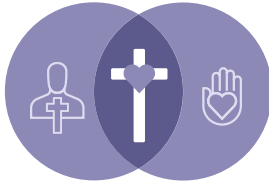


## ENDURING EXILE

LESSON 7

2 Kings 17:6–20, 24–29

GOD REMAINS FAITHFUL.



### CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

#### IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God makes me His child and promises to be with me always, even when I feel far from Him.

#### CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I face separation from God because of my sin, but He offers forgiveness for the sake of Christ.

### GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

#### ADULT

I can conclude how God is faithful to His unfaithful people, even when they must deal with the consequences of their sins.

#### YOUTH

I can give examples of God's faithfulness to Israel and to me.

#### ELEMENTARY

I understand that God remains faithful, even when we deserve the eternal consequences of our sins.

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God is faithful and will forgive my sins for Jesus' sake.

### BIBLE VERSE

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him,  
and He will act.

Psalm 37:5

### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Despite constant warnings, the Israelites continue in their idolatry. Because of this, God allows the king of Assyria to capture the Israelites and carry them into exile. The king resettles Samaria with other peoples, who bring with them their own false gods. When wild lions begin killing these immigrants, the king sends for an Israelite priest, hoping to appease God. But the people continue to sacrifice to idols—confusing the worship of the Lord with worshipping false gods. This is the beginning of the Samaritans.

### TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ **On the Go**—Even when the Israelites had to travel far from home, God was still with them. List some ways God guides and protects you while you travel.
- ▶ **At Mealttime**—Why do you think God allowed the Israelites to be taken into captivity? Do you think there are times in our lives when God uses difficult events to strengthen our faith and lead us back to Him?
- ▶ **Something to Do**—Get some rope, divide into teams, and have a family tug-of-war. When it's over, have everyone shout, "Christ gives us the victory!" Remember that no matter how far you pull away from Jesus, He is always with you.
- ▶ **Before Bed**—Pray together, asking God to guide your paths and lead you back to Him whenever you stray.

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