

## 9. God teaches his people

This is the story of how God taught the people of Israel not to serve idols. First God sent prophets to warn the people. They said, "If you don't stop serving idols, God will bring a big disaster on this country. You will all become slaves of a strange people in a strange country." But the people did not listen to the prophets. They continued to serve idols. They ignored God.

So God sent the king of Babylon with a strong army to come and capture the people of Israel and they all became slaves in the country of Babylon. There in Babylon they realized that it is dangerous not to obey God. They confessed their sins and started to trust God. God then saw that the people stopped their idol worship and He sent another strong king to overthrow Babylon. The new king sent the Israelites back to their country. They were very happy. Ever since that time the Israelites never served idols again.

The Israelites stayed in Babylon for 70 years. One young man who was also captured and taken away as a slave was called Daniel. Daniel loved God and God blessed him. Next week we will learn what happened to Daniel.

### Word Game

How many words can you make using these letters?

T	G	A
W	E	O
S	R	L

### Comprehension

1. Why did the Israelites become the slaves of the Babylonians? .....
2. Do you think God loved the people of Israel? .....
3. Why did God teach them not to serve idols? .....

## Vocabulary

to serve idols	ปรนนิบัติรูปเคารพ
prophet	ผู้เผยพระวจนะ
disaster	ความวิบัติ
to continue	ต่อเนื่อง
to realize	สำนึก
to obey	เชื่อฟัง

strange	แปลก
slave	ทาส
to ignore	เพิกเฉย
to capture	จับ, คุมขัง
to confess sins	สารภาพ
to overthrow	โค่นล้ม

