



Series: **Discovery Digs**

Kings and Prophets

13 week series, Year 4, Summer

History is more than telling people's stories. History is also telling *his story*....God's story. God's story is told in the Bible. When we understand how he interacts with his people through the ages, we can grasp how he will deal with us as well. He is a God of great mercy and a God of judgment against sin.

We are observing the behavior of the people; God is giving them warnings and instructions for their life. There are consequences for their actions. By rejecting God and his way, they meet destruction in captivity. Yet, the Bible points to the even greater grace of his forgiveness and his power to redeem us from the curse of our own captivity to sin. This is the story of history but also the story of his story as it meets our stories.

This series will discover God's interactions with his people from the time of the divided kingdom beginning with descendants of Rehoboam and Jeroboam and moving through the captivity of the Northern kingdom. This theme will continue into the fall to cover the events of captivity and return from exile.

What Kids Need

What do kids need from their exploration of this section of scripture? They need to know that the Bible tells the story of real life people meeting a real God. It does not disguise their faults or blemishes. It tells the good and the bad. This section of the Bible sees the seriousness of our consequences when we don't obey God and are led into the captivity of our own sin.

These concepts will be delivered in children's language so each might encounter a God who invites them into a real life relationship with him. It gives them clear expectations of what it means to follow him, gives them the promise of forgiveness and new beginnings when they fail, and gives them warnings to always return to him. By turning to him, they have freedom and forgiveness.

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Delivery Method

Large group presentation follows the theme of "Discovery Digs". Two adult presenters play the role of explorers searching through the sands of time for lessons from God's story in the Bible. The characters' or story tellers' names are Dr. C. M. Goofagain and Dr. Turner Round (Dr. Turner for short.)

They are searching through the sands of time and through the pages of the Bible to discover the secrets of life. Week to week, they discover the secrets of life. The trick to this is not only discovering the secrets of life, but "doing" or acting on the secrets of life that God gives in each one of these events.

They tell their story in creative fashion using audience participation drama or audience response or even tandem story telling. Even though two characters are provided, only one may be required. The two different storytellers can alternate throughout the summer, when volunteers are hard to find, so that at least one storyteller will always be there.