

Preschool Games

Day 3

Bible Point: God comforts you.

Bible Story: God reassures King Hezekiah. (2 Kings 18:5–19:34)

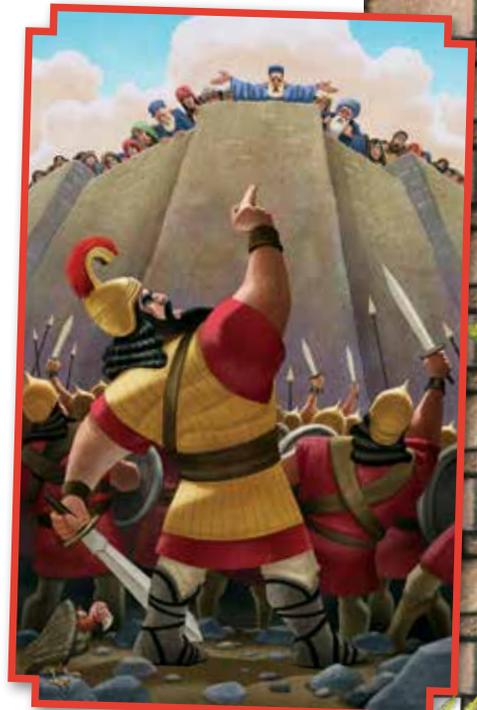
Bible Verse: “He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.”
(2 Corinthians 1:4)

Consider This:

- ◆ Hezekiah inherited a weakened realm, surrounded by powerful kingdoms such as Egypt and Assyria. Nevertheless, he immersed himself in repairing Jerusalem’s fortifications, manufacturing weapons, and overseeing the creation of the Siloam Tunnel to safeguard their water supply.
- ◆ The gold and silver tribute Hezekiah paid to the Assyrian king likely weighed about 26 tons!
- ◆ Not only did the Assyrian field commander hurl a hurricane of insults at Hezekiah, but he did it in Hebrew so Judah’s onlookers could understand every offensive word. At the time, Aramaic was the official language, so it’s surprising that this officer had such a mastery of Hebrew.
- ◆ Hezekiah responded dramatically to the Assyrian lies, threats, and insults. He clothed himself in sackcloth, as a sign of mourning. He headed to the temple and laid the offensive words before God. Then he cried out to God, imploring him to turn his eyes and ears toward his vulnerable children.
- ◆ Apparently the Assyrians had destroyed the surrounding farmland, prohibiting God’s people from planting adequate crops. Yet in 2 Kings 19:29, God promises that his people will have enough food to last two seasons. What a comforting assurance!

Why It Matters...

Though they may not be familiar with his story yet, can relate to Hezekiah. It’s likely that they know what it’s like when circumstances seem too big and overwhelming and it feels like the world has turned against them. God doesn’t promise to take away our problems...but he does promise to be with us, holding us through each one. Today, share your own stories of how you’ve found comfort in God’s presence. As Isaiah did for Hezekiah, be the voice of God’s reassuring comfort when life’s worries press in.



Option 1: Fix the Heart

Cut each heart in half. Put the pieces of the hearts into two different piles, making sure all the half-hearts in one pile have a match in the other.

Say: **It hurts our hearts when we're sad or scared. They might feel broken like these hearts.** Show kids one of the heart pieces. **Let's play a game with these broken hearts. We'll find the other part of each heart and put them back together.**

1. Give each child a half-heart from one pile. Scatter the matching half-hearts from the other pile around your play area.
2. Help kids search for a half-heart that matches theirs. The two pieces should make a complete heart.
3. When kids find their match, have them hold the two pieces together.

Say: **When you're sad or scared, God comforts you. (You are treasured!) He loves you so much. His love can put the pieces of your hurting heart back together.**

Supplies

- ◆ Hearts Papers
- ◆ scissors



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- ◆ small stuffed animals
- ◆ Music

Option 2: Share the Buddy

Say: When we're sad or afraid, it helps to have a cuddly stuffed animal to hold. That comforts us. We can even share our special stuffed animal with a friend when they're sad or afraid. Let's practice sharing a cuddly friend with a fun game.

1. Sit in a circle with one person holding a stuffed animal.
2. Play music and pass the animal around the circle.
3. Stop the music every 15 - 20 seconds or so.
4. Whoever is holding the stuffed animal when the music stops gives it a hug.
5. Continue until everyone gets at least one turn to squeeze the animal.

Say: In our game, we shared our animal to help comfort our friends.

But even when you don't have anything soft to cuddle, **God comforts you! (You are treasured!)** He's always with you.

