*
17. What word describes God, reminding us that he will keep his promise to be with us always? *Faithful.*
18. In what book of the Bible is our new memory verse found? *Isaiah.*