

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why do you think God gives us laws and commands?
- Why do we decide to break God's laws and commands?
- Why is obedience to God and our parents important?

Judah Taken Captive

2 Chronicles 36

STORY POINT: JUDAH IGNORED GOD'S PROPHETS AND WAS CAPTURED.

The last four kings of Judah came from King Josiah's family. His three sons and his grandson each ruled as the king of Judah for a short time. Jehoahaz did what was evil, and the king of Egypt came and made Jehoahaz a prisoner. Jehoahaz's brother Jehoiakim became king. The king of Egypt took Jehoahaz to Egypt. Jehoiakim became king of Judah, and he too did what was evil. The king of Babylon attacked Jehoiakim and took him to Babylon. Jehoiakim's son Jehoiachin became king of Judah.

Jehoiachin did what was evil, and the king of Babylon brought him to Babylon. Jehoiachin's uncle Zedekiah became king of Judah. Zedekiah did what was evil.

God was angry with the people of Judah. They sinned and did not obey God. But God loved His people. He wanted them to turn back to Him. Finally, it was time to punish the people of Judah for their sin. God allowed the king of Babylon and his army to attack Judah.

All of the people who were still alive were taken back to Babylon. Everything the prophet Jeremiah had warned about happened, just like God said it would.

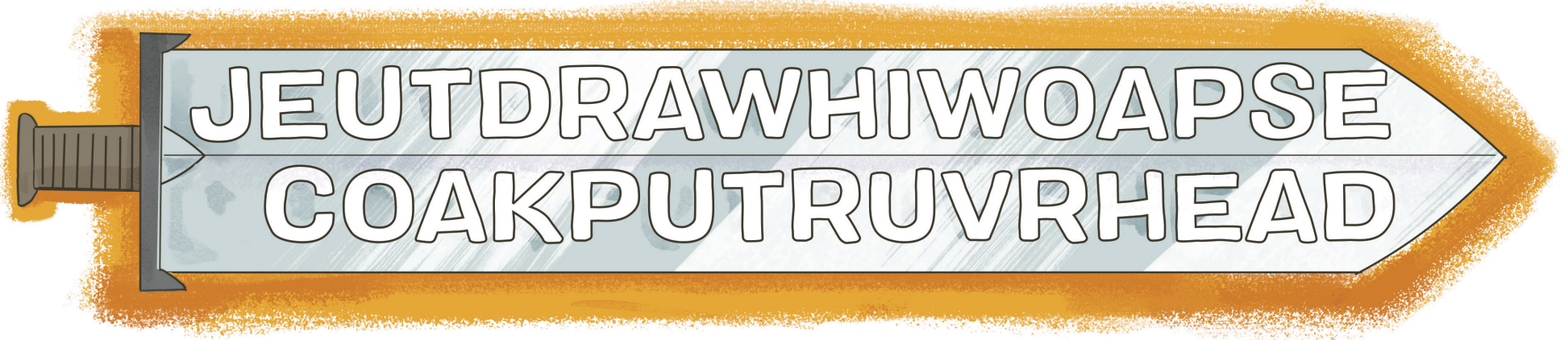
Christ Connection: God was right to punish His people for their sin, but He kept His promise to provide a king through David's family. Ultimately, God punished our sin through His Son, Jesus, and made Him our King forever.



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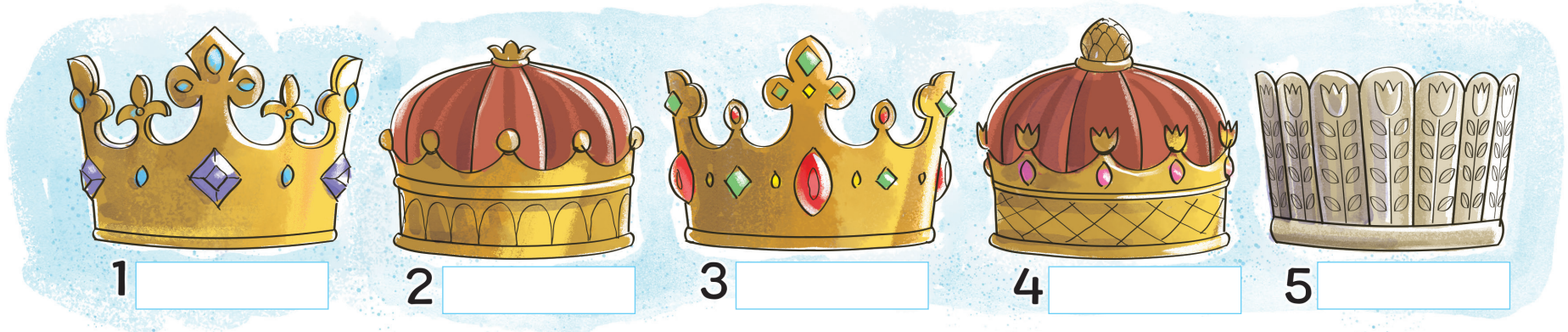
Judah Too

Color in the first letter and then every other letter to discover what happened to Judah.



THE LAST KINGS

Use the clues to list the last kings of Judah—Jehoahaz, Jehoiachin, Jehoiakim, Josiah, and Zedekiah—in order.



1. Josiah was not the last king of Judah.
2. The next-to-last king had the longest name.
3. Jehoahaz was king before Jehoiakim and Zedekiah.
4. Zedekiah was king after Jehoiachin.
5. Jehoahaz was king immediately after Josiah.

Jehoahaz	1	2	3	4	5
Jehoiachin	1	2	3	4	5
Jehoiakim	1	2	3	4	5
Josiah	1	2	3	4	5
Zedekiah	1	2	3	4	5

Tip: Use the chart to help determine the order. For clue #1, cross out 5 after Josiah.