

# Welcome to Kids Corner!

Sunday, December 3, 2023

## A RIGHTEOUS BRANCH

Jeremiah 33:[10-11] 14-18

**Key Verse:**

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
Jeremiah 33:15

**The Point:**

God will send the Messiah to bring about God's kingdom on earth.

**Making Connections:**

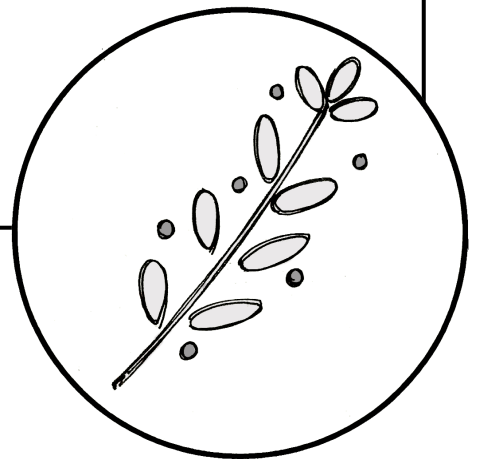
Promises Made, Promises Kept

**Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

The Promised Messiah

**Spiritual Practice:**

Worship



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# BACKGROUND

## **Making Connections**

The people of Israel continue to stray from what God desires for them, but God continues to keep the promises that were made to them. This is the first Sunday of Advent, where we wait in anticipation and hope for the promised Messiah. This passage shares a vision for the future that we still hope for: a future where God's people are safe and out of harm's way and where a king—the Messiah—will rule with justice.

## **Story Summary:**

### ***A Righteous Branch***

The prophet Jeremiah shares a message from God: God will send the Messiah to Israel and Judah. The Messiah will bring safety and security to the people and all will know that God is present among them. God's people in Jerusalem were being attacked by the Babylonians. The city was captured, and the temple was destroyed, leading to the time of the Babylonian exile. A prophecy such as the one from Jeremiah must have seemed unbelievable in a world of turmoil. In the midst of these battles, the people are expecting a Messiah who would be a great military leader and victor. The infant king that is coming is not the type of king for which the people were hoping.

## **The Point**

**God will send the Messiah to bring about God's kingdom on earth.** Throughout the Old Testament lessons, we continue to hear about God keeping promises to the people of Israel, even as they continue to stray from God's path. At this point, their city and temple are in ruins, yet

Jeremiah and the prophets continue to promise a Messiah who would bring about the promised kingdom. Yet God's kingdom is not one that is brought through earthly battle, but the work of justice and peace.

## **Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

### ***The Promised Messiah***

The word *messiah* is a Hebrew word that means "anointed." Kings and prophets were often anointed to become leaders of the people. The Bible also uses the term *messiah* to refer to a special future leader who would restore the line of King David and bring about God's chosen plan. This *messiah* was also expected to be a military leader, like King David. Jesus as the Messiah was very different from these expectations of who the *messiah* would be. Jesus showed that the kingdom of God is not ruled by might or power but out of love and concern for those in need.

## **Spiritual Practice: Worship**

The season of Advent brings the church into a time of waiting. As the people of Israel were waiting for a Messiah to rescue them from war and persecution, we also wait for a Messiah who will bring peace and justice to our fallen world. As we wait, we continue to worship and trust God, focusing on the promise of a Savior who brings light into this world of darkness.

# Hidden Pictures: Exile Is Coming

Find these objects hidden in the picture below: book, magnet, fish, star, snail, football, sock, cake, needle and thread, moon, badge, spoon



# Word Scramble for Exile Is Coming!

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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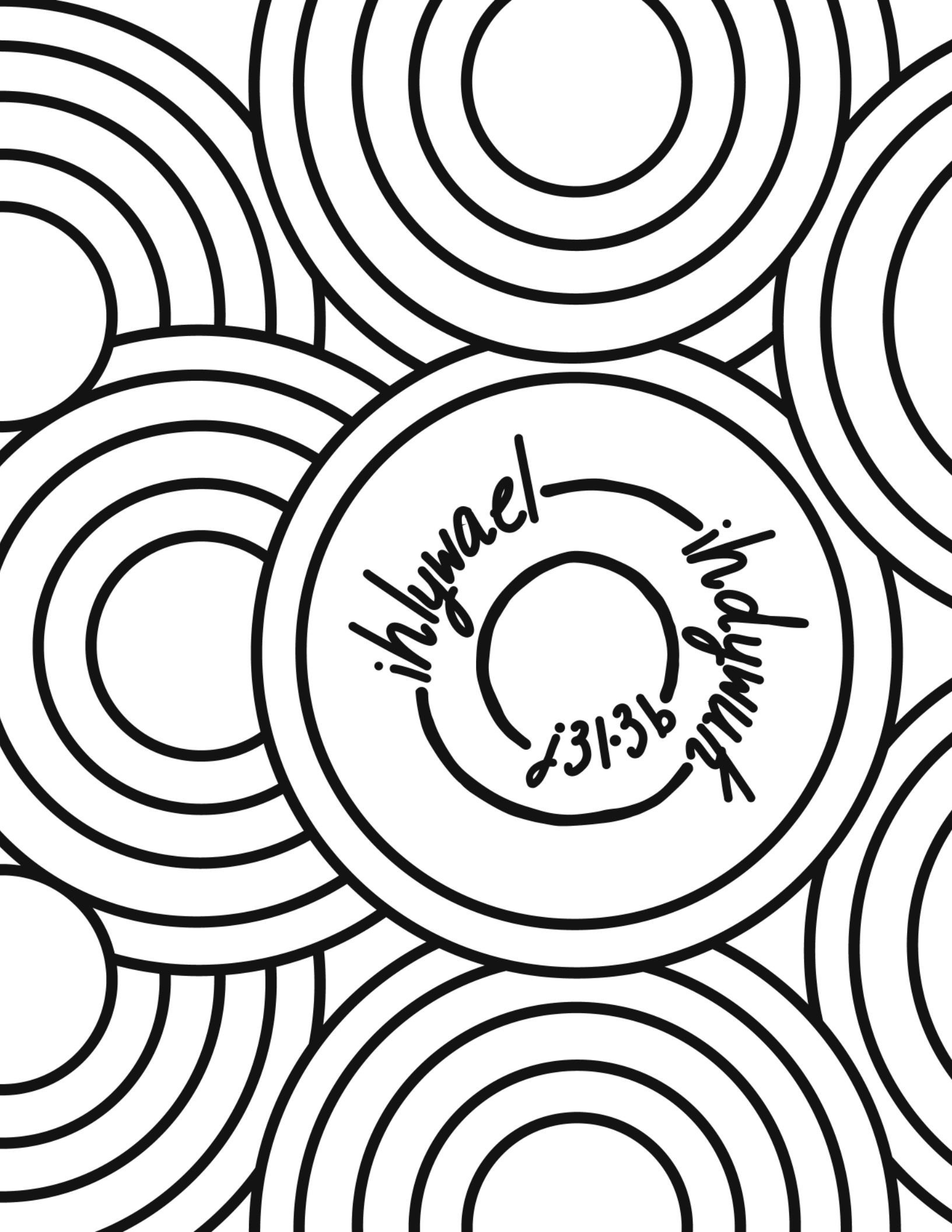
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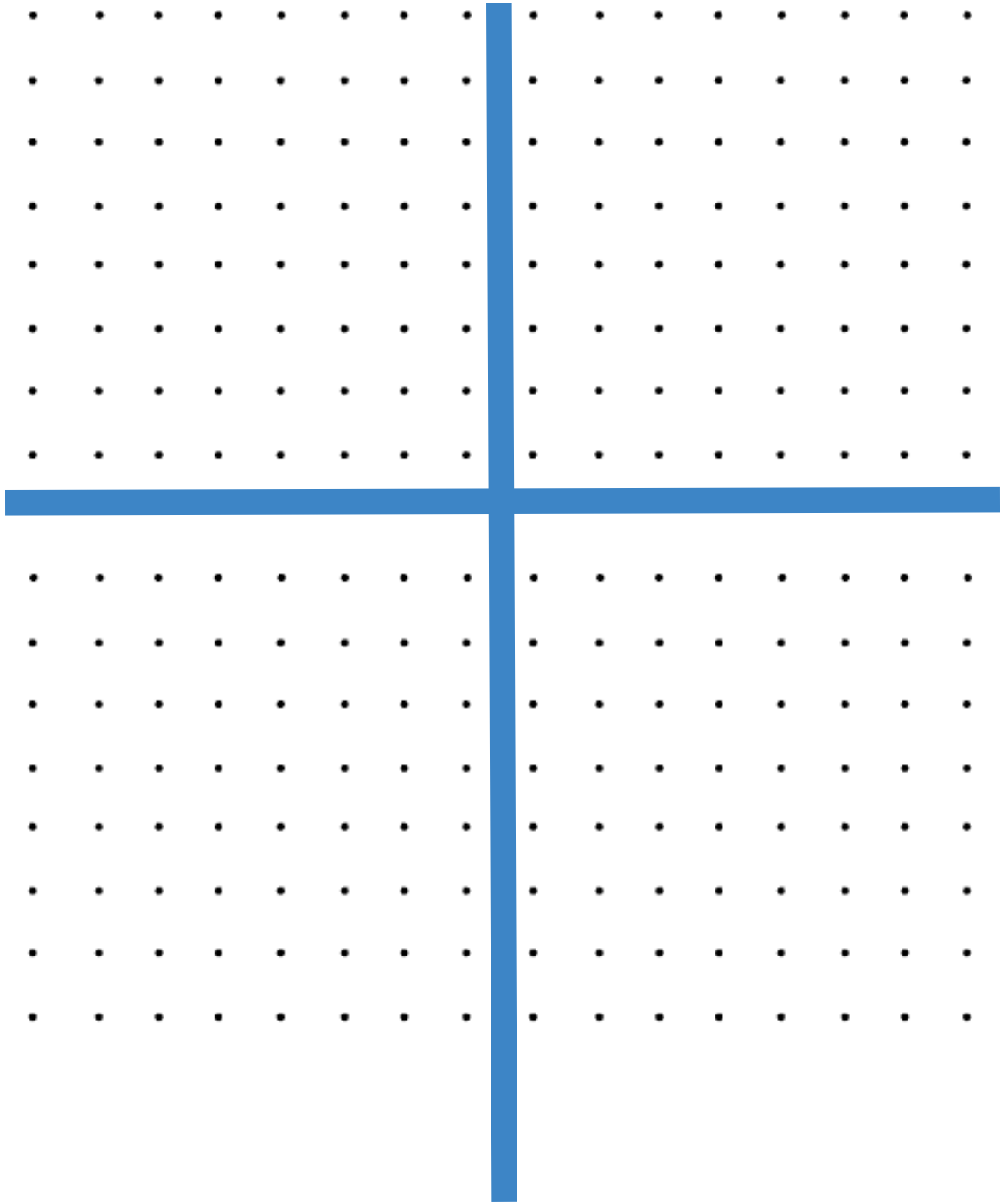


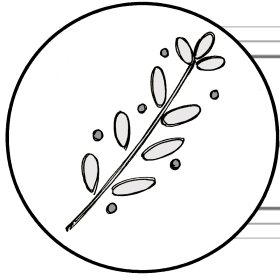
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# Dots and Boxes





# THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS  
3RD-6TH**

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**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

**Lesson #2-13**  
Jeremiah 33:[10-11] 14-18

## LAST WEEK

King Josiah's faithful reforms bring the people of Judah back to the worship of their God (2 Kings 22:1-10, [11-20]; 23:1-3).

## THIS WEEK

The prophet Jeremiah looks to the future with hope, even though the destruction and disaster prophesied by Huldah is about to happen (Jeremiah 33:[10-11] 14-18).

## STORY SUMMARY

### A Righteous Branch

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## PRACTICE WORSHIP

The season of Advent brings the church into a time of waiting. As the people of Israel were waiting for a messiah to rescue them from war and persecution, we wait for a messiah to bring peace and justice to our broken world. As we wait, we continue to worship and trust God, focusing on the promise of a Savior who brings light into this world of darkness.

## NEXT WEEK

While Israel is in exile, Isaiah reminds the people that God still loves them and will restore the city of Jerusalem (Isaiah 40:1-11).

## THE POINT

God will send the Messiah to bring about God's kingdom on earth.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *The Promised Messiah*

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### *Family Discussions*

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about the theme of Promises Made, Promises Kept?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### *Family Devotions*

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

#### **Sunday—Read Jeremiah 33:14-18**

A righteous branch from David.  
Draw your family tree.

#### **Monday—Read Daniel 1:1-7**

Young Jews in exile.  
Discuss what you would miss the most if you had to suddenly leave your home.

#### **Tuesday—Read Daniel 1:8-17**

Faithful living in a new land.  
How can you practice your faith when you are not at home?

#### **Wednesday—Read Daniel 1:18-21**

The wise exiles.  
Talk about a way that you can show your faith in your life.

#### **Thursday—Read Daniel 3:1-7**

The jealous Gentiles.  
Talk about what types of things make you jealous.

#### **Friday—Read Daniel 3:8-18**

Three faithful men.  
Act out this story as you read it.

#### **Saturday—Read Daniel 3:19-30**

The fiery furnace.  
Talk about a place where you see God stepping in and protecting you in your life today.