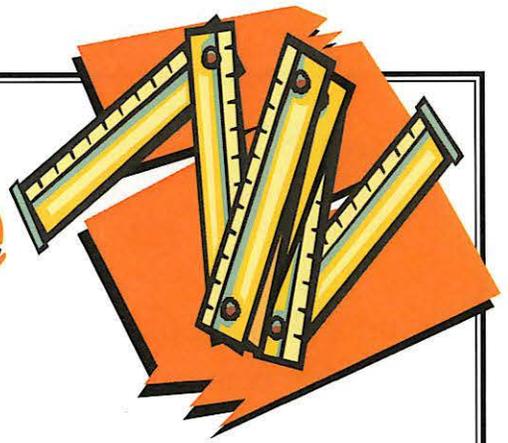


Measuring By God's Rule



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Lesson 8

Good King Hezekiah

Your child should understand...

Faith — Depending on God

Your child should be able to...

1. Identify Hezekiah as a good king.
2. Tell what Hezekiah did when he received the letter from the king of Babylon.
3. Tell how God answered Hezekiah's prayer.

Your child should be able to say...

2 Kings 17:22

“The people of Israel were stubborn. They continued to commit all of the sins Jeroboam had committed. They didn't turn away from them.”

Please read to your child...

- 1 2 Kings 18:1, 3-7
- 2 2 Kings 19:15-20
- 3 2 Kings 20:1-6, 8-11
- 4 2 Kings 20:12-17; 21:1-2, 5-6
- 5 2 Kings 21:8-12, 16-18, 20, 26

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God's Word tells us that for many years after King Joash died, the kingdom of Judah was ruled by wicked kings. Then came good King Hezekiah! He wanted the people to worship only the one true God. He wanted the temple in Jerusalem to be cleaned up. He invited everyone to come to the Feast of the Passover. He had all the idols in the land torn down and broken.

Can you name some of the good things King Hezekiah did when he became king of Judah?

One day King Hezekiah became so sick that he was about to die. He cried and prayed to God. God said that He had heard Hezekiah's prayers and would heal him. God would give the king fifteen more years to live. Hezekiah asked God's prophet Isaiah for a sign that he would be healed.



King Hezekiah asked for the shadow on the stairs to go backward ten steps. This was asking God to make the sun go backward in the sky that day! Isaiah cried to God, and God made it happen just as Hezekiah had asked. King Hezekiah knew that God had healed him and would keep His promise to give him fifteen more years to live.

Did God say that He had heard King Hezekiah's prayers and would heal him?

What sign did Hezekiah ask for to show that God would heal him?

When the king of Babylon heard that Hezekiah had been sick, his son sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah. King Hezekiah did something that was not wise at all. Foolishly, Hezekiah showed the people from Babylon all the treasures of the kingdom of Judah. God told Isaiah to tell Hezekiah that someday the king of Babylon would take all those treasures and some of Hezekiah's sons away to Babylon. When those things happened, that would be the end of the kingdom of Judah.

What foolish thing did King Hezekiah do when he received the letters and gift from the king of Babylon?



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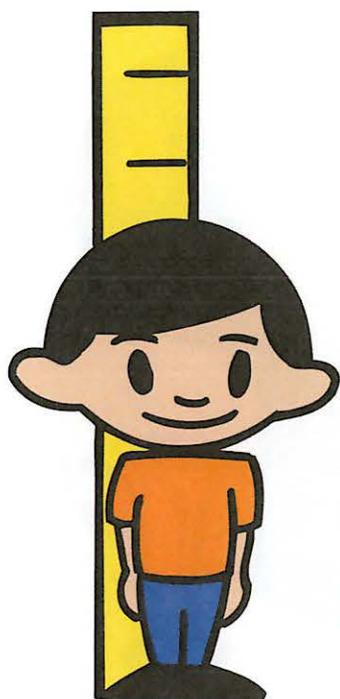
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Memory Verse:

It's time to **say your memory verse in Bible class without any help.** Are you ready to do that?

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Measure What You Know!

What is the book of **Numbers** about?
(Spying out the Promised Land; wandering in the Wilderness)

Say all the **books of the whole Bible** in a loud voice!
(No screaming.)

Look at your **Bible map**, and put your **fist** over the **Wilderness** where the Israelites wandered for forty years.