

HEZEKIAH'S WALL

Scripture:

**II Kings 18:1-19:37, Isaiah 22:8-11,
II Chronicles 30-32**

Materials Needed:

Memory Verse: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5,6

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—When Hezekiah was threatened by Sennacherib taking his cities, he repaired Jerusalem's wall and springs and tried paying off the king, but he was rebuked by Isaiah for not thinking of turning to God.

To Realize—when one is facing a problem, he should not lean on his own understanding and ability to solve it, but should rely on God.

To Respond by—going to God in prayer and dependence.

Setting up the Story:

There are some things that are always good and some things that are always bad. And some things that might be good or they might be bad—it depends. I'm going to say something. If it is always a good thing, put your thumbs up. If it is always a bad thing, put your thumbs down. If it isn't a good or bad thing, shake your hand back/forth. Ready?

Telling a lie.

Being kind.

Arguing with your parents.

Eating.

Talking.

Disobeying.

Walking your dog.

Building a wall.

You don't know if this is a good thing, or a bad thing. But in the Bible lesson today, someone builds a wall. And at the end I am going to ask you if it was a good thing, or a bad thing in the lesson. And then I am going to ask you WHY.

Scripture

Telling the story:

- I. Hezekiah Does What is Right
 - A. Had removed high places
 - B. Invited Israel to Passover
 - C. Repaired Temple
 - D. Clung to the Lord with all his heart.
 - E. Stopped paying tribute and made an alliance with Egypt

As you tell the story:

- II. Sennacherib Invades Judah
 - A. Takes 46 cities
 - B. Captures 200,000 captives
- III. Hezekiah Makes Repairs and Pays Assyria
 - A. Cuts off water supply
 - B. Creates new water supply: Siloam pool
 - C. Repairs broken walls
 - D. Encloses western side of city
 - 1. breaks down homes to do it
 - 2. on northern side, 22 ft. wide
 - E. Makes weapons and shields
 - F. Assyria at Lachish: pays from Temple money.
- IV. Isaiah Rebukes Hezekiah
 - A. For trusting in and building the water supply
 - B. Not turning to God in sackcloth and ashes

Concluding the Story:

Was building a wall a good thing or bad thing in this lesson? Bad. Why? Because Hezekiah trusted in it instead of trusting in the Lord.

Walking a dog. Let me tell you about a boy. He was eight years old. Every afternoon, the older kids would get off the bus in his neighborhood and they would walk by his house on their way home. One day they made fun of him and called him some names. And he was scared of them. He didn't want them to call him names. So he started thinking about what he could do about those older boys walking past his house. Then he started thinking about his dog. His dog wasn't a big dog, but what do you think he was thinking? Is it wrong to walk his dog? Well, what had he forgotten to do FIRST? TRUST in the Lord. He was trying to figure out his own problem.

Maybe you have some things that scare you. And you try to figure them out all on your own. You know what Hezekiah would say to you?

Read verse together.

Pray.