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Read the story of King Hezekiah. Color the picture.

KING HEZEKIAH

II Kings 20:1-19

Hezekiah was a good king at first. He ordered the temple to be cleaned out, the false gods to be destroyed, and the people to worship the true God of heaven and obey His Word. God blessed him and gave him great riches.

Then Hezekiah became very sick. God sent him word to set his business in order because he would soon die. Hezekiah was devastated! He didn't want to die! He didn't want to leave this world, its pleasures, and riches. He wept and begged God to let him live. He reminded God of all the good works he had done. He did not pray for God's will. He just wanted his way.

At last, God granted the king's request and said that He would let him live 15 more years. Sadly, God's Word by faith was not enough for Hezekiah. He selfishly

wanted proof that he could **see**. What do you think God did? He performed a miracle and made the shadow of the sun go *ten degrees backward!* Hezekiah had his proof!

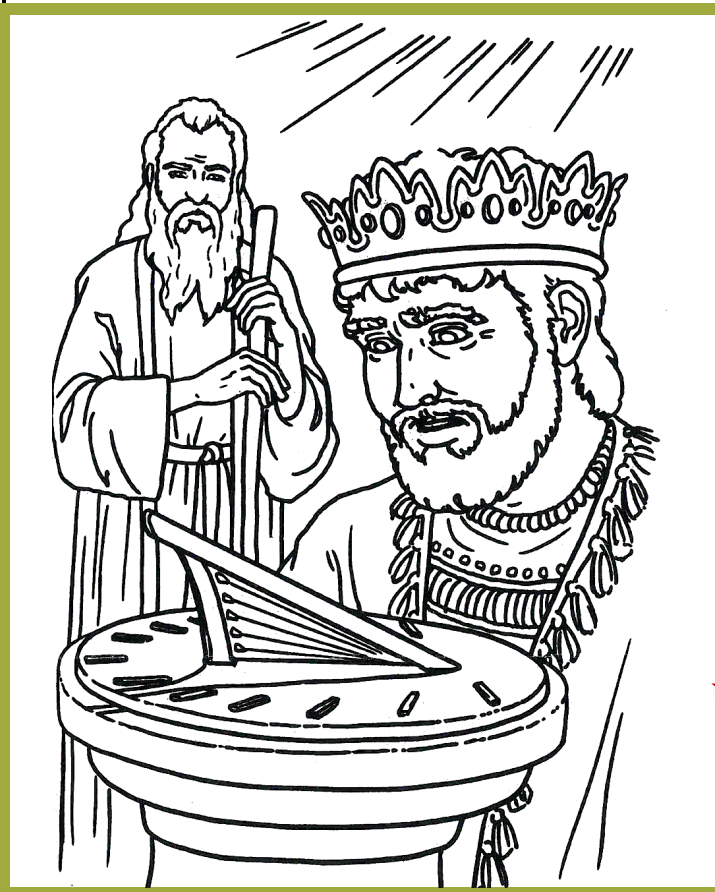
Hezekiah was delighted to live, but he did not give God praise or use the extra time for God's glory. When an enemy king sent messengers with a big gift to visit him, he was so proud and excited that he showed them everything in the palace—silver, gold, riches, armor-- all the treasure! He forgot that **God** had given him those riches and that he was only the steward to care for them. He did not tell the visitors of His God but took all the glory for himself.

God could not trust or honor such a man any longer. God sent word that all of the treasures that Hezekiah was so proud of would be taken away and used by a heathen king to honor false gods. Worse yet, his sons would be taken as slaves to Babylon. What an awful judgment! Hezekiah was very glad because it would not happen during his lifetime. He said, "It is good if peace and faith be in my days." He was not concerned about the coming sorrow, punishment, and destruction as long as it did not fall on him!

How sad! Hezekiah cared only for his own comfort and safety, not about the future for his children or his people. He became short-sighted and selfish.

Oh, put the Lord first! Be sure He is your Savior, then live every day for Him. Live so that if death should come you would not have any regrets, and in the time God gives you on this earth, walk humbly and faithfully with Him. Do God's will and please Him, not only for blessings but also to avoid bringing judgment or sorrow on someone else. *Set your affections on things above!* (Col. 3:2).

Can you memorize this verse and say it for your parents or teachers?



Kidz Vita-Verse

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"Pray without ceasing."

(I Thess. 5:17)

Take your vitamins and say your Vita-Verse every day!

KIDZ HEROEZ

William Bradford

"It's a shame the way the boys mock the Bradford boy! The poor orphan has had a hard life. His grandfather left him land and wealth, but when he was seven and had to live with his uncles, they made quick work of his inheritance."

"Well, he has joined up with the Separatists. They say young William got a Bible in English and studies it at every opportunity. He has become a close friend of William Brewster."

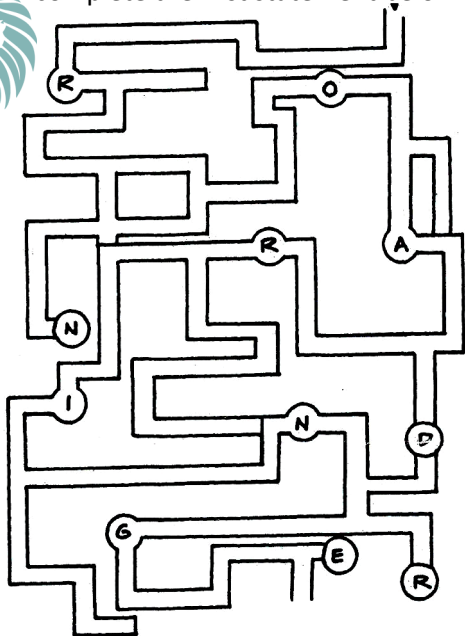
"The Separatists are sticking to their beliefs that the Bible is the Word of God and that they do not need the Pope or Bishop to teach it, but may study it themselves and be taught by the Holy Spirit."

"Oh, the Book! The Book! That's all they seem to want to know. Why, when William was only 12 years old he was deep into the Scriptures, wanted only faithful Christians for his friends, and would walk 8 miles to hear the preaching!" It was true! In spite of his hard childhood, by age 12, William Bradford had set his heart on Christ, counted the cost, and determined to serve the Lord. By age 17, he carried a man-sized responsibility with the people of God. He became one of the leaders of the Pilgrim band who gave up their land and fortunes for the liberty to know Christ, worship Him according to God's Word, rear their children by the Bible, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bradford later served many years as governor of the Plymouth Colony in America. He and the other Pilgrims left us a legacy of great spiritual blessing and national pride.

How old are you? 16, 18, or 21 is not a magic age. Now is the time to trust Christ as your Savior and stand for God according to His Word. Take up the cause of Christ. Hold His banner high. Make your life count for Him!
(Taken from *Twelve Going on Twenty in Wally the Wallaby and Other Short Stories* by "Aunt Carolyn.")

CBC KIDZ PUZZLE POWER

Collect letters as you travel the maze and use them to complete the first statement below.



The devil is like a _____ lion! (1 Peter 5:8)

How should we treat him? _____ (1 Peter 5:9)

Mr. Nutz sez:

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(She promises to answer you back!)

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Kidz Kritter Korner

"Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God"
(Job 37:14).



CONIES

The conies are but a feeble folk, yet they make their houses in the rocks (Prov. 30:26).

The coney is one of the "krittters" in Proverbs 30 that God said is "little" but "exceeding wise." I think God must have been a bit amused when He made the conies. The little fellows are rather funny and cute. They look like a cross between a small bunny rabbit and a guinea pig with short legs, short ears, and only a trace of a tail. Their little feet have soft pads and broad nails. You might think they would make good pets, but they move so fast I doubt if you could catch one or that you would like their sharp little teeth!

Conies, sometimes called *hyrax*, live mostly in Africa and Asia among rocks where it is hard to find them. As our Proverb says, they are feeble, timid little creatures. They have no way to defend themselves if danger strikes, but this is where they are "wise." They always have a sentinel posted standing "watch." If danger comes, he gives a high screeching squeak, and all the conies dash for safety in the rocks. They don't stop to dig a hole or burrow, they run straight to the rocks! No arguing and no waiting to see what other conies are going to do!

God gave the conies the rocks for refuge, and He also gave us a Rock of Refuge, His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He stood between us and the wrath of God against sinners. He took the punishment for our sin on the cross of Calvary. Now we can flee to Him for refuge. We can be saved from sin and safe from hell and *the wrath to come* (1 Thess. 1:10). God wants you to be wise. Hide, by faith, in the Rock, Christ Jesus. What a blessed refuge!