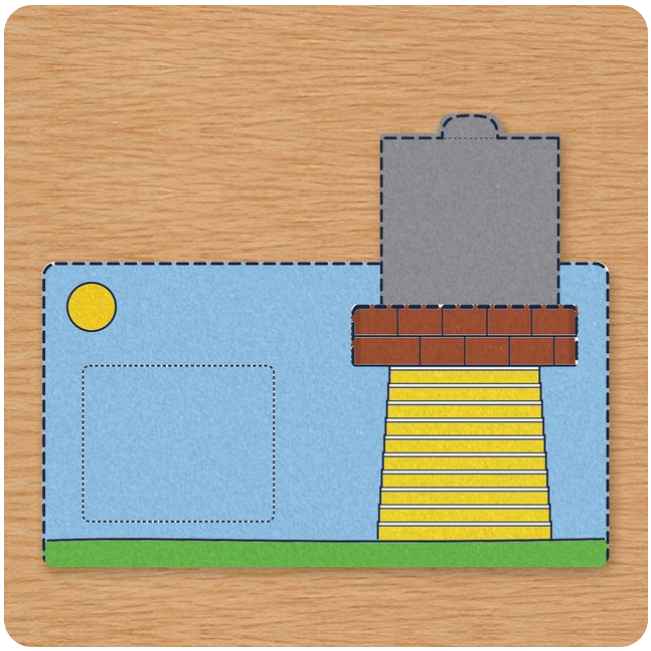
Preschool–Grade 5

Hezekiah Craft

I have heard thy prayer · 2 Kings 20:1–11 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



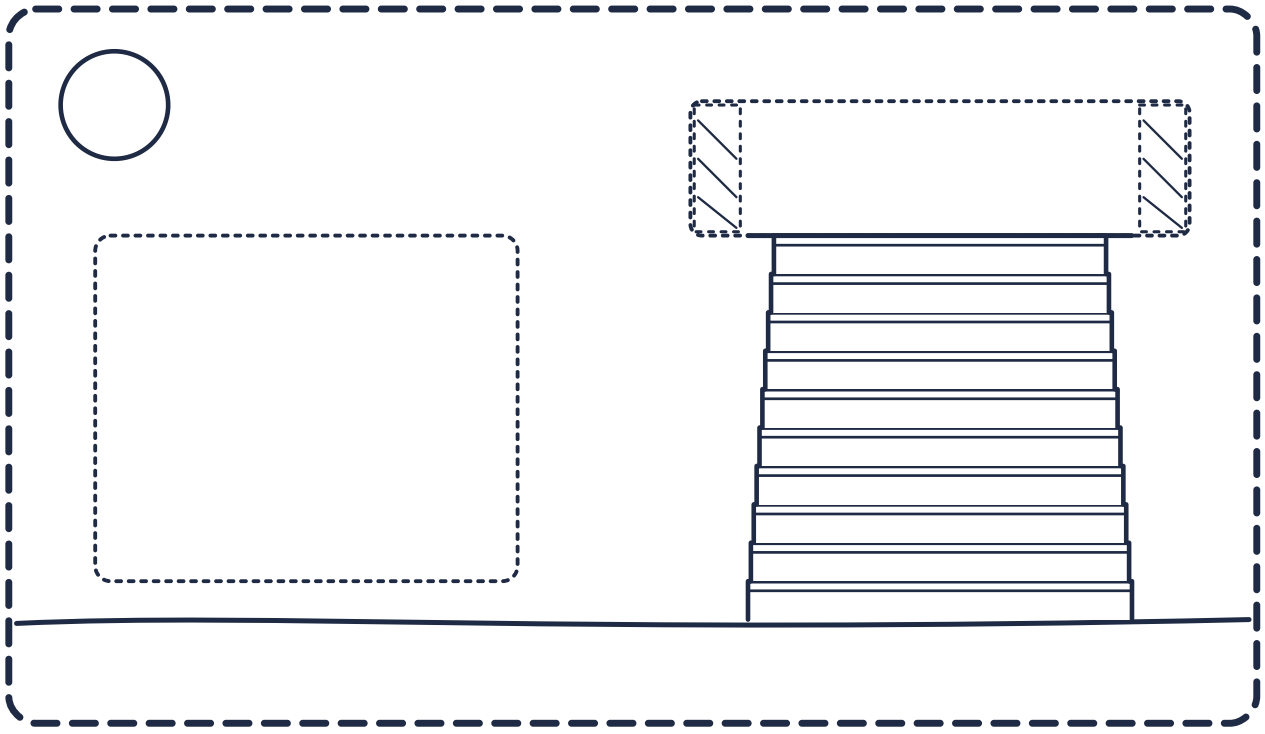
Harder

Both levels are a wide card: a light blue sky with a yellow sun, green ground, and ten yellow steps going up on the right, with a brown stone wall across the top of the steps. A gray paper shadow slides down the steps and back up under the wall, because the LORD "brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz" (2 Kings 20:11). Medium (left): the steps card. Harder (right): the same card with a brown stone wall flap on the left, because Hezekiah "turned his face to the wall, and prayed" (20:2).

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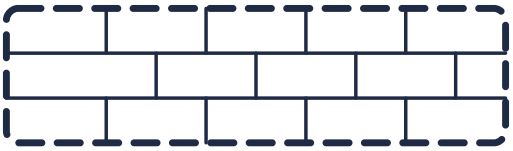
✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue, sun yellow, ground green, steps yellow (the dotted box on the left is for the harder level)



shadow: color it gray. The round tab is the top: it pokes out above the wall.



wall: color the stones brown

Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

2 Kings 20:5 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the wall, the shadow and the verse strip.

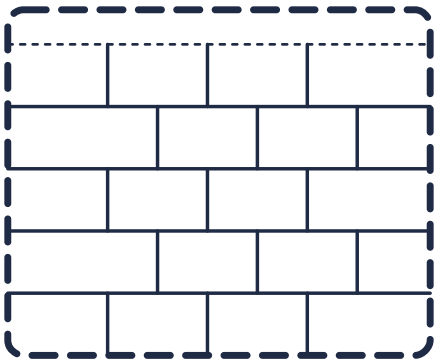
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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

The wall where Hezekiah prayed (harder level)



inside: draw Hezekiah praying in the oval



wall flap: color the stones brown

How to add the wall flap

1. Make the steps card from page 2 first, with the wall, the sliding shadow and the verse strip on the back.
2. In the oval on the inside piece, draw Hezekiah praying. Color the stones on the wall flap brown.
3. Cut out the inside piece and the wall flap on the dashed lines.
4. Glue the inside piece in the dotted box on the left side of the card.
5. Put glue only on the top band of the wall flap, above its dotted line. Press it on the top band of the inside piece, so the wall covers the drawing and lifts up like a flap.
6. Tell it: Hezekiah was sick unto death. He "turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD" (2 Kings 20:2), and he wept sore (20:3). Lift the wall to read God's answer: "I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee" (20:5).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/hezekiah-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue, yellow, green, gray and brown crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, the wall, the shadow and the verse strip, and glue the wall on each card (glue on the two end squares only).

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and glue the wall on the card. Kids color the sky, sun, ground, steps and shadow. Help them slide the shadow under the wall. Glue the verse strip on the back for them.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out and glue the pieces themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the steps card like the medium level. Then add the wall flap from page 3 in the dotted box, with a drawing of Hezekiah praying and God's answer underneath (2 Kings 20:2, 20:5). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the sun yellow, the ground green and the ten steps yellow.
2. **Color the pieces:** the stones on the wall brown, and the whole shadow gray, tab and all.
3. **Cut:** cut out the card, the wall, the shadow and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Wall:** find the dotted wall shape above the steps. Put glue only on the two small striped squares at its ends, and press the wall on the shape. Don't glue the middle, so the wall makes a sleeve.
5. **Shadow:** hold the shadow with the round tab at the top. Slide it up under the wall from below until the tab pokes out above the wall.
6. **Verse:** turn the card over. Glue the verse strip on the back and read it together.
7. **Tell it:** slide the shadow down over all ten steps. Hezekiah asked for the hard sign, "let the shadow return backward ten degrees" (2 Kings 20:10). Count to ten as you slide it back up, because the LORD "brought the shadow ten degrees backward" (20:11).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Who was very sick? *(Hezekiah. He was "sick unto death," 2 Kings 20:1)*
- Which prophet came to him? *(Isaiah the son of Amoz, 20:1)*
- Point to the wall (harder level). What did Hezekiah do? *(He turned his face to the wall and prayed unto the LORD, 20:2)*
- What did God say He had heard and seen? *("I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears," 20:5)*
- How many years did God add to Hezekiah's life? *(Fifteen, 20:6)*
- What did they lay on the boil? *(A lump of figs, and he recovered, 20:7)*
- What did Hezekiah ask for? *(A sign that the LORD would heal him, 20:8)*
- Slide the shadow down. Which was "a light thing," an easy thing? *(For the shadow to go down ten degrees, 20:10)*
- Now slide it back up. Who made the shadow go backward? *(The LORD, when Isaiah cried unto Him, 20:11)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: sick unto death** means so sick he was going to die; **wept sore** means cried very hard; **captain** means leader; a **boil** is a painful swelling on the skin; a **sign** is something God shows to prove His word; **degrees** are steps; a **light thing** is an easy thing.
- **What the Bible says:** 2 Kings 20 does not describe the dial of Ahaz. It says only that the shadow had gone down on it by degrees and that the LORD brought it back ten degrees (20:11); Isaiah 38:8 calls it "the sun dial of Ahaz." The ten steps, the wall, the sun and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story.
- **No one is drawn on the template.** On the harder level, kids draw Hezekiah themselves in the oval under the wall flap.
- **Make the shadow slide:** glue the wall only at its two ends. If the shadow sticks, lift the middle of the wall a little with a pencil.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and glue the walls before class. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child slide the shadow back ten steps while the class counts.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Hezekiah lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/hezekiah.

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