



**Mustard Seed Sunday School Lesson for July 22, 2007  
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**“Results of Disobedience”**

**PRINTED TEXT: Jeremiah 7:11-15; 2 Kings 23:36-37.**

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim” (Jeremiah 7:15).

**Jeremiah 7:11-15**

11Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.

12But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

13And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;

14Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

15And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

2 Kings 23:36-37

36Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

**TEACHER'S NOTES ON THE LESSON**

Jeremiah was God's messenger just before Judah was carried off into exile. Though God had sent a series of prophets, the people heard but did not listen. They assumed the presence of the temple guaranteed their safety.

Jeremiah said they were wrong, and he spelled out the consequences that would come. Temple or not, God would cast them out, as though they were not His people, because they refused to obey His voice. They would lose their good land. They would lose His blessing as a nation. And their loss was totally unnecessary.

With that comes the question for us: What blessing do I lose when I determine to have my own way?

**THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Teach that when God's people disobey the Lord to get what they want, they miss getting something better that He wants to give them.

**TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. Obeying always brings us something better than any appealing thing we can get by disobeying.
2. Every time we choose to do what is wrong, we miss receiving something good that God otherwise would have given us.

**PLANNING VISUAL AIDS:**

For Telling the Lesson, you will need two pictures: a biblical crowd and the prodigal son leaving home. Also, using stick figures, make two flash cards: one of Jeremiah beside a huge door and another of six men representing the prophets.

For Helping to Remember, each child will need a sheet of white construction paper, crayons, glue, safety scissors, and a 3-by-4-inch door drawn on light brown paper.

**BEGINNING THE LESSON:**

I have a question for you. Why do you think boys and girls sometimes disobey? Yes, people disobey to get something they want, something they think is better than obeying. But we also know that when people disobey, sooner or later there will be trouble.

Julie knew she was to come home right after school, but her friend Amanda had a new dress Julie wanted to see. So she went to Amanda's house instead. After that Julie was not allowed to go anywhere to play for the rest of the week. Even worse, she found out later that if she had come home on time, she could have gone to the pet show with the neighbors.

Julie disobeyed to get what she wanted, but that made her miss getting something even better.

That story makes me think of what happened to some people in the Bible.

**TELLING THE LESSON:**

Jeremiah was one of God's friends. One day the Lord said, "Go stand at the door of the temple. Tell the people, 'Hear what the Lord says.'" (*Show Jeremiah.*)

The temple was where the people worshiped. It was a special place where there the Lord's obedient people could come to talk to Him. But that was not what was happening. The people were coming to the temple, but they were not being obedient. (*Show crowd.*) When they thought it would help to tell a lie, they did. If they wanted something somebody else had, they took it. When they though praying

to false gods would help them, they prayed to false gods. Then they came to the temple, thinking, *We will be all right. God will take care of us. His temple is here.*

But the Lord told Jeremiah to say, "You have turned God's temple into a den of robbers."

Hosea has warned them to change. Then God had sent Amos and others. (*Show prophets.*) But the people would not listen to any of them.

Now it was Jeremiah's turn. (*Show Jeremiah.*) He stood at the temple door (see Jer. 7:1-3). He said, All of you, hear what the Lord says. Start doing what is right. Change your ways, and the Lord will let you stay here in this good place. If not, He will put you out of this land. He will treat you just as if you were not His people. You know what happened when some other people would not obey.

Yes, they knew. But they still were not going to listen. So the Lord would have to let enemies take them away to a far country. They would miss getting all the good things He wanted to give them.

That is the way it always is. When God's children want something that looks good and do what is wrong to get it, they miss getting something much better that the Lord has for them.

Jesus once told a story about a boy who would not stay at home (Luke 15:11-18). (*Show prodigal son.*) The boy went to a far place where he could just have fun all day long. And he did have fun-for a while. But when all his money was gone, his new friends would not help him. Now he was hungry, and he began to think of the good things was missing at home. He knew he had made a big mistake; so he went home.

#### **TELLING HOW TO LIVE:**

Let us not be like those people Jeremiah talked to or like the boy in Jesus' story. They got what they wanted, but they got it by doing wrong and therefore missed getting what was best. God wants to do good things for you. Find out from His Book how to please Him. Then obey.

#### **HELPING TO REMEMBER:**

Help the students fold their white paper in half crosswise and then 2 inches in from each side to make a stand-up display. On the door they should print "Pleasing God is best." They should cut out the door and glue it to their display. They can draw Jeremiah preaching beside it.

#### **EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT:**

"I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren" (Jeremiah 7:15).

The Lord was talking to some of His people. He wanted them to do right, but they would not listen. To be thrown away from God's sight did not mean He did not see them anymore. It meant that if they kept going their own way, He would stop helping them. That had happened before when some others in their family, their "brethren," would not obey God.

**MUSTARD SEED LESSON ACTIVITIES:**

**RESULTS OF DISOBEDIENCE  
(JEREMIAH 7:11-15; 2 KINGS 23:36-37)**

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DISOBEDIENCE  
EVIL  
FALSE GODS

HOUSE  
ISRAEL  
JEHOIAKIM  
JEREMIAH  
KING  
MURDER  
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OBEY  
PLACE  
ROBBERS  
SHILOH  
SIGHT  
SIN  
THEFT

TEMPLE  
WICKEDNESS

**RESULTS OF DISOBEDIENCE  
(JEREMIAH 7:11-15; 2 KINGS 23:36-37)**

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORDS:**

1. "Is this (**TENT, HOUSE**), which is called by my (**NAME, NEIGHBOR**), become a den of (**RABBITS, ROBBERS**) in your eyes?" **JEREMIAH 7:11a**
2. "And now, because ye have done all these (**WORKS, DISHES**), saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye (**SPOKE, HEARD**) not; and I called you, but ye (**ANSWERED, SAW**) not." **JEREMIAH 7:13**
3. "Therefore I will do unto this (**HOUSE, PROPHET**)... as I have done to (**EPHRAIM, SHILOH**)." **JEREMIAH 7:14**

**TRUE OR FALSE:**

3. Jeremiah was God's messenger just before Judah was carried off into exile. **TRUE/FALSE**
4. God told Jeremiah to tell the people that they would lose their land because of their disobedience to God. **TRUE/FALSE**
5. When we decide to do things our own way, God does not get angry. He blesses us anyway just because we tried. **TRUE/FALSE**

**CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:**

6. "And I will cast you out of my \_\_\_\_\_, as I have cast out all your \_\_\_\_\_." **JEREMIAH 7:15**  
**LIFE            DEATH            SIGHT            MOTHER            BRETHERN            LOVE**
7. "\_\_\_\_\_ was twenty and five years old when he began to \_\_\_\_\_." **2 KINGS 23:36a**  
**JEREMIAH            REIGN            JEHOIAKIM            SHILOH            READ**
8. "And he (King Jehoiakim) did that which was \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his \_\_\_\_\_ had done." **2 KINGS 23:37**  
**SISTERS            GOOD            FATHERS            EVIL            LASTING**  
**RIGHT**

**MEMORY VERSE:**

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(Jeremiah 7:15).



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