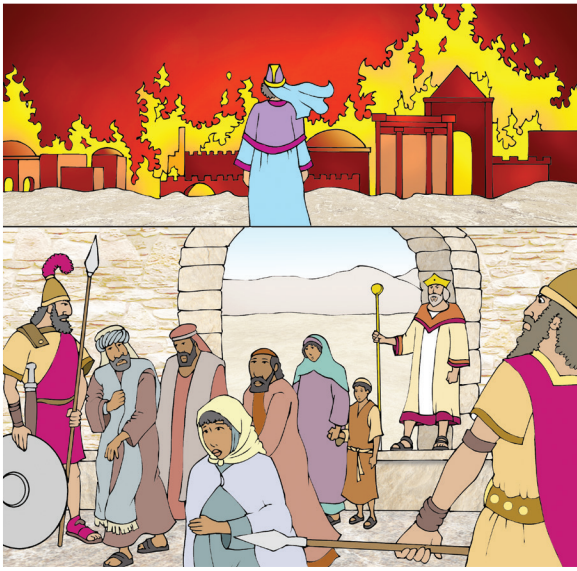


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Key Verse:

“This is what the LORD says:
See, I am setting before you
the way of life and the way
of death.” (Jeremiah 21:8)

Choosing Life

The Lord God sent Jeremiah with a message for the people of Jerusalem. They had to choose whether to live or to die. He warned that anyone who stayed in Jerusalem would die—either from war, hunger, or a terrible disease. But anyone who surrendered to the Babylonians surrounding Jerusalem would live. God had decided to bring disaster down on the city. He was giving the city to the king of Babylon to destroy.

The message to the royal family was for them to hear the words of God and treat the people fairly. They should protect the people from being robbed. If they did not, then God would become angry and His anger would go on for a long time. This was happening because the people had done *evil* (bad) things.

The people sat on top of the mountain looking over the valley, believing they were safe from attack. They thought that their city could not be harmed. But God would give them the punishment they deserved. He would start a fire in the forest that would burn up everything around them.



Heads or Tails?



Nicky always carried a coin in her pocket. When she did not know what to do, or had to pick between two things, she would flip her coin and get her answer.

"Do you want to go with us to the library and read after school?" her sister Mackenzie asked one day. Nicky loved reading and there was a new book available that she wanted to check out from the library. But she needed to work on her homework with Ms. Garza. She was struggling in her math class and needed help knowing how to do some of the problems from class.

Nicky reached into her pocket and pulled out her coin: "Heads, I go to the library with you guys. Tails, I go study with Ms. Garza." Nicky flipped her coin into the air. But while

she watched for it to come back down, she had a thought.

Even though she was excited to check out the new books, she really needed to choose Ms. Garza. Her grades were important and would help her in the future. Nicky did not stick around to find out on which side the coin had landed. She made her choice.

Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! This lesson is a very important one about choices and consequences. Just like in my lab, when I am conducting an experiment, I have to make choices and then live with how my decisions affect my experiments. I've learned that it is like that with my life outside of my lab also.

In this lesson, we learn that we have to choose wisely in order to have the outcome that is best for us. Sometimes we have to choose to do something that we don't necessarily want to do in order to have a better result!



Fix That Phrase!

Oops! There seems to be a word out of place in each of the sentences below. Read through the sentences and/or phrases below (which are pulled from today's Scripture passage). See if you can find the misplaced word and move it to where it belongs in the statement. Put a circle around the misplaced word and then draw a line to where it should go. (You may use your NIV Bible.) Refer to the example below.

Example: "It will be into the hands given of the king of Babylon."

1. "I will punish as your deeds deserve, declares you the LORD." (verse 14a)
2. "I have and determined to do this city harm not good, declares the LORD." (verse 10)
3. "I am you, Jerusalem, you against who live above this valley." (verse 13a)
4. "Whoever stays in this will die by the city sword, famine or plague." (verse 9)



True or False?

Read each sentence below and circle **T** if the statement is true, or **F** if it is *false* (not true).

T or F 1. The people obeyed the Lord God at all times.

T or F 2. God sent Jeremiah with a message warning the people about His anger.

T or F 3. God's message tells the people how they could get back right with Him.

T or F 4. The people could not be defeated—they were too strong.

T or F 5. God was warning the people what they would face if they continued their evil ways.

