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Lesson 11:

The Prophets + the Journey Home

Today's Story:

Last week we learned that the Israelites were taken away as prisoners because they worshipped idols and did not love or obey God. God allowed King Nebuchadnezzar to destroy the temple and take God's people to Babylon. Even though the Israelites were in the distant land of Babylon, God still loved them and remembered them. He sent many prophets to tell the people of his plan to bring them back to their Promised Land and to give them new hearts to love God.

Some of the prophets God sent were: Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel. They spoke God's words of love, correction and promise. All of the words of these prophets were written on scrolls and read to the people. The scrolls have been kept and read for thousands of years. Their writings are a part of our Bible today and part of the story of God's great love. At the time of this story, the Israelites were kept in Babylon for nearly 70 years. Then, in his mercy, God brought the Israelites back to the Promised Land. They began to rebuild the temple and the broken walls of Jerusalem. After all of this, the people still had to wait and pray for God to send the promised Forever King. Many people knew that God is faithful and at just the right time he *would* fulfill his promise.

Bible Memory Verse:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11 ESV alternative translation)

My Art Response:

