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CHODAE COMMUNITY CHURCH

FAMILY CELL WORSHIP

Connecting Parent and Child Generation through a Spiritual Conversation

*Living a
life of prayer*

HEZEKIAH PRAYED
IN EVERY
CIRCUMSTANCE

READ 2 CHRONICLES 18-20

LISTEN, LORD. HEAR US. OPEN
YOUR EYES, LORD. LOOK AT
THE TROUBLE WE'RE IN
(2 KINGS 19:16A)

Hezekiah was born under the evil King Ahaz. Ahaz even gave his own sons as sacrifice for idol worship. He demolished the temple of God and worshiped all kinds of gods. Hezekiah was not like his father. He smashed the sacred stones of idols and trusted God alone with all his heart. In times of danger, Hezekiah knelt down and prayed. When Assyria threatened Israel, Hezekiah listened to the prophesy of Isaiah carefully and obeyed God by praying. As a result, Israel was spared from the danger. When he was about to die because of an illness, he knelt down and prayed. God showed mercy and added to his life 15 more years. Despite the fact Hezekiah fell into sin in his later years, God still showed mercy by giving a son, Manasseh, who was to continue the line of King David.

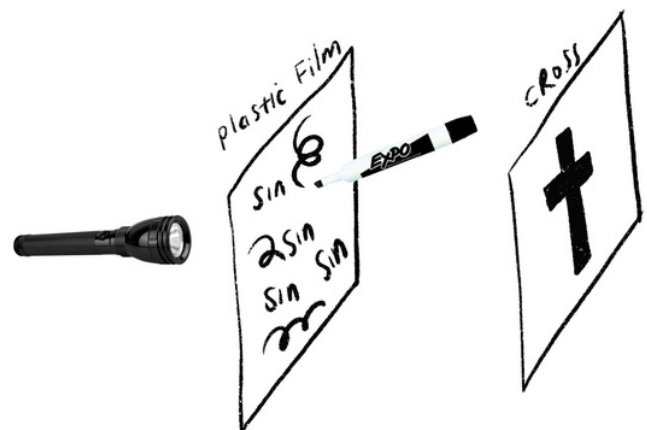
FAMILY ACTIVITY

"PRAYER LENS"

Prepare: Plastic film (Binder pages), dry erase marker, paper towel wrapped with rubber band, flash light, a paper with cross image.

1. Prepare paper towel eraser by rolling some tissues inside the paper towel, wrap it together and put rubber band around it. On the eraser, write "PRAYER"
2. Set up a scene where you hold the flash light on the left, plastic film in the middle and the cross image on the right (You can have three people hold each)
3. Say that the flash light is the light of God (His love, mercy, grace), plastic film is our heart and the cross image is where we are going toward.
4. Start writing our sin, weakness and fears fill us up on the plastic film. When these things fill us, light of God cannot reveal to us our way to go.
5. But every time, we sin, we can come to God in prayer (the eraser). Prayer of repentance erases away our sins. It lets the light of God to shine through our heart, and lets us see the way of the Lord clearly. It lead us to His cross!

Hezekiah's life was not perfect. Yet, in his life, we see traces of the Lord's mercy and grace just because he knelt down and prayed. No one's life is perfect. We too can kneel down and pray. When we cling onto him, he will show us the same kind of mercy and grace as long as we live on this earth.





TALK

1. What did Hezekiah do when every tough and dangerous thing happened in his life?
2. Was there a time when you prayed to God with all of your heart and your prayer was answered?
3. Share some tough situations you may be placed in and pray together as a family!



CONCLUSION

Hezekiah could have easily followed the way of his father, the evil king Ahaz. Instead, he went the opposite way. He followed the way of the Lord. This did not mean he was a strong and powerful king nor he was a perfect man. He felt afraid when the danger approached to his nation by the enemy. He did not attempt to fight it on his own strength. He knelt down and asked God for His power and wisdom. He carefully hid the words of Prophet Isaiah, which was the Word of God.

When he fell ill, he helplessly came to God and prayed by weeping bitterly. As a result, his life was added to 15 more years. For Hezekiah, being weak was a way for him to depend on God. Dangerous circumstances and suffering were a channel that led him closer to God. Prayer opened up the way to heaven. And his life was touched by God.



ENDING PRAYER

Dear God, we confess that far too many times, we depend on our own strength. Or we depend on other people. We forget that you are the almighty God who love us dearly. In times of trouble, we will look to you and pray. In our place of weakness, we will come to you and no one else. Prayer will be the way that lead us to you. Prayer will be the way that open our eyes to you. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

