Kingdom Divided

“Isaiah and Hezekiah”

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

* The Kingdom of Israel divided after Solomon’s death
* Elisha called the kings and people of Israel back to worship of God
* The story of the Prophet Isaiah and King Hezekiah

Series Theme Verse: “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” – Isaiah 6:8

Lesson Objective: For students to understand that there were some good kings of the two kingdoms that God used to call the people back to worship of God.

Lesson Passage: 2 Kings 20:1-6

Materials Needed: Bibles, paper and something to write with and decorate with, cookies to bake or decorate, Series Theme Verse cut into pieces

Lesson Plan:

Talking Points: 2 Kings 20:1-6

* What happened to King Hezekiah? (He became ill)
* How sick was Hezekiah? (Almost to the point of death)
* Who went to Hezekiah? (Isaiah the Prophet)
* What did Isaiah tell Hezekiah about his illness? (That the Lord said Hezekiah would not live)
* How did Hezekiah respond? (He turned to the wall and prayed)
* What did he say in his prayer? (Remember, God, I have walked with you faithfully, and have done what is good in your eyes)
* What did he do then? (Hezekiah wept)
* What did God tell Isaiah? (Turn around and go back to Hezekiah)
* What did God tell Isaiah to tell Hezekiah this time? (God heard Hezekiah’s prayer and saw his tears and will now heal Hezekiah)
* How much life did God add to Hezekiah? (15 years)
* What else did God promise to do? (Deliver Hezekiah and the city from the Assyrians)

The Story Retold:

* Praying for the Sick
  + List some people in the Church who are sick
  + Give each student a piece of paper and have them write a prayer for God to bring healing to the sick people that have been listed.
  + Let them decorate the prayer.
* Caring for the Sick
  + Have students help you bake cookies, or decorate prebaked cookies.
  + Put the cookies on a plate and deliver to those who are sick along with the prayers that the children have written.
* Explain to students that prayer is important in our relationship with God.
* When we are sick or hurting, it is an important time to pray to God and ask for healing.
* We should also pray for others when they are sick.
* Lead the students in prayer for those who are sick in Church.

The Story and Me:

* Have the Series theme verse written on a poster or white board.
* Have the students read the verse together.
* Give students the opportunity to say the verse from memory.
* Explain that this verse is part of Isaiah’s call to be a Prophet of God. When God sent Isaiah, he spoke for God, even to kings like Hezekiah.