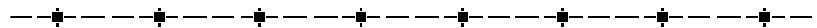


# Old Testament

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# Through the Old Testament in Two Years

## Part Two



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Adaptable for all ages including adults

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## Hezekiah Becomes Ill

Last week we learned that Isaiah prophesied Jesus' birth. He said Israel was in darkness. Jesus would come to bring great light. Isaiah said that Jesus would be called "Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty Father, Prince of Peace." God kept His promise to send Jesus.

## Isaiah 38

### Read the Bible

**READ: Isaiah 38:1-20 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

## Memory Verse

So let us boldly approach  
the throne of grace.  
Then we will receive mercy.  
We will find grace to help us  
when we need it.  
**(Hebrews 4:16 NIV)**

## Begin with Prayer

Hezekiah was the king of Israel. He became very sick. He was about to die. God told him to put things in order and make a will because he would die soon. (Isaiah 38:1)

God wants us to pray and seek Him all the time. He says, "When you look for me with all your heart, you will find me." (Jeremiah 29:13 NIV) Hezekiah prayed to God. Hezekiah told God that he had been faithful and had served Him with all his heart. Hezekiah cried angrily. (Isaiah 38:2) Hezekiah didn't want to die. He wanted to continue to live for God.

## Goals

1. Understand that Hezekiah worshipped God.
2. Recognize that Hezekiah was about to die.
3. Learn that Hezekiah cried out to God for help.
4. Understand that God heard Hezekiah's prayer.

God hears our prayers. "Are any of you in trouble? Then you should pray. Are any of you happy? Then sing songs of praise." (James 5:13 NIV)

God heard Hezekiah's prayer and told Isaiah to speak to Hezekiah. Isaiah told Hezekiah that he would add 15 years to his life. Also, God promised to save Israel from their powerful enemy, the king of Assyria. God said, "I will guard this city." (Isaiah 38:4-6)

God told Hezekiah that He would heal him and give him a miraculous sign. God said, "The shadow that was made by the sun has gone down ten steps on the stairway...I will make it go back up those ten steps." And that is exactly what happened! (Isaiah 38:7-8)

Hezekiah was so grateful to God that he wrote a song of praise once he got well. In his song he talked about "enjoying the best years of ...life." He asked if he had to die now that he was doing that. He talked about not being able to see and be with people. But Hezekiah was devoted to God and he asked about never being able to see the Lord. "Lord I'll never see you again while I am still alive." (Isaiah 38:9-11 NIV)

### Hezekiah Becomes Ill — Bible Facts

1. Hezekiah was the king of Israel.
2. Hezekiah got sick and was about to die.
3. Hezekiah prayed to God for help.
4. God healed Hezekiah.

Hezekiah said that he “cried softly like a weak little bird... groaned like a sad dove.” Hezekiah felt very sick. He was sick and was very sad. But then he remembered God. Hezekiah turned to God in the midst of his illness and troubles. “I looked up toward heaven. Lord, I’m in trouble. Please come and help me!” (Isaiah 38:14 NIV) Even though Hezekiah knew he was dying, he had hope. He knew he could cry out to God. Hezekiah knew he could ask God for help. “So let us boldly approach the throne of grace. Then we will receive mercy. We will find grace to help us when we need it.” (Hebrews 4:16 NIV)

God healed Hezekiah. God kept His promise. Hezekiah’s song said that people have hope because God is faithful to keep His promises. Hezekiah knew that God loved Him and that his suffering was for his benefit. Hezekiah knew that God had forgiven his sins. (Isaiah 38:15-17) When we are in trouble we should pray and ask God for help. If we sin, the Bible tells us that if we confess our sins, God will forgive us. (1 John 1:9) We can always go to God no matter what is happening in our lives.

Hezekiah’s song said that dead people can’t praise God, it’s the living who praise God. He said that the fathers tell their children about God’s faithfulness. “You will save me. So we will sing and play music on stringed instruments. We will sing all the days of our lives in your temple.” (Isaiah 38:18-20 NIV) We should praise God and tell others about God’s faithfulness.

### Review

1. **Who was Hezekiah?** (Hezekiah was the king of Israel.)
2. **What happened to Hezekiah?** (Hezekiah got sick and was about to die.)
3. **What did Hezekiah do?** (Hezekiah prayed to God for help.)
4. **What did God do?** (God healed Hezekiah.)

### Do You Know Jesus?

God helped Hezekiah. God sent Jesus to help us. Jesus died in our place for our sins. He rose from the dead. If we trust Jesus, we can be in Heaven with Him, (Romans 10:9-10) If you would like to know more, talk to your teacher about it.

### Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to help us.
3. Ask God to help you turn to Him in times of trouble.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to turn to God in times of trouble.

### Application

Hezekiah was the king of Israel. He worshipped and loved God. One day he became very ill. Hezekiah was about to die. He felt very sad and very sick. He was even angry, but Hezekiah cried out to God for help. God heard Hezekiah’s prayer and healed him. Hezekiah wrote a song of praise. God wants us to seek Him in times of trouble.

### Planning for Next Week

### Comfort for God’s People — Isaiah 40

# Preschool Lesson

## Read the Bible

**READ: Isaiah 38:1-8, 18-20 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

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### Memory verse for younger children

We will find grace to help us when we need it. (Hebrews 4:16 NIV)

## Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Create a doctor’s bag out of construction paper. See the internet for ideas. Write the Bible verse on the bag.

•**Test your memory** — Hezekiah prayed to God. Make an acrostic on a poster board using the word “prayed.” Let the children think of things related to the story that begin with the letters.

•**Taste activity** — Bring heart-shaped candy.

•**Think about it** — Hezekiah felt sick. But he knew he could pray to God. Talk about the importance of praying to God no matter what is happening to us.

God healed Hezekiah. Hezekiah wrote a song of thanksgiving and praise. Talk about the importance of thanksgiving and praise.

The shadow moved back ten steps. Talk about God’s power.

•**Touch activity** — Create a doctor’s bag out of construction paper. Make items to go in the bag out of construction paper. Cut out a pill bottle, a stethoscope, etc.

Bring a white coat (like a lab coat). Let the children take turns helping the sick.

Make a sun dial.

Pray for those who are sick.

•**Run and play** — The shadow moved back 10 ten steps. Let the children play “Simon Says.” Ask them to walk backwards as they follow the instructions.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to praise Him.

•**Sing** — Sing “Praise Him, Praise Him,” “Whisper a Prayer,” “He Touched Me,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids who did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take doctors’ bags with the Bible verse for them. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

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Hebrews 4:16

## Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Hezekiah

prayed

to God

## Word Search

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# Word Search

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## Word Search

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# Anagram

LLOBDY

CHRAAOPP

ROENTH

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VEEEICR

CEYMR

LEPH

DEEN

SEERWHB



## Anagram

BOLDLY

APPROACH

THRONE

GRACE

RECEIVE

MERCY

HELP

NEED

HEBREWS