

KING HEZEKIAH

2 Kings 18:1-7; 20:1-11



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Message	God is pleased when we fight for Him.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ King Hezekiah turned God's people away from idol worshipping and back to God.■ King Hezekiah fulfils the will of God with all of his heart.■ We should make a stand for God's will and His commands regardless of what others may think.
Bible Text	2 Kings 18:1-7; 20:1-11

King Hezekiah



Hezekiah was twenty-five years old when he became king. He was ruler over his kingdom for twenty-nine years. All over the country, the people were worshipping idols at that time.

The kings before Hezekiah tolerated this.

The people even worshipped a bronze snake, which Moses had made in the wilderness. Hezekiah, though, decided to put an end to all this idolatry.

King Hezekiah gave the order to tear down all the altars and idols. He broke the bronze snake into thousands of pieces. He repaired and cleaned out the temple so that people could worship God again.

This pleased God. God blessed Hezekiah and gave him victory over Sennacherib, king of Assyria.

A while later King Hezekiah became very ill. The prophet Isaiah came to him and told him that he was going to die very soon. Hezekiah listened to the prophet and began to cry. He always tried to do God's will. He prayed to God, he did not want to die.

Isaiah had just left Hezekiah when God told him to turn around and go back to the king. God told Isaiah to tell Hezekiah, "God has seen your tears and has heard your prayers. You will not die. In three days you will be well again and God will give you fifteen more years to live."

King Hezekiah recovered from his illness and lived another fifteen years.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress and additional materials like a crown made of paper, blanket, pillow....

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Why do King Hezekiah's actions please God? (He knows that it is wrong to worship idols).
- What is his intention? (He tries to fulfil the will of God with his whole heart.)
- What does God grant Hezekiah in his sickness? (God gives him fifteen more years to live.)

Have the children repeat...

- King Hezekiah turned God's people away from idol worshipping and back to God.
- King Hezekiah fulfils the will of God with all of his heart.
- We should act likewise regardless of what others may think.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- King Hezekiah fought to eliminate the idol worshipping.
- God is pleased when we fight for Him. (Give examples)

<p style="text-align: center;">Repeat the Message God is pleased when we fight for Him.</p>
