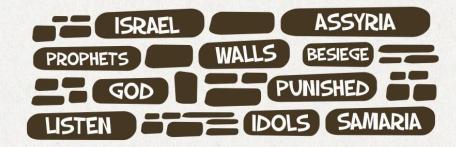


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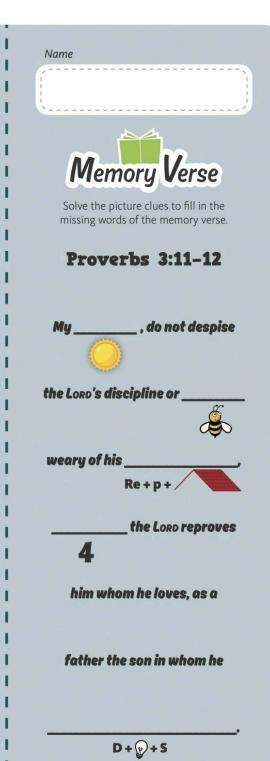
God Judges Israel

2 Kings 17:3 & 5, 17:7–23 (selected verses)

Find the correct words on the stones of the wall to match the clues below. Write the correct answers in the blanks. Color in each word stone as you use it. Use the leftover words to fill in the blanks of the sentence.



1 was the	4. To a city means to
enemy who invaded Israel.	try to take it over by surrounding it.
2. Israel's capital city was	5. The city was surrounded by large
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3. God sentto	6. Israel sinned by worshipping
warn Israel of coming judgment.	·
The people of	were
because they did not	to



% What You Heard In the Word

- · God was angry with the people of Israel because of their wickedness, idol worship, and failure to listen to the warning of the prophets. They would not turn from their sins.
- · God brought judgment on Israel when he sent the Assyrians to conquer them and move the Israelites away from their land.

OutWord For Family Discussion

What if youand your friends are talking about God, and they can't understand why it would be wrong to pray to certain statues and light candles around them? What will you tell them?

There is nothing wrong with statues. After all, statues remind us of people who deserve honor and respect. But praying to a statue—and lighting a

> candle to try to get special favors from a statue—that is not biblical. You see. God said he is the only God, and he alone is to be worshipped. When

we pray to something other than God, we are putting that thing ahead of God. Actually, that statue becomes an idol—or a false god! God made it clear that we should have no other gods before him.

When you think about it, we really don't need to pray to anyone other than God. When

Jesus died and rose again, he made a way for believers to go straight to God in prayer. Why pray

to a powerless statue when we can go to the all-powerful

God with our requests?