

Text: 2 Kings 22; Psalm 119:72

Materials/Supplies:

- ⊗ Old clothes (borrow some old clothes from someone or a clothing bank)
- ⊗ One suitcase/bag, or a suitcase/bag for each group
- ⊗ Small scroll to add to sensory bottle
- ⊗ Copies of the paper scroll
- ⊗ Large skewer sticks
- ⊗ Sand box
- ⊗ Copies of the colouring picture
- ⊗ Puzzle of Huldah

WELCOME

- ❖ **Pack it in**: Throw the clothes in one bundle and divide the children in groups of 3. Every group gets a turn to fold the clothes neatly and to pack it in the suitcase. Time them and look which group can do it the fastest.
- ❖ Give a bundle of clothes and a suitcase to every group and see who finishes first.
- ❖ *Extra: Place a treasure in one of the bundles of clothes or hide a treasure in the clothes of the last group in option 1. The treasure is a scroll with the verse of Psalm 119:72 written on it.*

WORSHIP

Arrange with a woman (or ask a friend if she will be prepared to join you for KIX for this session; or a man wearing a wig) to hide somewhere while the children are playing. Ask that person to pray for the children during that time.

Things to pray for:

- *Pray that the children will stay faithful to the Lord;*
- *Pray for their exams;*
- *Pray for children who lost a parent or grandparent;*
- *Pray for children who live in homes where the parents do not know Jesus;*
- *Pray that the children will understand the message of today.*

Songs: "Read your Bible, pray everyday"

"Alive, alive"

Now ask: "Where is (the person who hid somewhere)?"

Send children to go and get him/her. He/she can come back and tell the children he/she was busy praying for them and what he/she prayed for. Now he/she can pray for the group.

Theme song:

The children sit with eyes closed and listen to the song "Trust in the Lord". (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPZJtZzQBB0>). The song can be played a few times and the children can sing along as soon as they catch the tune.

Settle down ritual:

Pass the sensory bottle around while the children say Psalms 23:1-3: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake."

WORD

Today's strange woman also has a strange work like Deborah. Do you remember what she was? Yes, a prophetess. But today's strange woman is also strange because she is different from the people around her.

Do you think that people can forget about God?

(Use a sand box and figures to "play"/act out the story in front of the children.)

Once upon a time there was a woman who lived among people who had forgotten the Lord. Her name was Huldah. She worshipped the Lord, but most of the other people were interested in worshipping idols.

God's people had forgotten about Him; they had forgotten His laws and they had forgotten what He had done and promised. They had also forgotten about His warnings. It was like God never existed for them.

The temple was broken, dirty and a mess but nobody cared. However, there were some people that cared... people like Huldah. Someone else who also cared was the king, King Josiah. One special thing about him was that he was only 8 years old when he became the king. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. One day he commanded that the temple had to be restored. He appointed trustworthy men to supervise the work in the temple.

They started working and while they were busy restoring the temple, they found the Book of the Law. They took it to King Josiah. When they read it to him, he was very upset! He tore his robes and said: "Go to the Temple and speak to the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah. Inquire about the words written in this scroll that has been found."

The leaders then went to Huldah because they knew she was a prophetess. *(Refer to the meaning of a prophetess).*

The messengers went to Huldah. "We found the Book of the Law in the temple and we read it to the king. He wants to know what we must do now."

Huldah answered: "This is what the Lord God of Israel says: 'I will bring trouble upon this place and upon its people. All the words of the book which the king of Judah has read will come true because they have turned away from Me. They have made Me angry with all the work of their hands.' But tell the king who sent you: When you heard this, you were sorry in your heart. You have torn your clothes and cried before Me, and I have heard you. Therefore, I will allow you to die and be buried in peace. You will not have to witness all the disaster I will bring on this place.'"

The messengers reported to the king what Huldah had said. He summoned all the people to the temple. There he stood before all the people *(Let the "king" character speak to all the children.)* "I promise to obey all God's commandments. I will be faithful to the Lord for as long as I live. What do you say?"

The entire nation agreed and promised to do the same. After that they started to break down all the idols.

Children now get a chance to think about the story:

1. I wonder what you liked most about this story.
2. I wonder how Huldah felt when she had to tell the king that God was going to punish the people.
3. I wonder who you would have wanted to be in the story.
4. I wonder what promise you made to the Lord.

WORKING AND PLAYING TIME

- ◆ Make the same scrolls as those described in the game. (Use A4 paper scrolled on sticks.)
- ◆ Colouring picture/puzzle of Huldah with the Book scroll.
- ◆ Use the sand box and characters to play the story out again.

BENEDICTION

Close with the blessing:

May the Lord go before you to show you the right path;

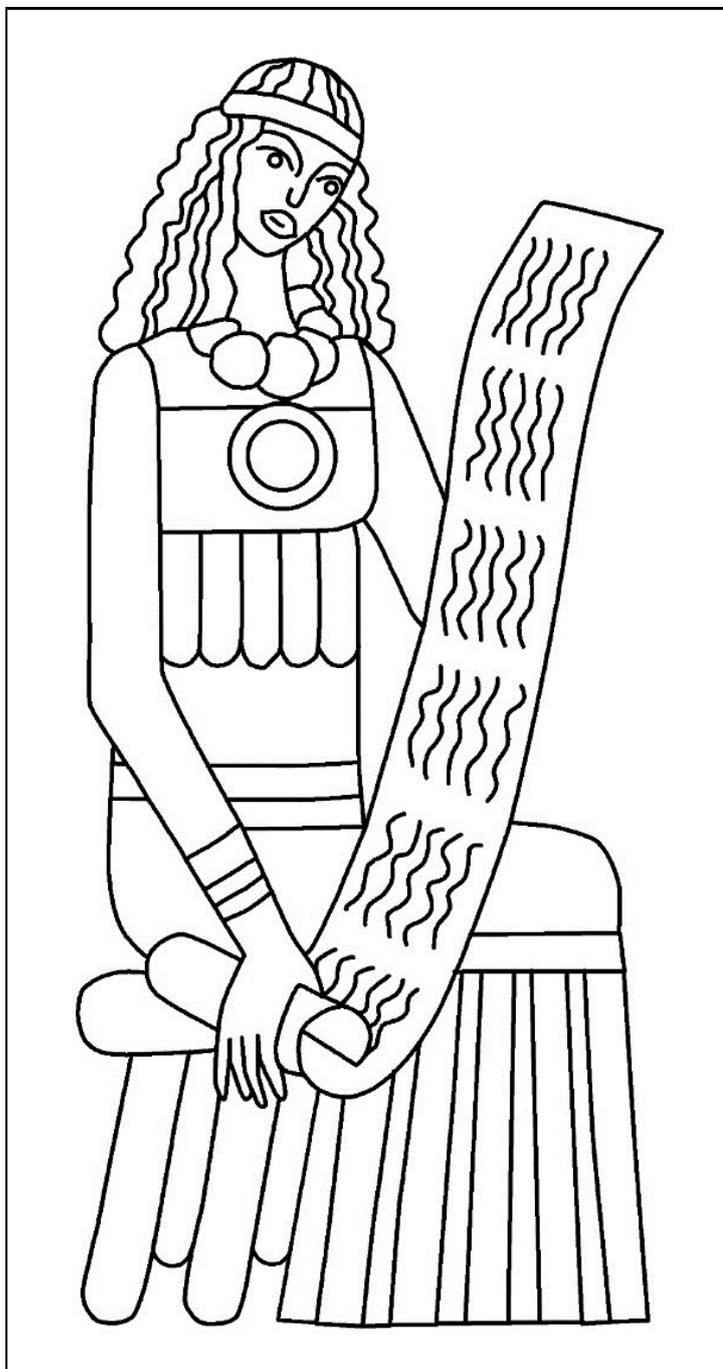
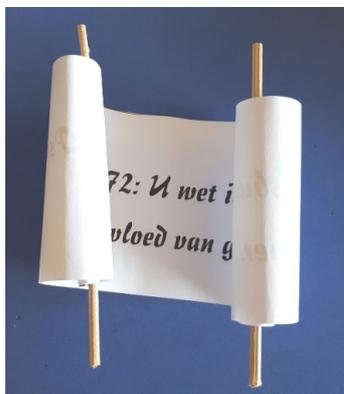
May the Lord be behind you to protect you;

May the Lord be beside you to comfort and embrace you;

May the Lord be below you to catch you when you fall;

May the Lord be above you to bless you;

May the Lord be in you to guide you with His Holy Spirit. Amen.



**Psalm 119:72: The law from Your mouth is better
to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.**

