

PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 2.2: Captivity

JOURNEY

WITNESSES

► SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:8-32

SUMMARY:

In the story of ancient Israel, the people's insistence to live as they chose and ignore God's design and intention resulted in a weaker nation. As a consequence, Israel found herself in captivity. This week students read from Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul reminds us of what sin has done. Because of sin, humanity has indeed ignored the truth, exchanged righteousness for lies, and worships creation rather than the Creator. But God, in His desire to have an authentic relationship with us, allowed us to go our own way, make our own mistakes, and even make our own gods.

Paul describes how God allows the consequences to do the teaching. It is in captivity—where we see hatred, abuse, anxiety, injustice—that that we truly see the consequences of evil and the need for a savior. And in His great love and mercy for humanity, God did not leave us all out here to suffer. He made a way. Rescue is coming.

► DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How do you feel or experience the consequences of sin?
- Where do you see the consequences of sin in the world?
- How do you see the love of God responding to the captivity of sin?
- Tell me your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?

► CORE VERSE

John 8:34

► CORE CONCEPTS

The perfection of God's creation was corrupted when sin captured our hearts.

Captive: Having no freedom to choose