



# Vine Dining Snacks

# Day 3

## Bible Point: God comforts you.

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

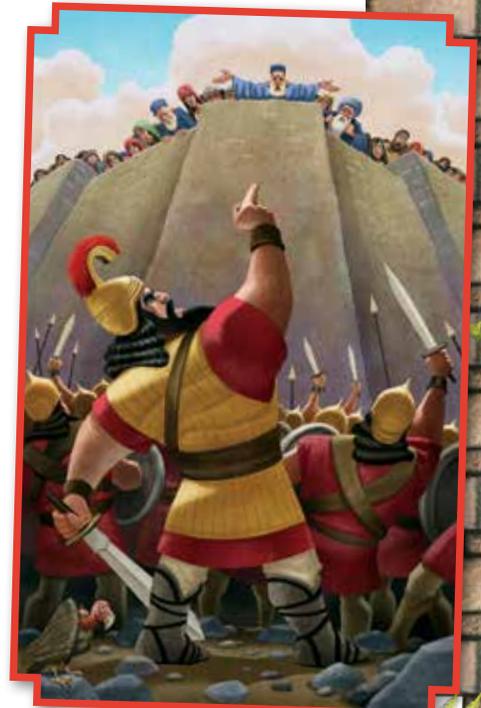
**Bible Verse:** “He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.”  
(2 Corinthians 1:4)

### 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, the kids at your VBS 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.



## Comfort Fries

**Supplies:** Any comfort food.

**Tell about a fun time you ate comfort food with your family or some friends.** Explain that comfort foods are foods that make us feel good, like a food someone always makes to help you feel better when you're sick. **What are some of your favorite comfort foods?**

We all need comfort in our lives. I'm glad that **God comforts you.** (You are **treasured!**) Second Corinthians 1:4 tells us, "He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others."



God comforts you.

