

Description	Image
<h1 data-bbox="134 322 754 383">Hezekiah Trusts God</h1>	 <p data-bbox="970 577 1299 631">King Hezekiah Prays for Health 2 King 20:1-11</p>
<p data-bbox="108 645 743 719">Hezekiah was a very good king. He prayed often and he always obeyed God.</p>	
<p data-bbox="108 1014 778 1167">One day King Hezekiah became very ill and almost died. Even though he was sick, Hezekiah did not forget the Lord or blame him. He just continued to pray and ask God for good health.</p>	
<p data-bbox="108 1417 756 1525">Isaiah, the Prophet came to visit Hezekiah. Isaiah had bad news from the Lord. He told King Hezekiah this: "You will not get well."</p>	

As soon as Isaiah left, Hezekiah began to pray to God. He did not want to die. The people needed him. He wanted to teach them to love and obey God. Hezekiah cried and kept on praying and begging God to make him well.



So, the Lord spoke to Isaiah before he had even left the courtyard. He told him to go back to the king. "Tell Hezekiah that I will heal him. In 3 days, he should go to the temple. I will add 15 years to his life."



Isaiah went straight to the king and told him the good news. "King Hezekiah, God has heard your prayers! In 3 days, you should go to the temple. The Lord says you will live for 15 more years!"



The King was very happy. Now he would have the chance to help his people.



Isaiah told Hezekiah's servants to boil some figs and make a paste to put on the king's skin. The king immediately got better.



King Hezekiah began thinking... "How can I be sure of Isaiah's message? Is it really true?" Hezekiah wanted a sign. Something to prove that he really would live for 15 more years.



Isaiah asked, "Do you see the shadow on the steps? God will make the shadow move as a sign to you. Do you want it to move forward or backward?" Hezekiah answered, "It is easy for a shadow to move forward...that is how the sun always makes the shadow move. How about if I ask for something that is impossible? If the shadow goes BACK 10 steps, then I know that it is a sign from God."



So, when Isaiah called to the Lord, the Lord made something impossible happen. The shadow began to move backward. It moved backward 10 steps! Now King Hezekiah knew that Isaiah's message was true! So, Hezekiah obeyed the Lord and went to the temple.



Guess how many more years Hezekiah lived? That is right...15 years. Just like God said.

