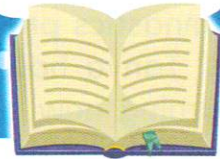


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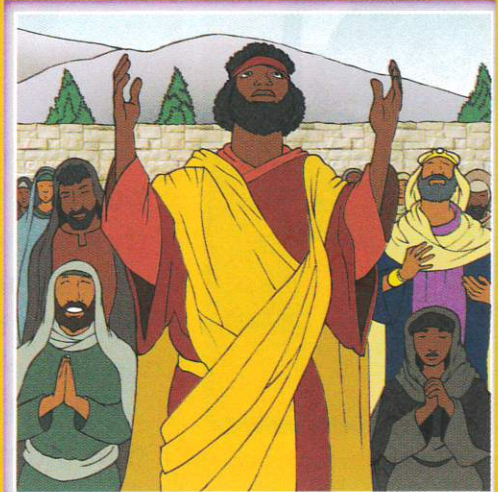
Who's in Control?

All the men of Judah and their wives and children stood before the Lord God in front of the Temple courtyard. Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel [Juh-haze-ee-el]. Jahaziel was the son of Zechariah.

Jahaziel said to everyone, "Listen, King Jehoshaphat [Juh-hos-huh-fat] and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this huge army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. You will not have to fight this battle.'"

Jahaziel encouraged the people to stand strong and not be afraid and discouraged. God would deliver and save Judah and Jerusalem from all their trouble. Jahaziel gave them instructions from the Lord to go out and face their enemy. The Lord God would be with them. The Lord was in control of everything.

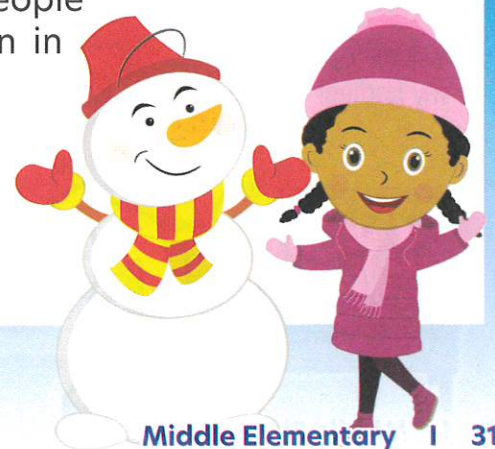
Then King Jehoshaphat bowed down to worship the Lord with his face to the ground. And all the people of Judah and Jerusalem bowed down in worship with him before the LORD.



Lesson Scripture:
2 Chronicles 20:13-15, 17-18

Key Verse

[The Spirit of the LORD said,]
"Listen, . . . ! This is what the
LORD says to you: 'Do not
be afraid . . . For the battle
is not yours, but God's.'"
(2 Chronicles 20:15)





Don't Be Afraid!

Ryann knew that gymnastics practice was going to be hard this week. Ms. Tanya had warned the team that they would be learning new stunts. Ryann knew that some of the stunts would be difficult. As they were learning them, Ryann was having some trouble catching on to the new stunts.

"Ms. Tanya, may I just watch today as you teach the new stunts to the team?" Ryann asked.

"Ryann, what's wrong? You always participate," Ms. Tanya replied.

"I'm afraid I can't do it, and I will fail. I don't want to fail. I'm afraid of how high the beam is," Ryann responded.

"Come over, and let's look at the beam. It's not so high. You've been on it before. The stunts have the same basics you have already learned, with something new. You can't give up. You're very close to the championship. Your teammates look up to you. You can do it," Ms. Tanya explained.

"It's scary, but I'm going to have faith that I can do it," Ryann replied, climbing up onto the beam.

"You can do it!" Ms. Tanya cheered.



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab

God will fight
my battles!



Hello, friends! Ruby here! Sometimes, working alone in the lab is scary. Then I remember that God is always with me. In today's lesson, we find the people of Judah facing a scary situation. But God used one person to remind them that God was in control. God told the people of Judah that He would fight their battle. So, they trusted and relied on God and put their fear aside.

Can you remember something that you have been afraid of doing? What happened? How did you feel? How did you use your faith to overcome your fear? Let's discuss this as a class.

