Changing Our Ways

Jeremiah went to the king of Judah with a message. He told the king, his officers, and all the people in the city to listen carefully to the Lord God’s message. God wanted them to do what was fair and right and protect those who had been mistreated. He wanted them to remember to be fair to the widows and orphans and to protect innocent people. If they obeyed this command, then the king who sat on the throne of David would be able to return to the palace. But, if they did not, then the palace would be destroyed.

God recognized the palace in Judah as a grand place, that was as magnificent as the cedar forests in Lebanon. But He promised to destroy the palace and make it a place in which no one could live. He promised to send in an army to destroy the palace completely.

When people from other nations passed by the city, they would ask why God had destroyed such a great city. It was because the people of Judah did not keep their agreement with God and worshipped other gods.
Hello, everyone! Ruby here! This is a great lesson about changing our behavior. Sometimes it’s difficult to see the benefits of change. We become set in our ways and we are comfortable doing what we do—whether it is good or bad. Do you have any habits that you should change in order to have a better life? Do you think it would be too hard to change? Do you think you would lose your friends if you changed?

The benefits of change might outweigh the benefits of staying the same. Think about it... it might all be worth it!
Unscramble and Match

Unscramble each scrambled-up word below and then connect the word to its matching picture by drawing a line between the two.

1. ALACPE ____________________  a.

2. HRONET ____________________  b.

3. GTEAS ____________________  c.

4. RHSOES ____________________  d.

5. FEIR ____________________  e.
Searching for Words
Find the listed words from today’s lesson in the word search below.

WORD BANK

EMPTY • JERUSALEM • JUDAH • MESSAGE
PALACE • PROPHESY • PUNISH • THRONE

M P U N I S H B E P
J U D A H P A E T R
E V T J Z W F G H O
R J W E M P T Y R P
U K P R E C W E O H
S S E V S P H S N E
A Z H L S B W M E S
L B M P A L A C E Y
E R W E G L D H A E
M S E F E N M K L E