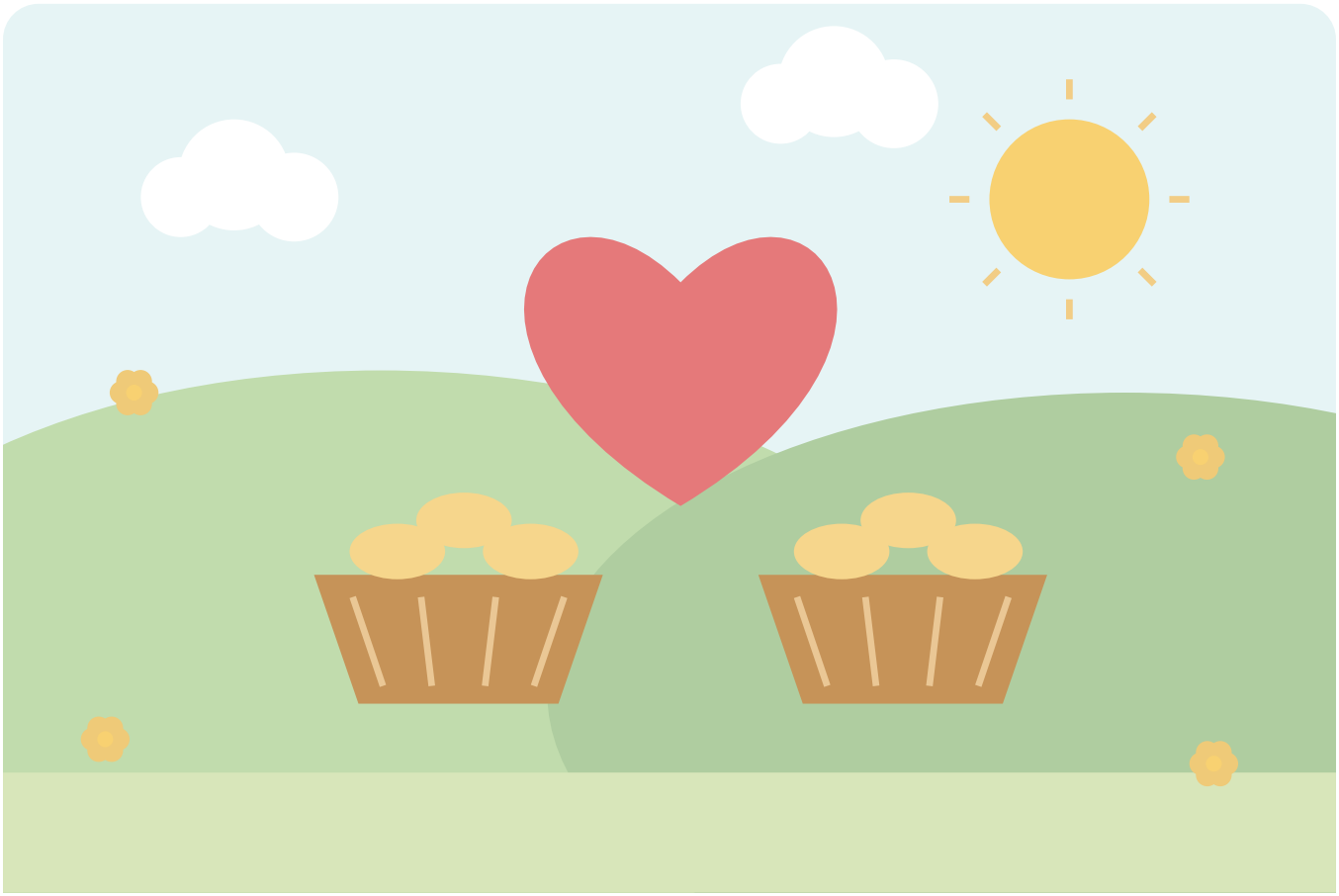
GENESIS TO REVELATION | PROPHETIC LESSON

Choose Care When Others Are Hurting

Obadiah 1:10-15



YOUR BIBLE READING

God holds people accountable for exploiting their neighbors' suffering.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Neighbor's Day of Trouble

Obadiah 1:10-15



Obadiah's prophetic message addresses Edom's conduct toward the people of Judah. The passage remembers a time when Jerusalem faced disaster and outsiders carried away its wealth. Edom is addressed as a brother because of the peoples' related history. That relationship makes the violence and betrayal especially serious. The lesson concerns actions during another community's suffering. It is not a label that tells us to distrust everyone who comes from a particular place today.

The message first names violence against that brother and the shame and judgment it would bring. Then it describes standing aside while strangers entered Jerusalem and divided what belonged to its people. Remaining a spectator had not made Edom's conduct innocent. In the prophet's words, Edom had become like the attackers. The scene challenges the idea that enjoying the advantage of another person's loss is harmless simply because someone else began the harm.

Obadiah calls out looking down on people in their disaster. Rejoicing over Judah's destruction and speaking proudly in a day of distress were wrong. These responses turned suffering into an occasion for boasting. A neighbor's pain had become something to watch with satisfaction. The prophetic warning directs attention to the way words and attitudes can join harmful actions. Celebration is cruel when its cause is another community's devastation and grief.

The message also names entering the city and taking wealth during the calamity. Disaster had left people vulnerable, and their vulnerability was being used for gain. The lesson becomes very concrete: do not treat another person's emergency as your chance to seize something. Obadiah's words move from watching and mocking toward taking and obstructing. They ask readers to notice how several kinds of participation can deepen harm when people are already in serious trouble.

Remember: A neighbor's distress is a call to care, not an opportunity for gain.

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Do Not Block the Way to Safety

Obadiah 1:10-15



The warning reaches the crossroads, where people escaping the disaster might pass. Edom is told not to cut off those trying to flee and not to hand over survivors in their distress. Here the issue is not merely an unkind remark. People's chance of reaching safety is at stake. The prophetic message condemns taking advantage of those who have already lost protection. A neighbor in danger should not become an opportunity for further betrayal.

Obadiah then announces God's judgment on the nations. The deeds done to others would return upon those responsible. This is a serious prophetic warning about accountability. It does not invite a child to arrange revenge or decide what punishment another people deserves. Its direction is to expose wrongdoing and call hearers to recognize that violence, greedy advantage, and obstruction of the vulnerable matter before God, even when the wrongdoers have appeared secure.

For an example from our lives, imagine a child dropping a school bag while others laugh. One person takes a fallen pencil, another blocks the way, and another shares a picture to encourage more mockery. Their actions differ, but each can make the child's distress worse. This imagined example is not Obadiah's ancient event. It helps us recognize the pattern of turning someone else's trouble into entertainment, advantage, or a chance to cause more pain.

A caring response would move in a different direction. Someone could stop laughing, help collect the belongings if welcomed, and ask an adult to address the bullying. The person with the most power to protect should not hide behind the claim that the trouble started elsewhere. Obadiah's lesson takes a whole moment of suffering seriously. What we watch, say, take, and prevent can either add to harm or make room for practical care and safety.

Pause and think: What caring step could you take when a watching group begins making someone's distress worse?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Choosing Care in a Difficult Moment



When someone is hurting, the first question need not be whether they belong to your group. Need deserves attention across those boundaries. You can care about safety without knowing the person's whole story. If a situation is dangerous, involve a trusted adult rather than entering it alone. An appropriate helper can decide what practical action will protect the person and prevent the trouble from becoming worse.

The ancient name Edom identifies the people addressed by this prophecy. It does not identify a present-day group whose children should be blamed. We learn from the wrong actions being named, not by carrying hostility toward a nation or ancestry into our own relationships. A careful reading asks what cruelty, boasting, taking advantage, or blocking help would look like in conduct we can actually recognize.

You may sometimes be only one person in a watching group. Even then, refusing to join mockery matters. Telling a safe adult, declining to forward a cruel message, and helping restore what was taken can change your own part in the situation. You are not responsible for solving every danger, but you can seek guidance about a caring next step.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Another person's trouble calls for care and protection rather than boasting, taking advantage, or adding to harm.

What caring step could you take when a watching group begins making someone's distress worse?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Which response to Judah's disaster does Obadiah condemn?

2. What can a child do when mockery becomes harmful?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Remember that harmful deeds bring accountability.
- ☐ Refuse to take advantage or block safety.
- ☐ Recognize a neighbor's suffering instead of celebrating it.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a crossroads with a clear path toward trusted helpers and safety.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

A neighbor's distress is a call to care, not an opportunity for gain.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Obadiah 1:10-15

A thoughtful conversation

This is a prophetic judgment against Edom's conduct during Judah's disaster. It condemns exploitation and obstruction of people seeking safety. Do not attach its judgments to modern nations, ethnicities, or children. Discuss safe bystander action with adult support, emphasizing that children should report threats and never attempt dangerous intervention alone.

Activity answers

1. Rejoicing, boasting, taking wealth, and blocking or betraying people seeking safety.
2. Refuse to join, avoid spreading cruelty, and tell a trusted adult.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, teach us to care when others hurt and seek safe help for those in danger. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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