



Materials I Need:

Memory Work:

Learning the Old Testament books of the Bible from Genesis.

<i>The Prophet</i>	<i>Isaiah (Yahweh is Salvation)</i>
<i>The People</i>	<i>Judah, the Israelites who lived around Jerusalem</i>
<i>The Prophecy</i>	<i>Your Sin, Your Savior</i>
<i>The Principle</i>	<i>The Savior Is Coming</i>

Aim Questions:

1. Who is Sennacherib?
2. When Sennacherib sent a representative to Jerusalem he makes 5 points. Look in Chapter 36 and see how many you can identify.
 1. Do you think words are a substitute for military power and strategy?
 2. Do you think you can rely on the broken reed of Egypt?
 3. Do you say you can rely on the Lord your God? If so, how can you get an oracle from your God since Hezekiah has torn down all the high places?
 4. Do you have enough military to repel even one Assyrian company?
 5. Finally, do you think I would come against your country without the support of your God?
3. Who is Hezekiah?
4. What did Hezekiah do that showed his pride?
5. What was Isaiah's prophecy concerning this show of pride? (All of Hezekiah's treasures would be carried off by the Babylonians)
6. When you get really cool stuff, do you like to show it to friends, family and even people you do not know? Be careful and ask yourself, is this pride?

Hook:

CARDS, CARDS, CARDS. Bring in several different types of greeting cards. What are the categories represented by these cards? Can you think of some other types? Do you like to receive cards? What is the purpose of these cards? [**Answer:** communication, to celebrate birthdays, miss you, anniversaries, get well, birth announcements, etc.] In today's Adventure identify the times these Kings communicated and what they had to say.

REVIEW. Bring out the flash cards you have been giving out each week. Place them all in a hat and have the Bible students take turns drawing them out of the hat. Have the student that pulls the card, quiz the rest of the students.

MESSENGER. Have a messenger enter with a bag of scrolls. The cloth bag says A.M.S. [Assyrian Messenger Service] The messenger has on a name tag that says Commander Assyrian Army. He is also wearing a job title A.M.S. Military uniform would add to the overall effect. Messenger enters through the door and says:

“ATTENTION” As you can see I am a Commander of the Assyrian Army [point out really cool

name tag] Today, I am representing the A.M.S. for King Sennacherib. That's Assyrian Messenger Service. When King Sennacherib has a very important and secret message to be delivered he calls upon me, the Commander of the Assyrian Army, for A.M.S. duty. Today King Sennacherib has need of my services [point out really cool name tag] So, I am here at his will and for his service with a very important message for King Hezekiah. This is all very hush-hush. [an aside to the teachers as the Commander is preparing to exit] I am in need of direction. Take me to the Palace of King Hezekiah. These Jerusalem streets can be such a maze.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -



GET WELL CARD. Make a giant get-well card from the king of Babylon to King Hezekiah.

Bible Adventure -

We have learned so far from the book of Isaiah that God's people have been in rebellion against Him. Because of this rebellion, now, He must judge them. He allowed Assyria to attack and conquer Israel, scattering her people. Now they are right on Judah's northern border, and Judah is worried. Many are pressuring King Hezekiah to make an alliance with Egypt and fight the Assyrians. God warns them through Isaiah not to do this. He describes Egypt's fate--they will be carried off as captives themselves. God's message is clear--trust in Him alone.

Did Judah listen to God's warning not to put their trust in Egypt? I am afraid they did not. King Hezekiah and many other people kept looking to Egypt as a possible help in time of their trouble. So God allowed Assyria to attack several cities in Judah and capture them. Then Sennacherib, the King of Assyria, sent his field Commander with a large Army to Jerusalem. He told King Hezekiah's officials to take a message to their King. The message was meant to frighten Hezekiah and his people. The Assyrian Commander first made fun of Israel's military strength and said their strength was only words. Then he told them they were foolish to look to Egypt for help. Egypt would soon be attacked, too. The Assyrian Commander even dared to poke fun at God, saying that of all the countries they had conquered, not one had a god who was able to save them. Besides that, he reminded them, Hezekiah had torn down all the high places and altars. (Hezekiah had torn them down because they were used to worship false gods.) How would they now be able to communicate with their God? This man bragged of the strength of the Assyrian Army and said that Judah would not stand a chance against their numbers. Finally, and this was probably the most frightening of all, he told them that their God was the One who told the Assyrians to attack Judah. He played on the fears of the people listening, telling them not to trust in their God, even when King Hezekiah told them. The field Commander wanted them to make peace with Sennacherib, his King.

Hezekiah's officials immediately went to him and told him what the Assyrian Commander had said. Hezekiah was a godly King. The first thing he did upon hearing this news was to go to God's temple. He sent his officials to Isaiah, and had them report that the Assyrian Commander had dared to insult the one true God. Hezekiah cared very much about God's reputation, and that He should be shown honor and respect. He asked Isaiah to pray for those in Jerusalem.

Isaiah sent his reply back to Hezekiah. "This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard--those words with which the underlings of the King of Assyria have blasphemed me." God said through Isaiah that He would cause the commander to leave Jerusalem, and that King Sennacherib would die in his own country.

Before Sennacherib was killed, though, he received a report that one of the Kings of Egypt was coming with an Army to help Hezekiah. Sennacherib immediately sent a letter, telling Hezekiah not to depend on God to save them. Again, Hezekiah went to God's temple, spread the letter out before the Lord, and prayed. His prayer gave praise to God as the head of all nations on earth and asked God to save Judah from Assyria. He wanted all men to know that Judah's God was the only God. God again answered Hezekiah's prayer by pronouncing judgment upon Sennacherib. Through Isaiah, God's Word to Sennacherib is absolutely clear. Sennacherib's pride, led him to insult and count as nothing the Holy One of Israel. Assyria's conquests were all planned and brought about by God. Assyria had been a tool in

God's hands to judge other nations. He could do with Assyria whatever he wished. He said about Sennacherib, "He will not enter this city (Jerusalem), or shoot an arrow here....I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David, my servant." Then the Angel of the Lord went out into Sennacherib's camp and killed 185,000 men. Sennacherib took the rest of his Army home. Not long after that, while he was in the temple of his false god, his own sons murdered him.

About this same period of time Hezekiah became very ill. Isaiah came to him and told him to prepare himself because he would soon die. Hezekiah cried out to God in prayer. God sent Isaiah to tell him that God would add 15 more years to his life. Hezekiah was very grateful, and thanked God for giving him 15 more years to praise Him. After he recovered, the son of the King of Babylon sent letters and a gift, saying he was glad Hezekiah was healthy again. Hezekiah took the Babylonians into his storehouses, showing them everything of worth in the whole palace and in the entire kingdom. When Isaiah heard of this he prophesied that all of those treasures Hezekiah was so proud of would one day be carted off by the Babylonians. You see, God still meant to judge Judah for her rebellion. Even Hezekiah, for all his godliness, failed several times to place his trust in God alone.

Have you found it difficult to trust God at times? Life, occasionally, can bring some disturbing and even frightening things our way. God demonstrates again and again in His Word that He is completely trustworthy. The God who can use great nations as His tools would surely have no trouble taking on your problems, would He? Let's stop worrying and trying to solve things ourselves and learn to trust God, and trust Him alone.



Look:



MESSAGES. Work through "messages" worksheets in small groups. Open up those Bibles and find out who sent which message to whom and then address the envelopes. Use the extra card to make a get well card for king Hezekiah. Bring in small stickers to use as stamps then cut, fold & staple.

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SEND IT. Have "missing you" postcards available for the Bible students to fill out for missing students. Teachers, call the church office and see if they have friends or members who could use a get well card.



HEZEKIAH. How many words can you make out of the letters HEZEKIAH. Try this on an overhead or in small groups. **3ISA12JR.GF2**



MAZE. Look for the path the messenger from Assyria took to get to Jerusalem. **3ISA12JR.GF2**



A.M.S. Assyrian Messenger Service. Use your imagination to draw what you think the A.M.S. might have looked like. **3ISA12JR.GF3**



Took:



JUMPIN' 4 P's.

The Prophet is Isaiah
The People are from Judah
The Prophecy---Your Sin, Your Savior
The Principle---The Savior is Coming
The Savior is Coming
These are the 4 P's
Got 'em from Isaiah
Now it's time --- to jump out.

[to make into a rap, delete the last line and repeat the second to the last line]

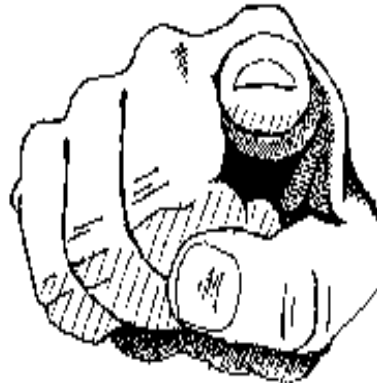
PROPHET FLASH CARD. Use the cards that are distributed with the Chart the Prophets map.

REVIEW. Review the Commander's questions in Chapter 36. King Hezekiah had told the people not to answer him, vs. 21. Discuss what answers they might have otherwise given. The questions are listed in the AIM QUESTIONS.

WHY? Why do you trust in the Lord? During small group ask this question. Give the students an opportunity to share but the focus here is the teachers. Be prepared to reply to your own question with your testimony.

PRAYER. Today and this week, let's focus on praising God. We can trust in the Lord.







Choose you this day whom you will serve?



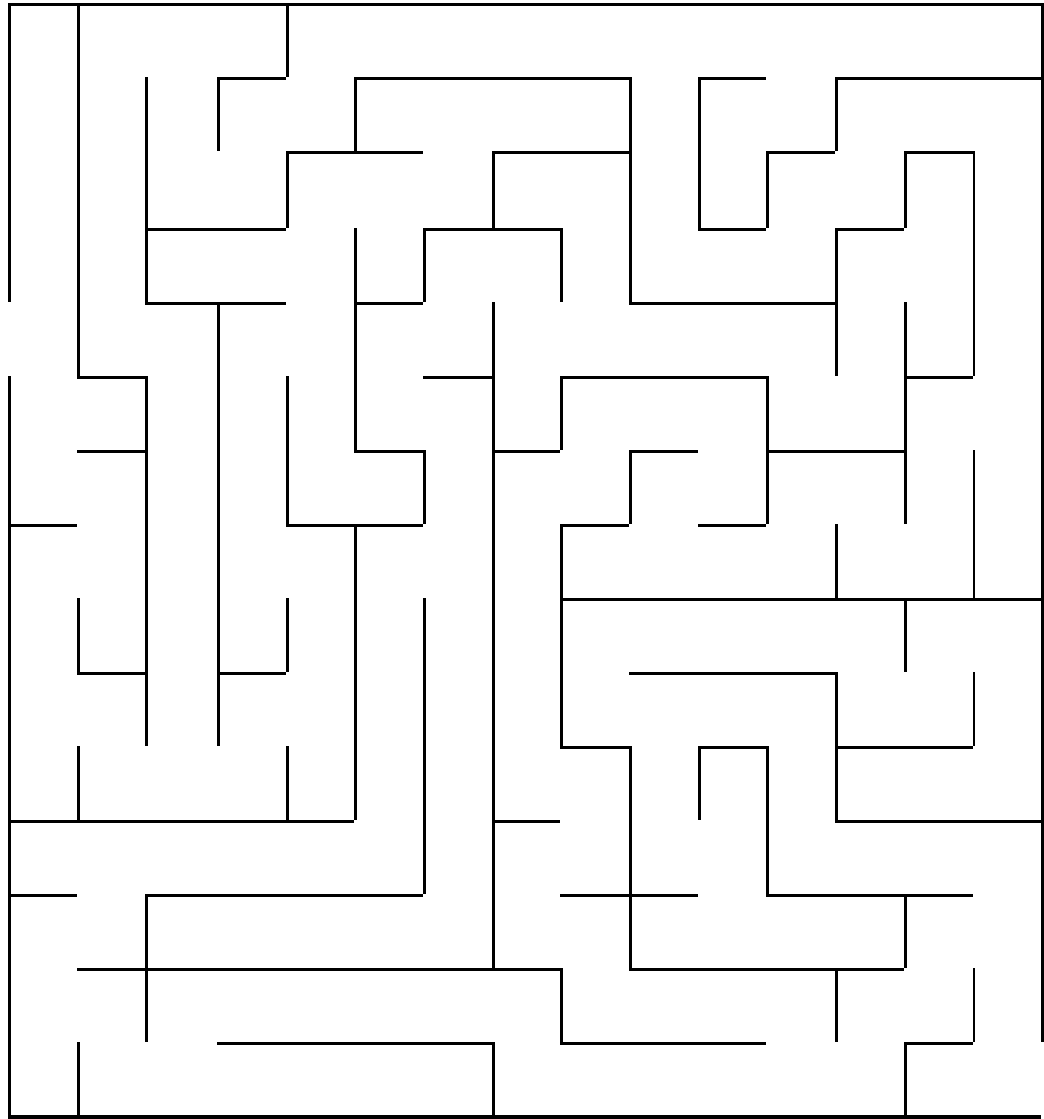


These messages went back and forth between Sennacherib, king of Assyria, Hezekiah, king of Judah and Isaiah the prophet. Address them to the correct person. Use the extra one to make a get-well card for King Hezekiah.

<p>You say you have strategy and military strength—but you speak only empty words. On whom are you depending that you rebel against me?</p> <p>Sennacherib, King of Assyria</p>	<p>This day is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace. It may be that the Lord your God will hear the words of the field commander whom his master the King of Assyria has sent to ridicule the living God.</p> <p>King Hezekiah of Judah</p>	<p>This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard.</p> <p>Isaiah Prophet of God</p>
<p>Do not let the god you depend on deceive you when he says “Jerusalem will not be handed over to the King of Assyria.” Surely you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the countries destroying them completely.</p> <p>Sennacherib King of Assyria</p>	<p>This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: “Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib, king of Assyria... I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant</p> <p>Isaiah Prophet of God</p>	

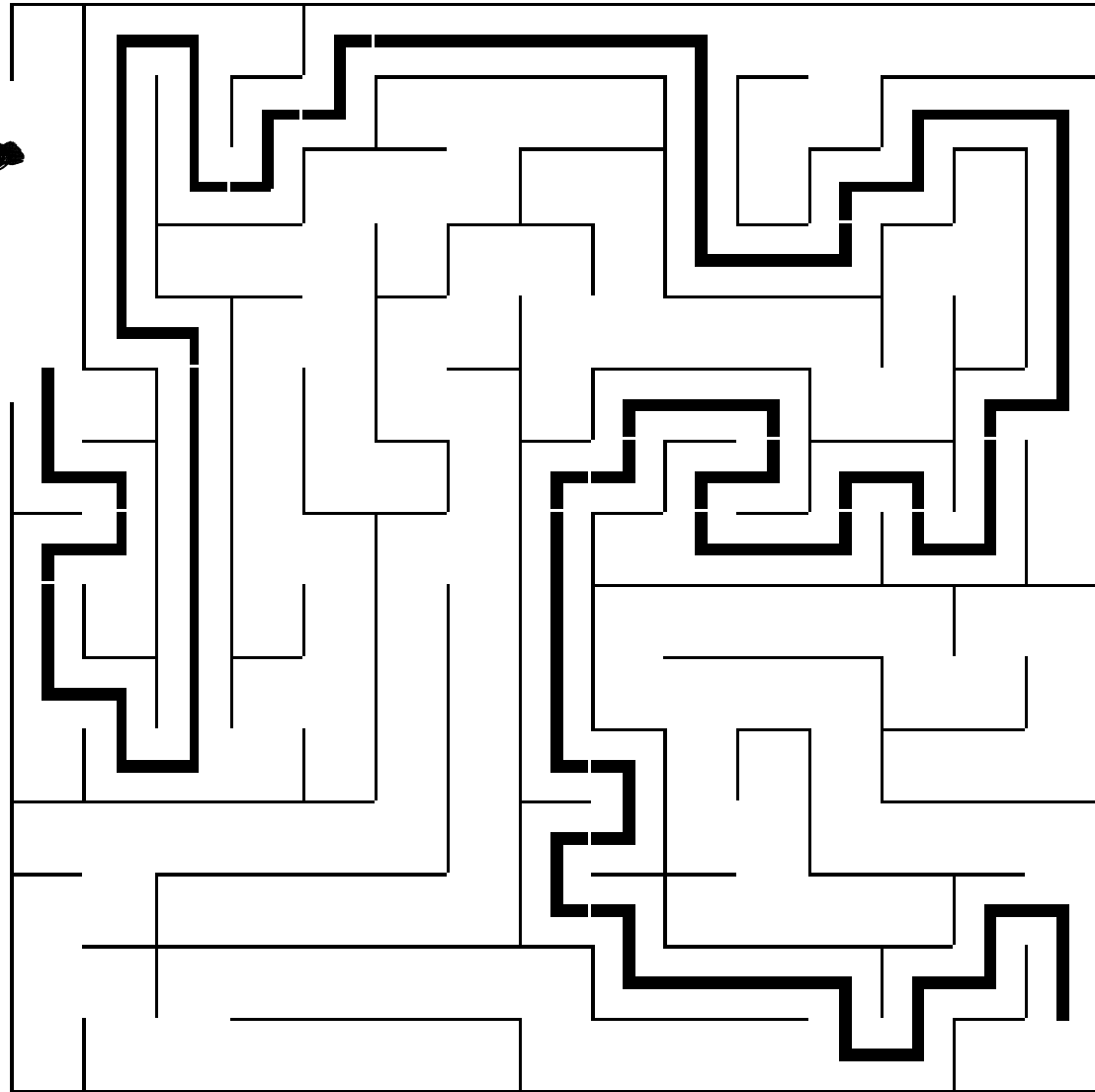
		
<p>To:</p> <p>[Isaiah 37:5,6]</p>	<p>To:</p> <p>[Isaiah 37:2]</p>	<p>To:</p> <p>[Isaiah 36:4]</p>
		
<p>To: King Hezekiah</p>	<p>To:</p> <p>[Isaiah 37:21]</p>	<p>To:</p> <p>[Isaiah 37:9]</p>

HEZEKIAH



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As you write words down,
think about what kind of
man he was, good & bad.

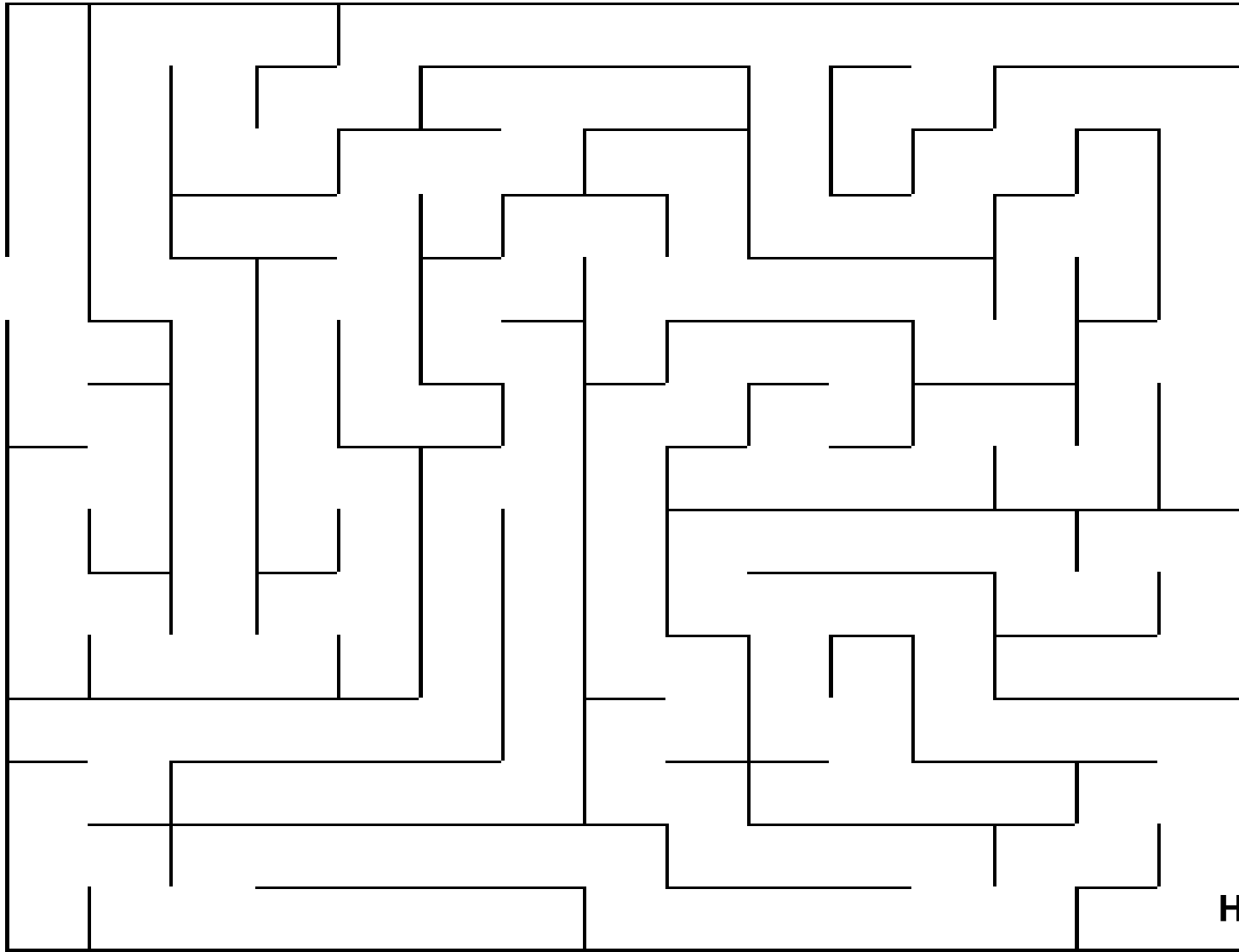
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How many words can you make out of HEZEKIAH? As you write words down, think about what kind of man he was, good & bad.



Describe what each person is feeling or doing.
Talk about praying to God anytime and anywhere no matter what you are doing.



Hezekiah

Draw your Assyrian messenger here.



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Draw your Assyrian messenger here.

