

# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did God promise to do for His people who were mistreated?
- What did God do to fix our sin problem?
- Why can we trust God even in hard times?

## Obadiah the Prophet

Obadiah

**STORY POINT: GOD PROMISED TO RESTORE ISRAEL AND RULE THE EARTH AS KING.**

God had news about a country called Edom. The people who lived in Edom were like brothers to the people in Judah. Both groups were descendants of Isaac's twin sons, Jacob and Esau. The people in Edom came from the family of Esau; God's people came from the family of Jacob.

The people of Edom didn't love God. The people thought they were better than everyone else. The Edomites didn't get along with God's people in Judah. God said He was going to punish Edom.

"Listen up!" God said. "Out of all the nations, you will be the least important. No one will like you. You were proud, and I will punish you. You thought you were safe, but I will bring you down."

Obadiah's message for the people of Edom was bad news. God said to Edom, "You were cruel to the people in Judah, so you will be punished. Every bad thing you did to others will be done to you."

"The Day of the LORD is near," Obadiah warned.

Obadiah's message from God had good news for God's people. "My people will have the land that belongs to Edom," God said. God's people would return to their homes and God would take care of His people, but Edom's punishment was forever.

*Christ Connection: Like God's people were mistreated by the people of Edom, Jesus was mistreated by His own people. God will punish sin. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment we deserve for our sin. We can trust Jesus to make wrong things right.*



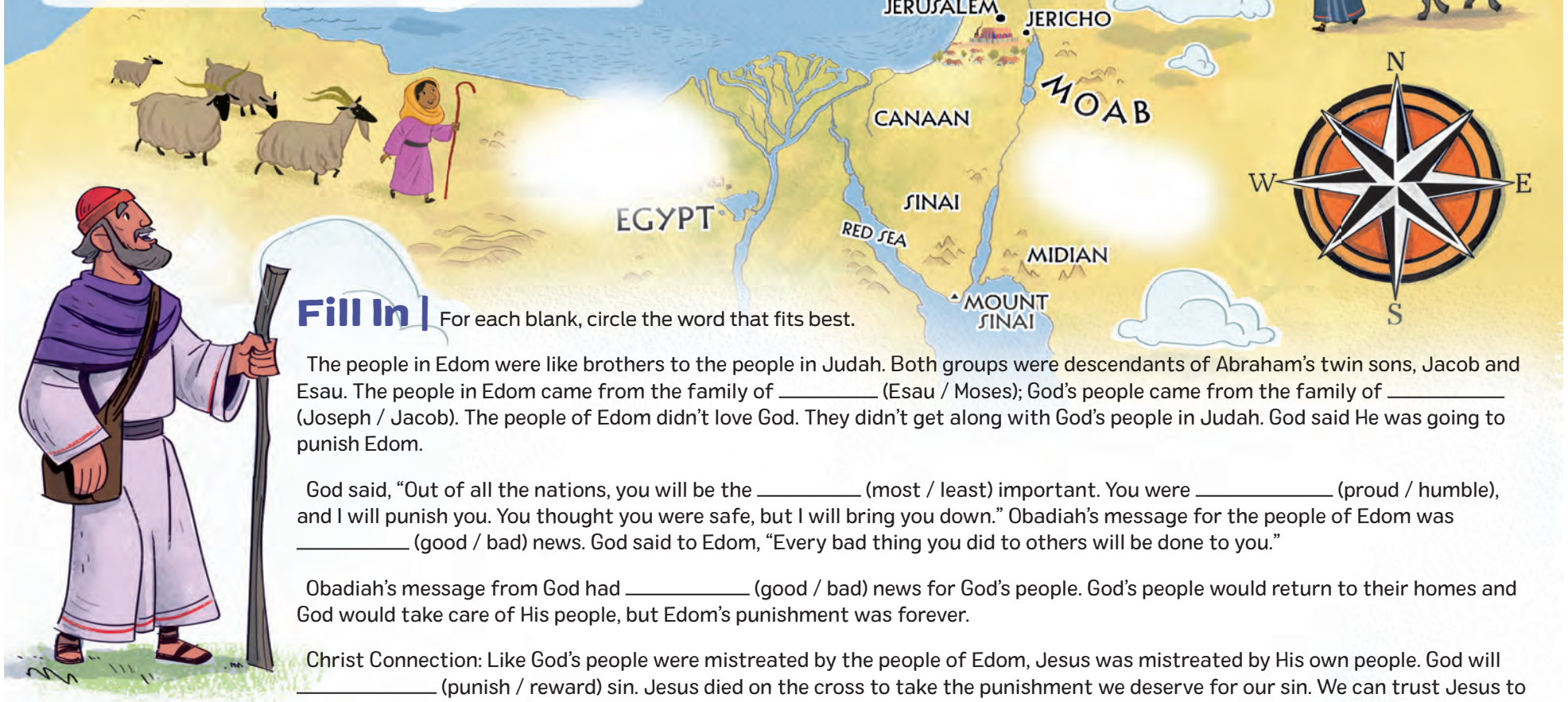
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## Map Mania

Follow the instructions to label the map.

1. Draw a boat in the Mediterranean Sea.
2. Write *Edom* in the area south of Moab.
3. Draw pyramids north of Egypt.
4. Write *Assyria* in the area north of Nineveh.
5. Write *Babylonia* in the area south of Nineveh.
6. Underline the names of cities you've heard of.
7. Draw a square around the area of Edom.



## Fill In |

For each blank, circle the word that fits best.

The people in Edom were like brothers to the people in Judah. Both groups were descendants of Abraham's twin sons, Jacob and Esau. The people in Edom came from the family of \_\_\_\_\_ (Esau / Moses); God's people came from the family of \_\_\_\_\_ (Joseph / Jacob). The people of Edom didn't love God. They didn't get along with God's people in Judah. God said He was going to punish Edom.

God said, "Out of all the nations, you will be the \_\_\_\_\_ (most / least) important. You were \_\_\_\_\_ (proud / humble), and I will punish you. You thought you were safe, but I will bring you down." Obadiah's message for the people of Edom was \_\_\_\_\_ (good / bad) news. God said to Edom, "Every bad thing you did to others will be done to you."

Obadiah's message from God had \_\_\_\_\_ (good / bad) news for God's people. God's people would return to their homes and God would take care of His people, but Edom's punishment was forever.

Christ Connection: Like God's people were mistreated by the people of Edom, Jesus was mistreated by His own people. God will \_\_\_\_\_ (punish / reward) sin. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment we deserve for our sin. We can trust Jesus to make wrong things \_\_\_\_\_ (right / worse).