

LESSON PLAN

JEHU BECOMES KING OF ISRAEL

2 Kings 9-10

Lesson Memory Verse: Numbers 32:23 “But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the Lord: **and be sure your sin will find you out.**” (Grades 1 & 2 memorize the portion in **bold**.)

Lesson Aim: Sin brings suffering and death; so hate sin and refuse to do it.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): Winter time is lots of fun. One thing that children like to do in the winter is sliding. How many here like to go sliding? There was a little girl about seven or eight years old who loved to go sliding. Her mother would not let her go far from home, so she would slide on the little hill by the side of her house. One day her mother told her not to slide any more by the side of the house because she was sliding right into the city street. But she liked to slide on that hill so much that she did not listen to her mother. She was told many times not to slide on that hill, but she still did not listen. This girl was sinning because she did not listen to her mother. One day the little girl decided to go sliding again. She went down her favorite hill even though she had been told many times not to slide there. She slid real fast down the hill and out into the street like she always did, but this time a big bus was coming. She slid right under the back wheels of the bus. She did not get killed, but she did have to spend some time in the hospital, and, oh, how she hurt! Her sins finally found her. What sin did the girl do? (She did not obey her parents.) What happened because the girl kept sinning? (She got badly hurt.) Our memory verse also tells us why we suffer when we sin.

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse tells us that if we do not obey God, we have sinned, and we will not be able to hide from our sins. They will find us. And when our sins find us, they will cause us much hurt, just like they did to the little girl in our story. Christians therefore, should love God and try to obey Him. They should hate sin and refuse to do it. **Explanation of words and phrases:**

“**Not do so**”—not doing what God has commanded

“**Sin will find you out**” – The punishment for sin will find us

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for the lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. Today's story is about several people who did not obey God and the punishment for their sins finally caught up to them when they were killed. (The following outline used in the lesson is given to help the teacher remember the main points, but is not to be taught to the children. Simply tell the story to the children and make the applications as you tell the story.)

I. Anointing of Jehu (2 Kings 9:1-10)

God told Elisha that Jehu must be made king of Israel. First, he had to be anointed with oil on his head and then he had to be told that God wanted him to execute the whole family of Ahab for their worship of Baal and the wicked things that they had done against God. Elisha sent a young prophet to do this job. Maybe he was scared, but he trusted God and did exactly what Elisha had told him.

WE: We, too, must trust God and do everything that He wants us to do. Since He tells you to obey your parents and your leaders, you must do it or you will sin. If we do not do what we are told, our memory verse says we have sinned against the Lord and our sin will find us out. This means the punishment for our sin will eventually come upon us.

II. Acceptance by Jehu (2 Kings 9:11-13)

Jehu was told that God wanted him to be king and that he was to execute those in the house of Ahab and the priests of Baal. Jehu accepted God's offer and was ready to obey the Lord. Jehu started to do everything he was told to do right away.

WE: Do we do what we are told to do right away, or do we wait until we are told two or three times? If we do not do what we are told to do right away, our memory verse says we have sinned against the Lord. When we have sinned, we can be sure our sin will find us out. Do not wait to be told twice. Do it right away.

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III. Assault Against Ahab's Family (2 Kings 9:14 – 10:17)

A. Joram and Ahaziah Are Executed (9:14-29)

Joram was king of Israel and Ahaziah was king of Judah, but both were supposed to love and worship the Lord God. Instead, they worshipped Baal, a false god. They did what they wanted to do and turned against the Lord God of Judah and Israel.

WE: Do we love and worship the Lord God for all the good things that He has done for us? I hope so, but here is a test: Would you rather watch TV than go to Sunday school and church to worship God and learn what He has done for you? Your answer will tell if you love God or TV most. God will not accept your love, if you love TV most. Do you give the Lord God some of your money, or do you keep it all for yourself? The money that you give to the Lord God shows how much you love Him. How else can you show your love for the Lord God? (Allow children to answer this question.) Remind them that they are to love the Lord above all other things and to do less is sin, and their sin will cause them to suffer. Teach them to confess their sins to Jesus and ask for His help to keep them from sin.)

B. Jezebel Is Executed (9:30-37)

Jezebel was King Ahab's wife. She taught God's people worship of Baal and was a very wicked queen. She had Naboth, an innocent man, stoned to death because she wanted his land. She tried to kill Elijah when he defeated the Baal prophets and showed that they were false prophets. She was a proud woman, but finally the punishment for her sins caught up with her. Jehu had her executed when he told one of her servants to throw her out of her second story window. She died and the dogs ate her body and left only her feet, hands, and head. All these things happened to Jezebel because she had sinned against the Lord. Our memory verse says, "Your sin will find you out." Jezebel's many sins caused her death.

WE: We must understand that sin is dangerous. It will cause our death (Rom 6:23). Only Jesus can save us from eternal death. Be quick and ask Him to save you from the awful sufferings that will come on us from our sin. He wants to save you, but you must ask Him to do it or it will not happen.

IV. Attack Against Baal Worship (2 Kings 10:18-28)

Ahab had allowed his wife Jezebel to build a temple to Baal. As a result, many people worshipped this false god instead of the true Lord God. When Jehu became king, he commanded all the worshippers of Baal to come to worship their god on a special day, but when they were in their temple, Jehu ordered them all executed.

WE: Today, we are not told by God to execute people for not worshipping Him, but it is still sin and He will punish them later.

V. Action Against Jehu (2 Kings 10:29-36)

After Jehu had done all of the things that God had told him to do, then he became a disobedient king. Jehu tried to worship God by praying to a golden calf. He had disobeyed God's second command (Ex 20:4-6). No image was to be made of God. God is not a golden calf! Jehu sinned against God. As a result the Lord allowed an enemy to take away part of Jehu's country.

WE: Are we faithful to God? How many brought your Bibles to study? How many were here on time? How many brought an offering to give to God? If we are not faithful in these matters, we have sinned. Our memory verse says that if we have sinned, we cannot hide from our sin, but we can confess it and God will forgive us because He loves us.

BE (for Action): Can you name those who sinned in our story today? (Let them try.) What happened to those who sinned? Sin is a terrible thing to do but we all sin. What do you think we should do about sin? (We should hate it, ask the Lord for help to stop it, and confess it to the Lord when we do it.)

Have the children bow their heads and ask them to raise their hands if they know of some sins that they should confess to the Lord. Invite them to confess their sins privately to the Lord, if they are really sorry for their sins. Pray for them as a class before you dismiss them.