

Make the story

King Hezekiah's crown

Make King Hezekiah's crown. Using the template, colour and cut out 3 'King' words. Decorate with gems or whatever else is available. Now take one of the long strips of card and glue your 'King' words to it side by side, leaving a space at each end. Ask a leader to help you wrap it round your head to form a crown and stick with tape to secure.



Who did King Hezekiah turn to when he was very sick and about to die?

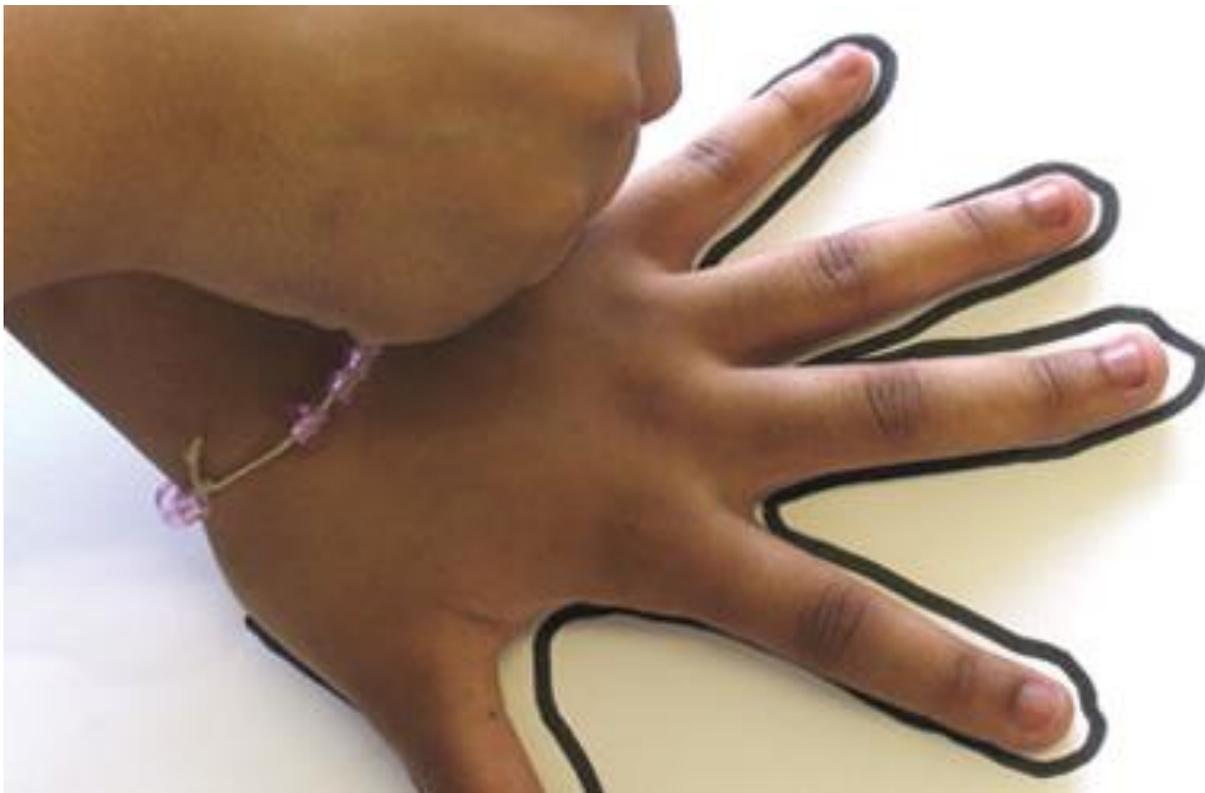
What do you think King Hezekiah learned from his illness and recovery?

Explore the story

Hand Challenge Prayer activity

“A challenge is an opportunity in disguise.”

Using your non-writing hand throughout, (it’s a challenge!) draw around your writing hand, then cut it out.



What challenges are you facing right now? Write or draw them on one side of the hand.

What opportunities are there too? Write these on the other side of the hand.

If you would like to, ask God to help you face the challenges and learn new things.

Get Sensory with the Story

Down the Well

So, they took Jeremiah and put him into an empty well. Zedekiah's men lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the well. It didn't have any water in it. All it had was mud. And Jeremiah sank down into the mud. Jeremiah 38:6

Go into the den or tent and sit in the dark space.

Your leader will provide different items to feel and sounds to listen to.

Think about all the creepy crawlies and larger animals that might have lived inside a dark, damp, deep well.

Listen to the sound effects What sounds can you identify?

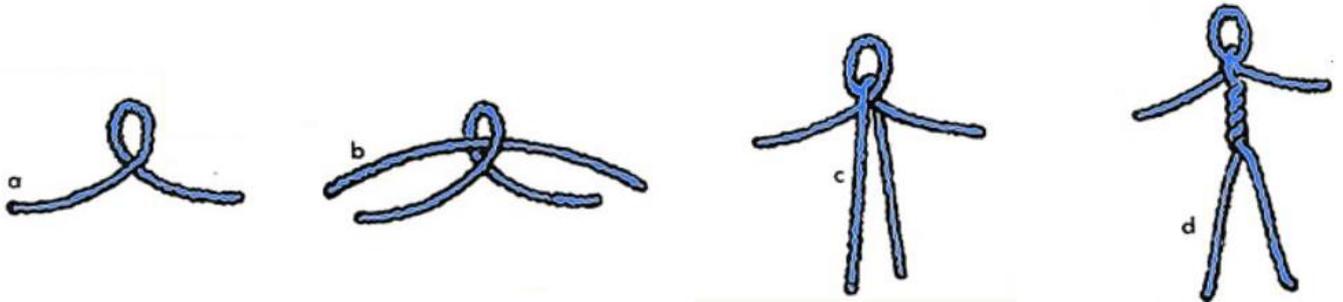
Talk about what it was like for Jeremiah lying in deep mud at the bottom of a well with no food or anything to drink. Would anyone come to his aid or would he just lie there until he died from cold, hunger or lack of water?

How do you think Jeremiah felt when he realized he was going to be rescued?



Build the story Pipe cleaner men

Make a pipe cleaner person using 2 pipe cleaners, by following the steps in the diagram below.

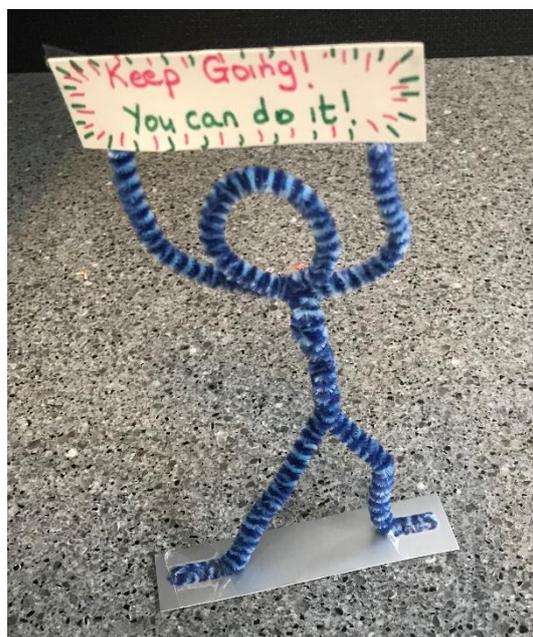


Cut a strip of card that will be the right size for the pipe cleaner person to hold like a banner (approx. 2x8cms)

Think of an encouraging slogan to write on your banner:

Go For It! You Can Do It! Don't Give Up! You're Nearly There!

Stick the banner to your pipe cleaner man with sticky tape. To make him stand, sticky tape his feet to another strip of card.



Like Jeremiah, there are lots of things we might need to persevere with. God wants us to be the best we can be and that means persevering with lots of stuff. God will always help us if we ask - that's why he sends his Holy Spirit to live inside of us when we decide to follow him. Remember when you are persevering with something like Jeremiah did, God is cheering you on!

Recreate a scene

Clothes peg whale

Cut out the whale shape from the template onto card or draw your own. Colour in your whale. Cut 3 strips of blue ribbon and curl around a pair of scissors. Stick to the underside of the whale with sticky tape so they look like a spray of water. Glue each half of the whale to the clothes peg making sure that both halves line up. Only glue the edge of each half-whale to one half of the clothes peg. You can now open and close your clothes peg to reveal Jonah in the whale's mouth.



Retell the scene in the story where Jonah is swallowed by the whale.

Get active with the story

Finding Jonah Challenge!

Have a go at the 'Finding Jonah' Challenge.
There are lots of small items hidden in the tray.
You are looking for the small figure of Jonah.



Your leader will show you the figure and then will put a blindfold on you. Then s/he will hide 'Jonah' in the tray and set a timer.

Ready, steady go! **Using only one hand**, dig around in the tray and try to find the small figure of Jonah. See how fast you can be. Once you have found the figure, your leader will stop the timer and record your time. Check out how you did in comparison to others. You could repeat the challenge and see if you can beat your time!



How easy it was to find the Jonah figure. Was it harder with the blindfold? Did you have a plan? How did God know where to find Jonah?