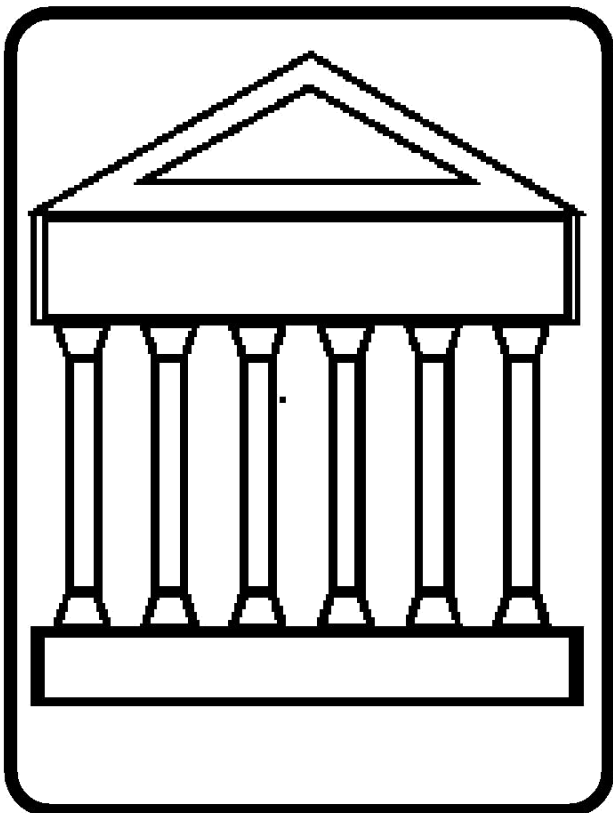


December 16



Solomon

Read 1 Kings 5:2-5

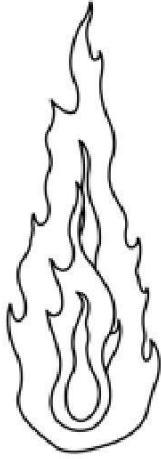
David had a son called Solomon. Solomon build a great Temple where the people could come together to worship God. Solomon was a very wise king and you can find out how he wise he was in the Storyteller's Bible p56-57.

Talk Do you know someone who is very wise?

Pray that God will help us to be wise.

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December 17



Elijah

Read 1 Kings 18:20-39

The people had many kings after David and Solomon. Some were good. Others were bad. One of the worst was Ahab. He encouraged the people to turn away from God and worship Baal. One man Elijah, spoke up for God. He challenged the prophets of Baal to a contest - who could send fire - God or Baal? Find out the answer in the Storyteller's Bible p62-63.

Talk about things that might stop us from worshipping God.

Pray for people who stand up for what is right.

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December 18



Hezekiah

Read 2 Kings 20:1-21

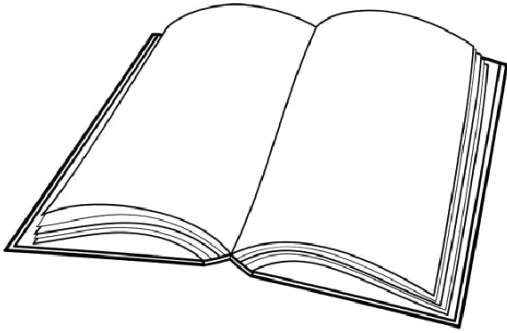
Hezekiah was a good king. He trusted God. One day he fell ill. He prayed to God and God healed him. The king of another country called Babylon sent him a present and Hezekiah showed the people who brought that present all the treasures the people owned - one day that country would attack the people and steal their treasure and take the people away from their homes. But not for a while. In Hezekiah's time there was peace. You can read about King Hezekiah in the Storytellers Bible p68-69.

Talk Have you ever been ill?

Pray for anyone who is ill today that God would bless them

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December 19



Josiah

Read 2 Kings 22:1-13

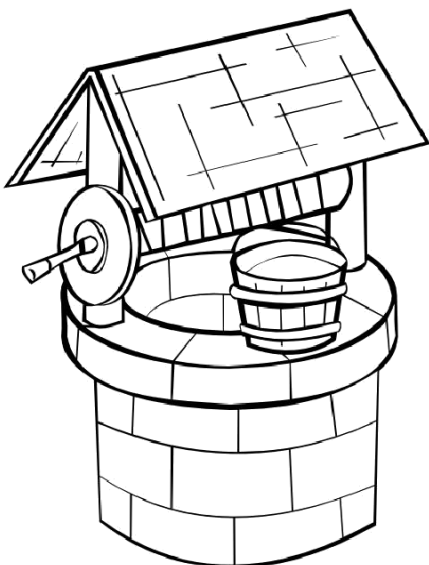
Josiah was only 8 years old when he became king. He grew up to be a good king. He arranged for repairs to be carried out to the Temple. While they were working in the Temple the workmen discovered something very precious - a book of God's laws and they gave it to the king who read it. He promised to obey God's laws and the people joined in.

Talk Have you ever found anything special?
How did you feel?

Pray Thank God for the bible and the stories that tell us about God's love.

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December 20



Jeremiah

Read Jeremiah 38:1-13

After Josiah came some not so good kings. During this time a man called Jeremiah was one of God's messengers but people did not like what he had to say. He kept warning them that if they did not mend their ways and trust in God, the Babylonian armies would come and conquer the country and turn the people into slaves. One king was so afraid he even had Jeremiah thrown down a well - find out what happened in the Storytellers Bible p70-71.

Talk Have you ever been afraid?

Pray For people who are afraid today

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December 21



Daniel

Read Daniel 6:6-22

What Jeremiah had spoken about came true and the people were taken away as slaves to Babylon. There they were forbidden to pray to anyone except the king. But a young man called Daniel continued to pray to God. He was arrested and thrown into a den of lions. But God protected Daniel - find out what happened in the

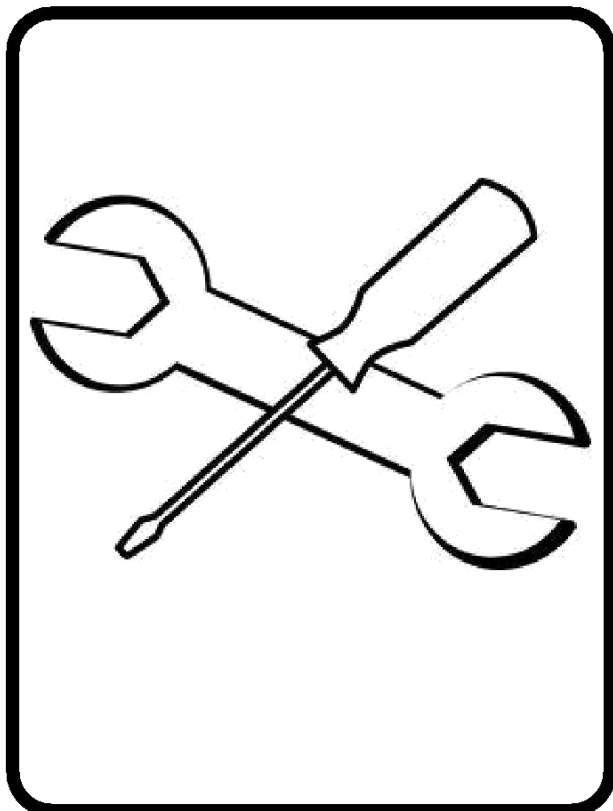
Storyteller's Bible p76-77.

Talk Has anyone ever tried to stop you doing what is right?

Pray for people in countries where they are not allowed to pray to God.

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December 22



Nehemiah

Read Nehemiah 2:1-8

At last the time came for the people to return home. God whispered to Cyrus the king of Babylon that he should let them go home and he did. There was a lot of work to do when they arrived back - rebuilding homes to live in, walls to protect the cities, and the Temple to worship. But God sent a man called Nehemiah to help. You can read how in the Storyteller's Bible p80-81.

Talk Who do you ask when you need help?

Pray Thank God for the help he gives you.

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