

Siege Zone

Materials

- ☐ Buttons/game pieces for each student
- ☐ Siege Zone Game Board for every two students (following pages)
- ☐ Siege Zone Cards (following pages)

Instructions

Print one game board for every two students. Print and cut out one set of cards for your use. Keep the Assyrian and Israelite cards in separate, numbered piles so you can alternate reading them.

Pass out one game board for every two students and one game piece to each student. Have students choose to be either the Assyrian or Israelite and place their game pieces on the Start space. The Assyrians will use the outside track on the game board while the Israelites will use the inside track. If you have an odd number of students, allow two students to be a team and alternate moving the game piece.

Read the cards, starting with Assyrian card #1 and alternating between Israelite and Assyrian cards according to the numbers. Students will move forward according to the number of spaces you call out on the cards. All the Assyrians will move their game pieces when their cards are read, and the Israelites will move their game pieces when their cards are read. The game ends when one group (the Assyrians) reaches the Finish space on the game board.

Suggested Discussion

- ? Who won the game? *Assyrians.*
- ? The Assyrians won because they conquered Israel. But who gave them the victory over Israel? *God.*

Yes, it was the Lord who used the Assyrians to accomplish his purpose, which was to judge Israel.

- ? Why did God have to judge Israel? *Because of their sin.*

1

Assyrian

You join the Assyrian army and move south, overtaking Israel as you travel.

Move ahead one space.

2

Assyrian

You have successfully surrounded Samaria.

Move ahead two spaces.

3

Assyrian

You have set up camp around Samaria and are determined to stay put until Israel surrenders.

Move ahead two spaces.

4

Assyrian

Your army has blocked all access in and out of the large walled city of Samaria.

Move ahead one space.

5

Assyrian

You are warm by your fire on cold nights.
You are ready to keep waiting.

Move ahead two spaces.

6

Assyrian

You and the other Assyrian soldiers have plenty of food and water. You are prepared to wait longer.

Move ahead two spaces.

7

Assyrian

You have besieged Samaria for two years so far.
You wonder when they will run out of supplies.

Move ahead one space.

8

Assyrian

You see and hear fewer and fewer signs of life beyond the walls of Samaria.

Move ahead three spaces.

9

Assyrian

You think the end to this siege will be soon and Israel will give up.

Move ahead four spaces.

10

Assyrian

The siege has ended. Now it's time to force the Israelites in Samaria to move to Assyria.

Move ahead four spaces to win.

1

Israelite

You realize the Assyrians are attacking Israel, so you run to the walled city of Samaria where you think you'll be safe.

Move ahead two spaces.

2

Israelite

You hide in a small room a relative offers along the back wall of Samaria.

Move ahead two spaces.

3

Israelite

You spend your days waiting and watching, wondering if the Assyrians are going to attack.

Move ahead one space.

4

Israelite

You realize the Assyrian army has settled in as if they are going to see how long your supplies will last.

Move ahead one space.

5

Israelite

You are sent to measure the supplies and to try to figure out how much longer the water will last.

Move ahead two spaces.

6

Israelite

You have heard that some Israelites have died. You wonder how long you can live without food.

Move ahead three spaces.

7

Israelite

You pray to your wooden gods, but they don't hear you.

Move ahead one space.

8

Israelite

You are tired and weak from lack of food and water.

Move ahead two spaces.

9

Israelite

You gather up a few belongings and join those who are leaving to surrender to the Assyrians.

Move ahead two spaces.

10

Israelite

Your life is spared, but you are forced to move to a city far away.

Move ahead two spaces.

