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# LETTER TO THE PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Thank you for sharing your child with me as we learn about God's Word together. Your child is going to enjoy learning the lessons for this quarter.

Unit I, "God's Children Worship," begins with the example of Abraham (Abram), who built altars to mark occasions when God called him to greater faithfulness. Lesson 2 reveals Solomon's awareness of people's tendency to sin. Lesson 3 shows us Hezekiah's prayerful realization that the Lord alone is God. Lesson 4 demonstrates the importance of spiritual leadership, as evidenced through Josiah's call to return the people to the right worship.

Unit II, "God's Children Sing," looks at songs that Israel used in worship. Lesson 5 notes the deliverance of Israel from Pharaoh and the song Miriam led in response. In lesson 6, the children will hear the background story of the death of Uriah. In lesson 7, the children will study the miraculous rescue of Daniel's friends—and in lesson 8, Daniel's rescue from the lions' den. Lesson 9 looks at Psalm 62, a song of trust in God.

Unit III, "God's Children Give Thanks," looks at four songs. In lesson 10, the background is Psalm 23. The children's focus is on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Lessons 11 and 12 focus on Psalms 150 and 100, which instruct everything and all people to praise God. Lesson 13 looks at Psalm 139, which serves as a reminder of the intimate relationship that God shares with humanity.

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Your Child's Teacher





# A Special Celebration

Lesson Scripture: Genesis 13:8-18



## Key Verse

Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD. (Genesis 13:18)







## A Special Celebration

(Genesis 13:8-18)

The herdsmen of Abram and his nephew Lot argued about having enough food for the animals. So, Abram and Lot decided to live in different lands.

Lot picked the plain of Jordan in the east that was well watered. Lot lived near Sodom, where the people did not obey God. Abram lived in the land of Canaan. After Lot left, God told Abram He would give him all the land he could see in every direction. God would bless Abram with many children, too. Abram had a special celebration and built an altar to thank God.

## For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, your child heard that Abram and his nephew Lot decided to live in different lands. When Abram went to live in the land of Canaan, God told Abram that He would bless him with many children and all the land he could see. Abram celebrated and built an altar to worship God. Help your child recall blessings and find a special place in which to give thanksgiving to God for the blessings.

**Faith Block**

**I thank God!**

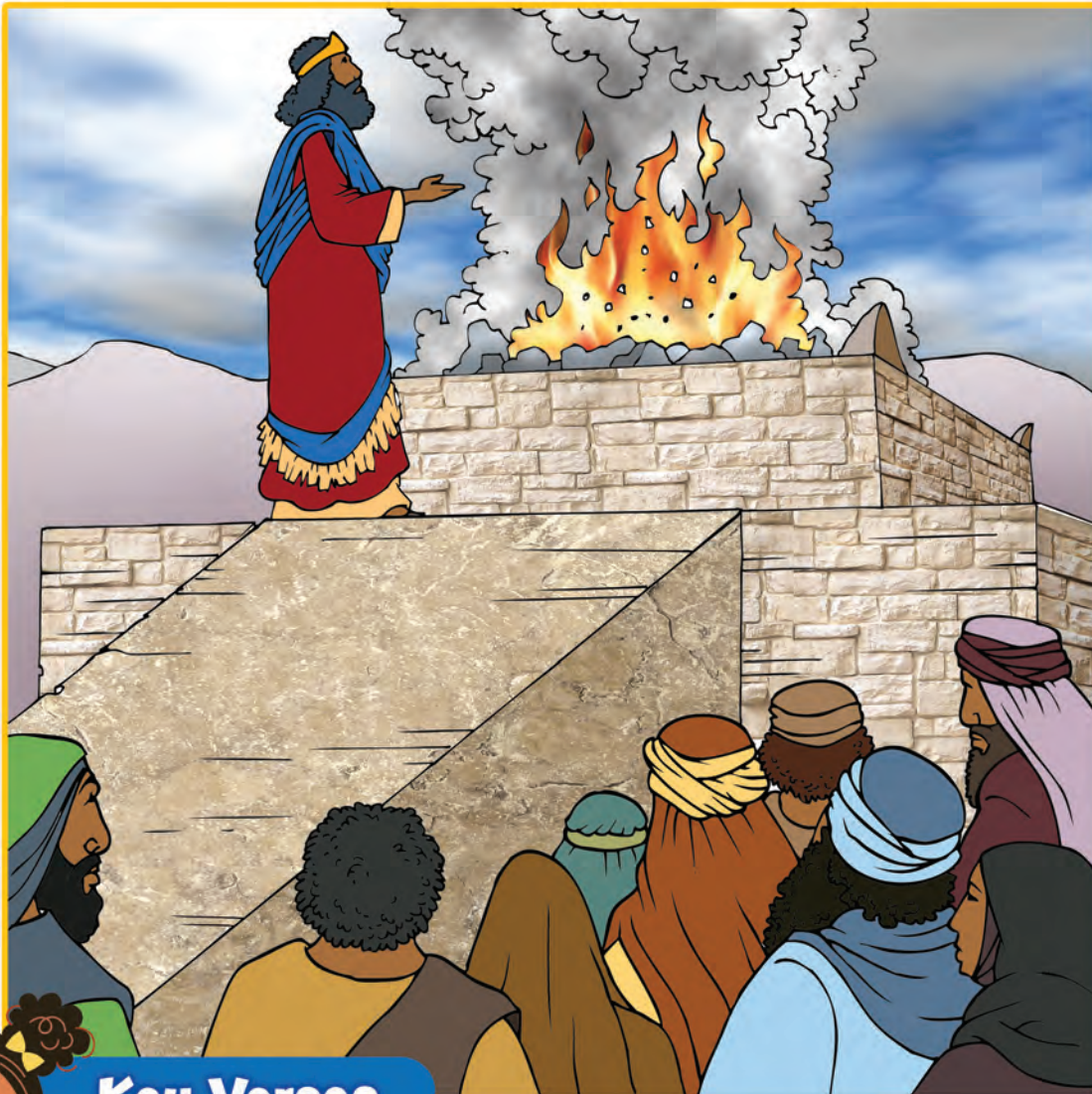
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# Say It for Us

Lesson Scripture: 1 Kings 8:22-24, 37-39a



## Key Verses

"When a prayer or plea is made by anyone among your people Israel—being aware of the afflictions of their own hearts, . . . then hear from heaven, your dwelling place." (1 Kings 8:38, 39a)







## Say It for Us

(1 Kings 8:22-24, 37-39a)

Solomon stood in front of everyone in Israel. He faced the altar. Solomon stretched his arms toward heaven. Solomon spoke for the people. He prayed, saying that there is no one like God. God shows His love to His people. God keeps His agreements with them. God is kind to those who follow Him. God had kept His promise to David.

Solomon continued praying: "Suppose the people have trouble or become sick, and they stretch out their hands toward the Temple and pray. During these times, please listen to the people's prayers and forgive them. God, give Your people what they deserve."

## For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, your child read about Solomon's praying for all the people of Israel. With outstretched hands, Solomon prayed that there is no one like God, who loved them. Solomon asked God to hear the prayers of His people and forgive them. This week, talk to your child about how God knows our hearts and hears our prayers. Pray with your child every day.

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### Faith Block

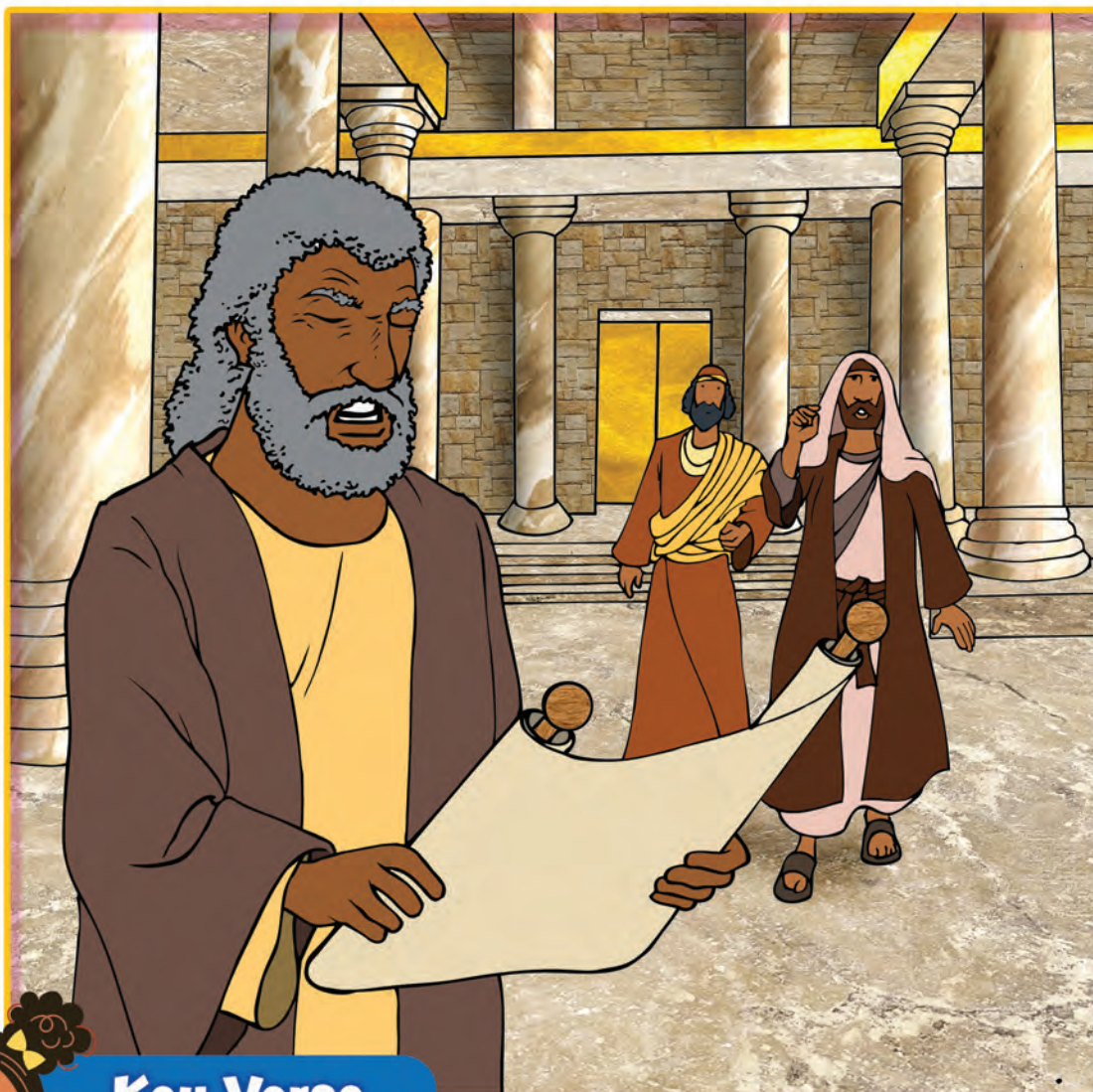
**I pray to God!**





# Help Me!

Lesson Scripture: 2 Kings 19:14-20, 29-31



## Key Verse

[Hezekiah prayed,] "Now, LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, LORD, are God."  
(2 Kings 19:19)







## Help Me!

(2 Kings 19:14-20, 29-31)

King Sennacherib of Assyria wrote a letter to King Hezekiah of Judah. The letter made fun of God. Hezekiah took the letter to the Temple and laid it out before God. Hezekiah knew that God had control over all the earth. Hezekiah prayed, asking God to help him. Hezekiah prayed that God would save the Israelite people. And everyone would know that God is the only true God.

The prophet Isaiah told Hezekiah God heard his prayer. Within three years, the people would plant, pick what grew, and eat. God's incredible love would return the people and bless them.

## For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, your child heard that Hezekiah, king of Judah, took a threatening letter from Sennacherib, king of Assyria, to God. Hezekiah prayed, asking God to help him. He knew that God was in control of everything. God told the prophet Isaiah that He heard Hezekiah's prayer. Tell your child that we can always talk to God when we need help. Pray with your child, thanking God for helping him or her.

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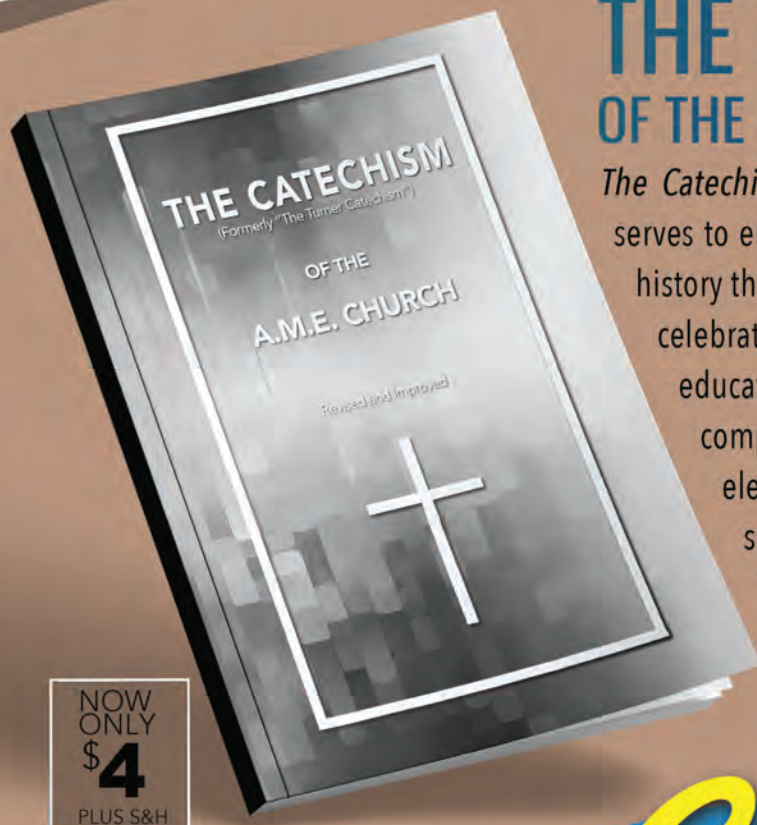
### Faith Block

**God helps us!**





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