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MINOR PROPHETS

OBADIAH

Scripture: Obadiah 10-13

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Hula hoop, rubber bands, strings, cups, "serve your sibling" cards.

Ask:

Who remembers which prophet we spoke about last week? (Habakkuk)

What was so interesting about Habakkuk? (His prophecy is a dialogue with God)

What was Habakkuk willing to do even though there was no fruit on the vine? (Wait on the Lord)

Today, we're continuing on with our Minor Prophets. This week we are talking about Obadiah. Obadiah is another interesting book because it isn't to Judah or Israel, it is to Edom.

Background:

This book requires a little bit of background. Does anyone know who the people of Edom came from? (They came from Esau)

Can anyone tell me the story of Jacob and Esau? (Allow for answers. The story is found in Genesis 25-27. Jacob and Esau were twins, sons of Isaac and Rebecca. Rebecca loved Jacob but Isaac loved Esau. One day, Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew. Later, Jacob stole the blessing by covering his arms with hair and pretending to be Esau so his father blessed him instead.)

Jacob eventually was given the name Israel and was the father of all the Israelites- God's chosen people that we learn about in the Bible. Well, Esau also had many children and became a great nation himself. His people were called the Edomites.

Do you think the Edomites were ever jealous that Jacob was called God's chosen people? Would you be jealous if a brother or sister got something you wanted?

In this story, the Edomites allowed Israel to be taken away. When the Assyrians came to destroy Israel, the Edomites laughed and did nothing to save them.

Ask:

Do you think that sounds cruel?

Have you ever seen somebody get made fun of or bullied? What did you do?
(Allow for answers)

Has anyone ever stepped in and stood up for you when you were getting made fun of? How did it make you feel? (Allow for answers)

You see, in our story, God is angry with the Edomites for not stepping in to help the Israelites. Now the Assyrians aren't taking anyone captive today, but we can learn from this story to defend people and stick up for them.

Read: Obadiah 10-13

Explain:

To stand aloof means to stand by and not doing anything, to be distant. We shouldn't stand aloof when someone is being treated poorly, especially if that person is a brother or sister in Christ, or a brother or sister in real life.

This is so important because we are a team. Christians are called the body of Christ. In the same way we would protect all of our body parts, we need to protect and stand up for one another. Let's play some games to show how important it is to work together in the body of Christ.

Play a Game:

Play a game where the kids divide into groups of 4, 6, or 8. Each child will need a string tied to a rubber band. Once they have their team, they will pull their rubber bands apart as a team to pick up a cup and stack it. They will try to stack 3-5 cups this way, depending on how long it takes.

Second Game:

Standing in a circle, have the kids pass a hula hoop around with circle without letting go of their hands (they will have to step through the hula hoop to make this work). If this is too easy, set a timer and see how fast they can do it.

Explain:

Teamwork is important in life and in the body of Christ. Jesus always sent out his followers by twos. He knows that we can't do this alone. So when we see a brother or sister in Christ who is sad or who is being picked on or who just needs a friend, we don't want to be aloof. We want to step in and help that person. Sometimes this is hardest with our siblings isn't it? We live with them and they can get on our nerves more easily than others sometimes. Well, today, we're going to give you a way to serve your siblings this week.

Serve Your Sibling:

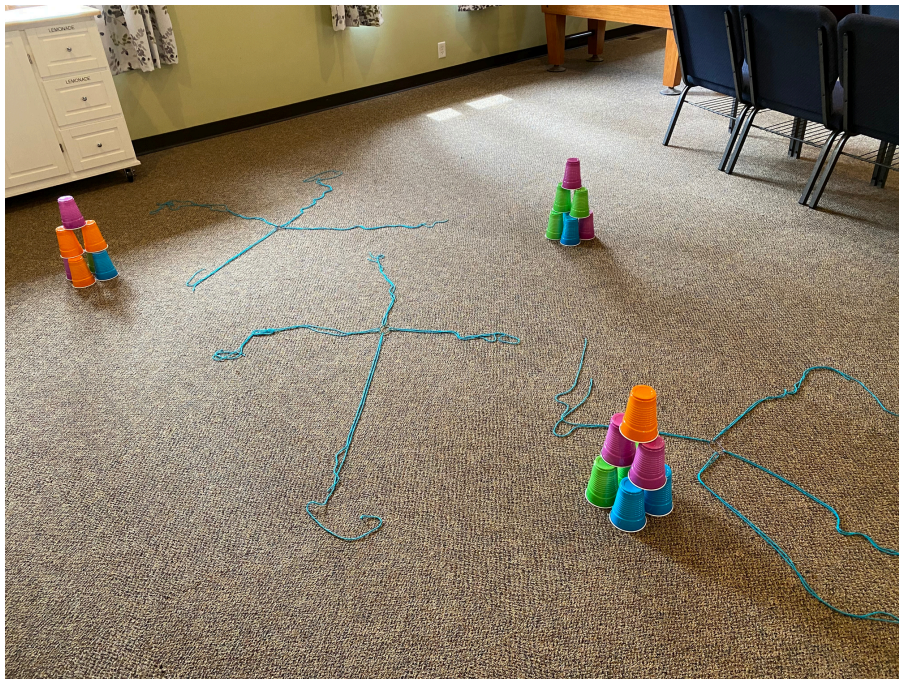
Have the kids grab a "Serve Your Sibling" card for each of their siblings. Each day, they should choose one of the bubbles for a way to serve their sibling. If they do each one by next Sunday and bring back their card, they can have a prize.

Timeline:

Have the kids color the prophet Obadiah and place him on the timeline. He prophesied around 586 BC

Memorize: Obadiah 12

Close in Prayer



Serve your Sibling

Give them a
compliment

Do a chore for
them

Give them a
hug

Make them
a snack

Play a game
they like

Make them a
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You Choose!

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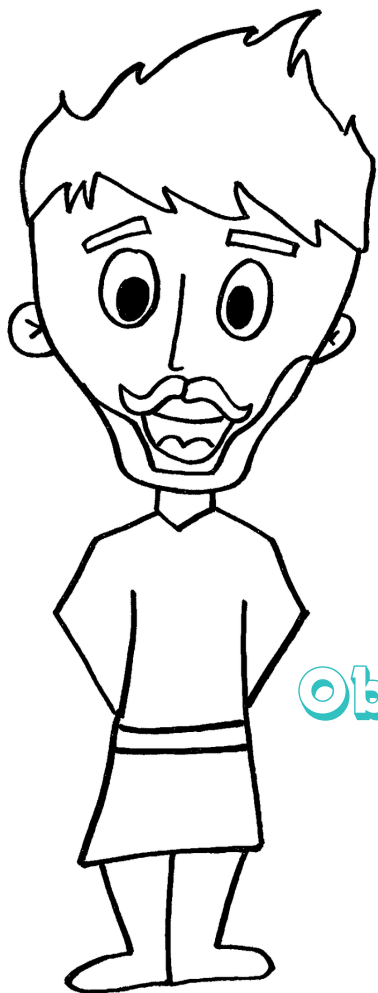
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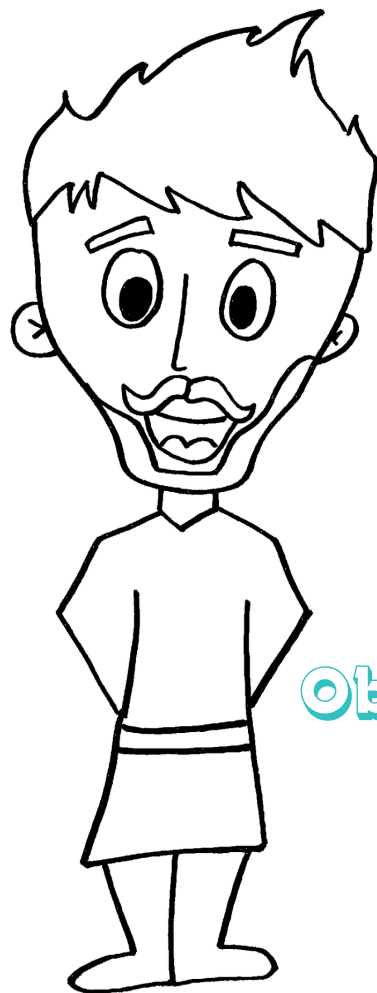
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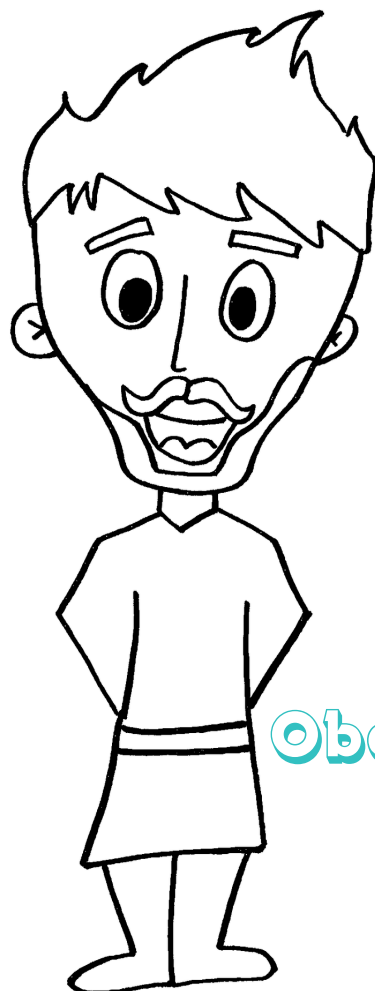
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