THE STORY @ HOME

KIDS 3RD-6TH NL

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 1 (2026-2027)

Lesson #1-11
Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4

LAST WEEK

The prophet Micah announced that God does not desire thousands of rams or rivers of oil, but rather God requires us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8).

THIS WEEK

When the Assyrian forces threatens Jerusalem, King Hezekiah seeks the prophet Isaiah to pray on behalf of the people. Isaiah encourages the people to rely on God's faithfulness (Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4).

STORY SUMMARY

Today's story takes place during the invasion of Judah by the Assyrians. During this invasion, the king of Assyria sent an army to place a siege on Jerusalem. The king of Assyria questions God's ability to deliver the people of Judah from their suffering. He attempts to break the relationship of trust that the people have with their king, Hezekiah, by sending a messenger to talk to them. When Hezekiah hears the words of this messenger, he turns to Isaiah for help, and Isaiah offers him words of hope and peace from God.

PRACTICE: SERVICE

Today's lesson is a clear call to response to the gifts of God. By responding through justice and mercy, we reach out to serve those people who are in the most need. Make a list of ways that your family can serve others as we move into the holiday season.

THE POINT

God's goodness and peace endure all challenges.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

The World to Come

Our world is broken, filled with violence and hatred. People are sick, they suffer, and there often seems to be little hope. In the Bible, there are many passages that give the people of God hope for the world to come. Imagery in passages such as Isaiah 2:1-4 describes a world where violence will be no more and peace will prosper. In the Book of Revelation, we read the promise of a day when all will love and worship God and there will be no more pain, sickness, or death. As we wait for this world to come, we trust in God's love and promises.

NEXT WEEK

Habakkuk cries out against injustice and lives by faith while he waits for God to act (Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6] 17-19).

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Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

✞In what way does this text speak to our theme of God's plan for peace?
✞What does this scripture have to do with our lives today?
✞What part of this scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4 Isaiah shares God's plan for peace. What would be your plan for peace?
Monday—Read Isaiah 38:1-8 Hezekiah prays, and God saves him from dying from an illness. In what ways does God save people from illness today? If you know someone who is sick or in the hospital, visit them. Thank the healthcare workers.
Tuesday—Read 2 Kings 21:1-16 King Manasseh's reign was evil in the sight of the Lord. In what ways do we turn away from God? Pray for forgiveness for those times.
Wednesday—Read 2 Kings 22:1-13 Hilkiah the high priest found the missing book of the Law in the temple. Find and count the loose change in your home. Consider donating it to your church.
Thursday—Read 2 Kings 22:14-20 King Josiah humbled himself before God and was blessed. Skim through a section of the Bible. Tell each other what word God is sharing with you.
Friday—Read 2 Kings 23:1-14 King Josiah removed false worship and vowed to follow the Lord. Spend time listening to an elder.
Saturday—Read 2 Kings 23:21-30 King Josiah's reign ended when he died in battle. For the rest of the day, put away something that gets in the way of your relationship with God.

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