BELONG

Starter Questions: What's your favorite movie plot twist of all time? Ask your students if they would like to share their highs and lows from the week.

Become Challenge Check-In: Last week, you were challenged to spend time in God's Word, consider how to respond to what you read, and invite someone to church. Did anything you read challenge you? Did you have an opportunity to invite someone?

BELIEVE

Scripture: **Jeremiah 32:1–3, 6–9, 14–15, 24–27, 36–38, 40–41**

Main Idea: **God always keeps His promises.**

Focus Question: **How can I trust God when I don't understand what He's doing?**

Context: (Share with students before reading Scripture.)

Jeremiah was a prophet God sent to warn the people of Judah about the consequences of their sin. For years, the people had refused to turn back to God. Now the Babylonian army was surrounding Jerusalem, and the city was in danger of falling. Jeremiah had warned that Jerusalem would fall to the Babylonians, but he also delivered God's promise that His people would one day return to their land. In today's passage, God tells Jeremiah to do something that seems to make no sense given what's happening around him.

Summary: (For leader reference only. Do not read aloud. Let students discover the meaning of the passage as they read.)

With Jerusalem under siege, God told Jeremiah to buy a field from his cousin. Jeremiah obeyed, even though the land was about to fall into enemy hands. The purchase represented God's promise that, after the exile, His people would return to the land and buy property there again. Jeremiah prayed about the seemingly impossible situation, and God reminded him that nothing was too difficult for Him. Although Jerusalem would fall, God promised to restore His people and establish an everlasting covenant with them. Jeremiah's obedience demonstrated his trust in God's faithfulness.

Read Jeremiah 32:1–3, 6–9 • An Impossible Situation and Unexpected Purchase

- Why would buying a field seem like a terrible idea in Jeremiah's situation? Why do you think he went through with it? *(The land was threatened by Babylonian conquest, so owning it offered little immediate benefit. Jeremiah obeyed because God had told him what would happen, and he recognized that the instruction came from the Lord.)*

Read Jeremiah 32:14–15 • A Promise for the Future

- What was God promising through Jeremiah's purchase? How does that change the way you understand his decision to buy the field? *(God promised that people would one day buy houses, fields, and vineyards in Judah again. Although Jerusalem would fall and the people would be taken into exile, God would eventually bring them back. Jeremiah's purchase was a visible expression of trust in that promise.)*

➜ **Notice:** After buying the field, Jeremiah prayed. He remembered God's power and everything God had done for His people, but he also acknowledged what was happening right in front of him.

Read Jeremiah 32:24–27 • Questions and Trust

- What do you notice about the way Jeremiah talks to God? What can we learn from his prayer when we're struggling to understand our circumstances? *(Jeremiah honestly acknowledges that Jerusalem is about to fall, even though God has told him to buy land there. He brings his confusion to God while recognizing His power. We can do the same without giving up our trust in Him.)*

➜ **Notice:** God confirmed that Jerusalem would fall because of the people's sin. But He also explained that their defeat wouldn't be the end of the story.

Read Jeremiah 32:36–38, 40–41 • God Keeps His Promises

- What does God promise to do for His people? What do these promises reveal about His character? *(God promises to bring His people back, restore their relationship with Him, and establish an everlasting covenant with them. These promises show His faithfulness, mercy, and commitment to His people.)*

➜ **Make it Personal:** Jeremiah knew what God had promised, but he couldn't see how it would happen. We face situations like that, too. Maybe you've prayed about something that hasn't changed, faced a disappointment you didn't expect, or wondered why God allowed something difficult to happen.

- When life doesn't go the way you expected, how do you usually respond? What would it look like to respond with trust in God instead? *(We might worry, complain, shut down, or try to take control. Trusting God doesn't mean pretending we're okay or ignoring our feelings. Instead, it means bringing our concerns to Him, remembering His promises, and choosing to follow Him even when we don't understand.)*

Reflect

Jeremiah trusted God's promise even when he couldn't see how it would be fulfilled. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God has shown us just how faithful He is. Even when we don't understand what He's doing, we can trust who He is.

- If trusting God doesn't guarantee that things will turn out the way you want, what makes Him worth trusting anyway? *(Our trust is based on God's character, not our desired outcomes. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, He has demonstrated His love and faithfulness. We can trust Him to keep His promises even when we don't understand His plans.)*

BECOME

Circle of Impact Challenge: Think of someone in your circle of impact who's going through a tough time. Reach out, ask how they're doing, and encourage them. You might share a promise from God's Word, offer to pray with them, or simply remind them they're not alone.