

Older Small Group Guide Sheet

November 12 & 16

Lesson:	Hope for the Future
Call Back:	God Brings Hope
Memory Verse: Jeremiah 29:11	For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Scripture:	Jeremiah 29:1 & 4-14
Observation:	As we read the story, we are going to "feel" what it might have been like to have to get up and move. You will have a bag with some supplies. You will unpack and pack this bag numerous (5) times during our reading of God's Word. Let's get MOVING ... 1. Find a spot somewhere in the room and unpack the bag. Have students settle in while you read the beginning of the story. Read Jeremiah 29:1 2. Ask the students, are you ready to move? Let's go! Pack up the supplies by placing them back into the bag. Find another place in the room and then unpack the bag and settle in. Read Jeremiah 29:4-6 3. Oh no! Time to move again. (Pack/Move/Unpack) Read Jeremiah 29:7-9 4. Guess what time it is – time to move again! (Pack/Move/Unpack) Read Jeremiah 29:10-14 5. Okay, one last time: let's pack up this time and move back to our table.
Application:	1. How did all that moving make you feel? 2. Have you ever had to move. Where? 3. If you had to move and could only bring three things with you, what would you bring? 4. Do you think they felt that God was with them? Tell the students – sometimes things happen in life that we have no control over. Talk about

	these situations. How do we deal with them? Do you ever feel alone or scared? What do you do if you feel that way? God promises that he knows what is happening, and God promises that his people will be okay. And – God still promises that to all of us today, even when things seem hard, scary, out of our control, etc. Talk about how we can react when life is not okay. 1. Trust God's Word. 2. Live a life of faith. 3. Pray – seek God Read Jeremiah 29:12-13 We are to listen and look for Him wholeheartedly. Each student will have an envelope to open. It is a letter from God an invitation. This is the plan God has for His people. A life of hope and future in heaven forever.
Prayer:	God, you are such a good God. Eternal life is where our hope and future are. Amen