### Children's Bulletin First Parish Congregational Church NOVEMBER 22, 2020

#### To Celebrate National Bible Week



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### GO TO THIS WEBSITE TO FIND SOME GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE WEEK INCLUDING FAMILY TRIVIA!

#### Q: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter; she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet

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Please gather the following (optional) items to help you worship today:

Drawing paper

- · Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- You'll also find an additional activity pages for use during the sermon on the final pages of this Children's Bulletin

#### **Words of Welcome**

Go around the room and greet each person (and pet!)

#### HYMN #422 Come, O Thankful People, Come vs.1, 2

Come, O thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;

all is safely gathered in as the winter storms begin;
God our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield, All the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky,

All the spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land, All that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'erflowing stores.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP (Using three voices):**

One: Holy, Holy! God, we come again into your Holy Presence.

Many: We remember the gifts of Jonah and Isaiah and we come to hear

more.

One: Let us hear the message of Jeremiah and step into the wisdom of God.

Many: In these days of physical distance, let us remember the core

message of our faith.

One: No matter where we come from, we are united in our love for You.

Many: And no matter where we are, we are together in Spirit.

#### INVOCATION (Lay Reader - join in at home.)

Holy God, sometimes when we hear your message we, too, may feel like running from it or even throwing it into the fire. This is not one of those times. We come here right now to listen deeply and to hear. We gather to learn how we might grow into your dream for us. Be with us, compassionate God, in this time of worship and praise. May we hear your love for us above all else. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (God will always be ready to forgive our mistakes, no



matter what, as long as we are truly sorry and we are ready to promise to love God, ourselves and each other the way God loves us.)

When God invites us out of our privilege, we want to act as if we do not truly understand. Let us confess the honesty of our fears.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Say all together)

Holy God, You show us over and over again that your Word is for our good and not our ill. We hold on to our imagined comfort and we argue, we try to get away, or we even try to destroy the message we have heard. But you are relentless in your pursuit of us. Thank you, God, for giving us this opportunity to repent our reluctance to reach for your standard of living. Amen.



SONG OF PRAISE: Praise our God together singing Alleluia! (repeat twice)

#### **Time Especially for Children**

Let's sing "Jesus loves me"

Come in close and bring your listening ears



#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION** followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.



#### **Scripture Reading**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28** Jeremiah 36:1-8

<sup>1</sup> In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the

<sup>2</sup> Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I

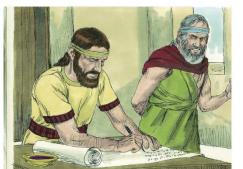
spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to

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you, from the days of Josiah until today.



- <sup>3</sup> It may be that when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.
- <sup>4</sup> Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the Lord that he had spoken to him.
- <sup>5</sup> And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, "I am prevented

from entering the house of the Lord;

- <sup>6</sup> so you go yourself, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the Lord's house you shall read the words of the Lord from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns.
- <sup>7</sup> It may be that their plea will come before the Lord, and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the Lord has pronounced against this people."
- <sup>8</sup> And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.

#### Jeremiah 36:21-23

<sup>21</sup> Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary; and Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood

beside the king.



- <sup>22</sup> Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him.
- <sup>23</sup> As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.

Jeremiah 36:27-28

- <sup>27</sup> Now, after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah:
- <sup>28</sup> Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll. which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned.



Sermon

During this time, as you listen to the sermon, please enjoy the activities found on the last pages of the Children's Bulletin

#### HYMN #531 God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak vs. 1, 2, 3

God speak to me, that I may speak In livings echoes of your tone; As you have sought so let me seek Your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, God, that I may lead Some wanderers along life's way; O feed me so that I may feed Your hungry ones without delay.

O fill me with your fullness, God, Your overflowing love to know; In glowing word and kindling thought, Your love to tell, your praise to show.



<u>Invitation to Generosity</u>: Think about how you would like to give to others, yourself and your family this week to show how you love yourself and others just like God loves <u>us</u>

#### \*DOXOLOGY # 303 Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your Sovereign God adore! For Christ has robbed death's sting and triumphs evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Holy giving God, you call us to share the abundance you have given us and so we give. Bless these gifts, we pray, and multiply the goodness that they provide your children near and far. May we be motivated by giving to give even more – knowing that your blessing is in each heartfelt gift. In your generous name we pray, Amen.

**Sharing Joys and Concerns:** Do you have a Joy or Concern you'd like to share with the congregation?



#### WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

#### HYMN #420 We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers; Through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'er take us, you never will forsake us, And with your help, O god, in life's struggles we win.



**BENEDICTION:** The Pastor often will give a benediction at the end of service. This is like a special prayer asking for God's help, guidance and blessing over everyone before the end of service.

POSTLUDE: "Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go." Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth, © 1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc.; All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #A-708716.

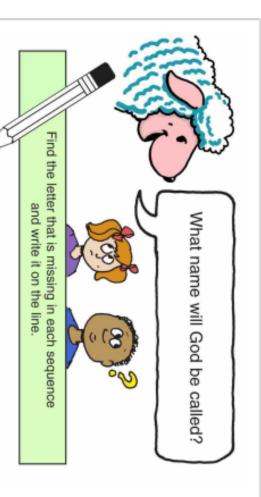
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#### **King Jehoiakim Burns Jeremiah's Scroll**





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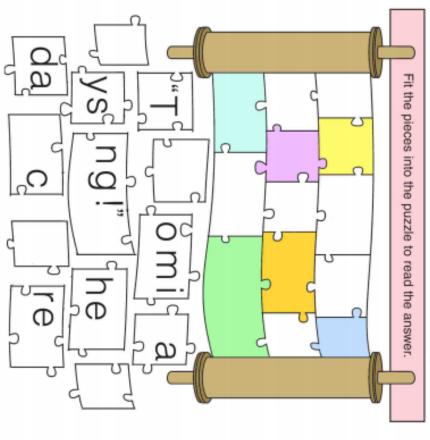
## Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 7+

November 22, 2020 • Jeremiah 33:14-16

# A Promise of Restoration

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah. What did the Lord say?



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# Continue reading God's words.

Write the opposite of the words given.
Then fill in the blanks below.

