

Shadow Theatre Script

The kingdoms of Israel and Judah had forgotten about God. They had stopped going to **church**. They had stopped talking about the stories of God. But one day, the kingdom of Judah got a new king. His name was **King Hezekiah**. Hezekiah loved and trusted God.

One of the first jobs he did was fixing up the old **church**. The last king of Judah had closed the **church** to stop the people from worshipping God. **King Hezekiah** sent his men to clean the **church**, repair the furniture and make it ready for people to come back to worship God.

Then **King Hezekiah** decided that it was time to start celebrating the Passover again. The Passover **party** was a special way of remembering how God had set the Israelites free from Egypt many years earlier. But the wicked kings before Hezekiah had forgotten this celebration for over 200 years! **King Hezekiah** welcomed hundreds of visitors to Jerusalem to celebrate this special **party-time** with music, food, **prayers** and great rejoicing.

One day, the evil king of Assyria decided to attack Jerusalem. He said terrible things about Hezekiah and told lies about God. He tried to scare the people of Jerusalem while his army was getting ready to fight. But **King Hezekiah** trusted God. He prayed a **prayer** and asked God for help. That night, God sent an **angel** to destroy the evil king's soldiers. When the evil king saw that his army was dead, he ran away. God had saved Jerusalem!

King Hezekiah got sick. He thought he was going to die. Isaiah, the man of God, told him that he would die. Hezekiah was so upset. He didn't want to die. So he said a **prayer** and asked God to be kind and let him live. God heard Hezekiah's **prayer** and decided to make Hezekiah better again and allow him to live for another 15 years.

Isaiah, the man of God, made a strange medicine from figs and spread it on Hezekiah's spots. **King Hezekiah** still wasn't sure. He wanted a sign from God that the message was really true. Isaiah said, 'God will give you a sign that he is faithful. Can you see how the sun is shining through the window and making a shadow on the steps? Would you like to see the shadow move backwards ten steps, or forwards ten steps?'

King Hezekiah wanted to see the shadow move backwards ten steps. Isaiah said a **prayer** to God, and God made the shadow move backwards ten steps! It was a sign from God that He would be faithful to King Hezekiah, heal him from his sickness and let him live for fifteen more years. **King Hezekiah** was happy, excited and thankful to God.