

“Why do we have to go to church on Tuesday?” Laura asked.

Tuesday was her special night with her father. They sometimes went bowling or out for pizza.

“The pastor wants us to pray as a church,” her father said. “Our missionary family in India is sick”

Laura felt crabby. “Can’t we stay at home and pray?” she asked.

Her father said, “God wants Christians to pray together sometimes. Remember when Grandma was sick?”

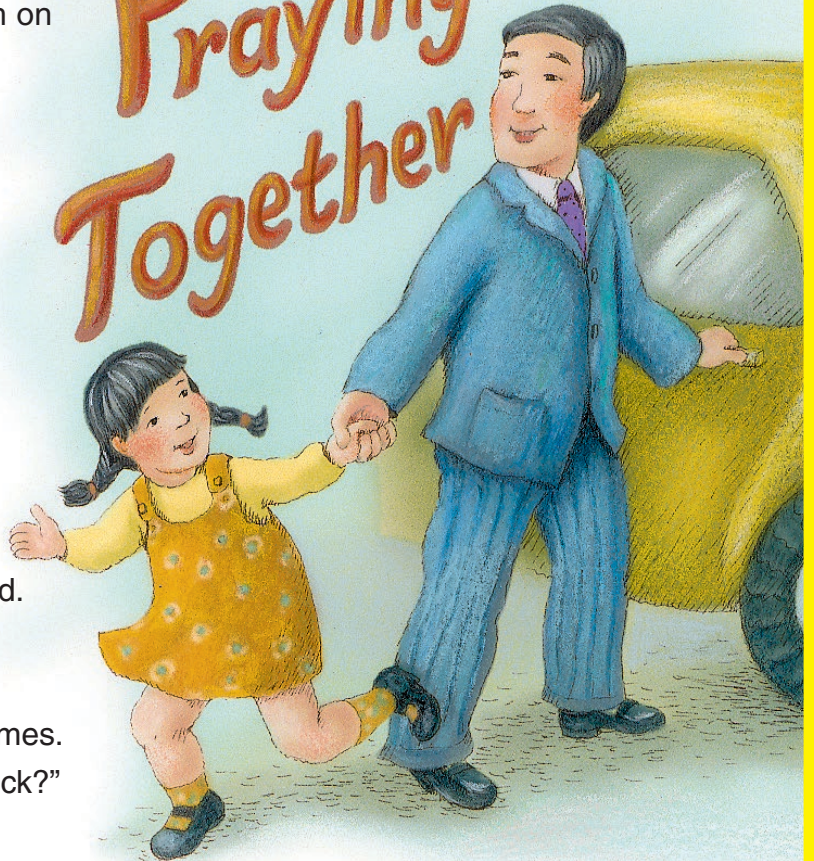
Laura remembered. Their pastor had visited her grandmother in the hospital. Many people had prayed for her.

“I remember,” Laura said. “Grandma got better.”

“God works through His people’s prayers,” said her father.

“Well, kids can pray too, right?” Laura asked.

Praying Together



Her father smiled. “Sure can!”

Laura thought about it. Tuesday was still a special night.

Talk-a-Bit

- What happened to Laura’s grandmother when people prayed together?
- Who can you pray with?
- What will you pray about?

God Answers a

Bible Story from 2

King Jehoshaphat (jih-HOSH-uh-fat) was a good king. He trusted God and tried to do right. He helped his people trust and obey God.

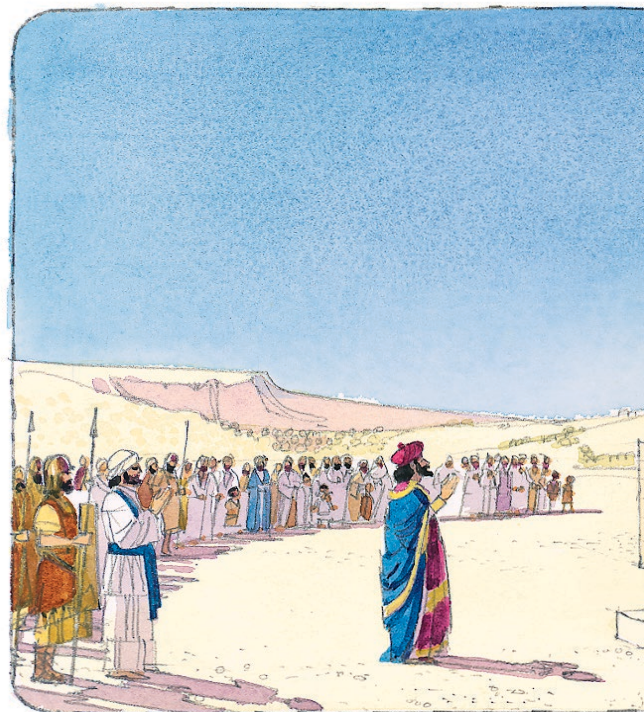
One day men brought news to the king. They said, "A big enemy army is coming! They want to have a war with us."

The king said, "Tell the people to come to Jerusalem. We will go to the temple area and pray. We will ask God to help us, and He will do it."

The people hurried to the temple. The king stood up and prayed. He said, "Dear God, a big army is coming! We do not have enough soldiers to fight a battle. You are a great God. Please help us."

All the people—even the boys and girls—prayed with the king.

Then one of the priests said, "God has told me to tell you: Do not be afraid. The battle is not yours, but God's. Go out to meet the enemy tomorrow. You will not have to fight them. God will take care of



King's Prayer

Chronicles 20:1-30



everything.” King Jehoshaphat trusted God. The king didn’t know how God would answer, but he knew God would do what was best.

Next morning, King Jehoshaphat and his army marched out to meet the enemy. The king went first. Then came those who sang and played music. As they marched, their songs praised God. Next came the soldiers.

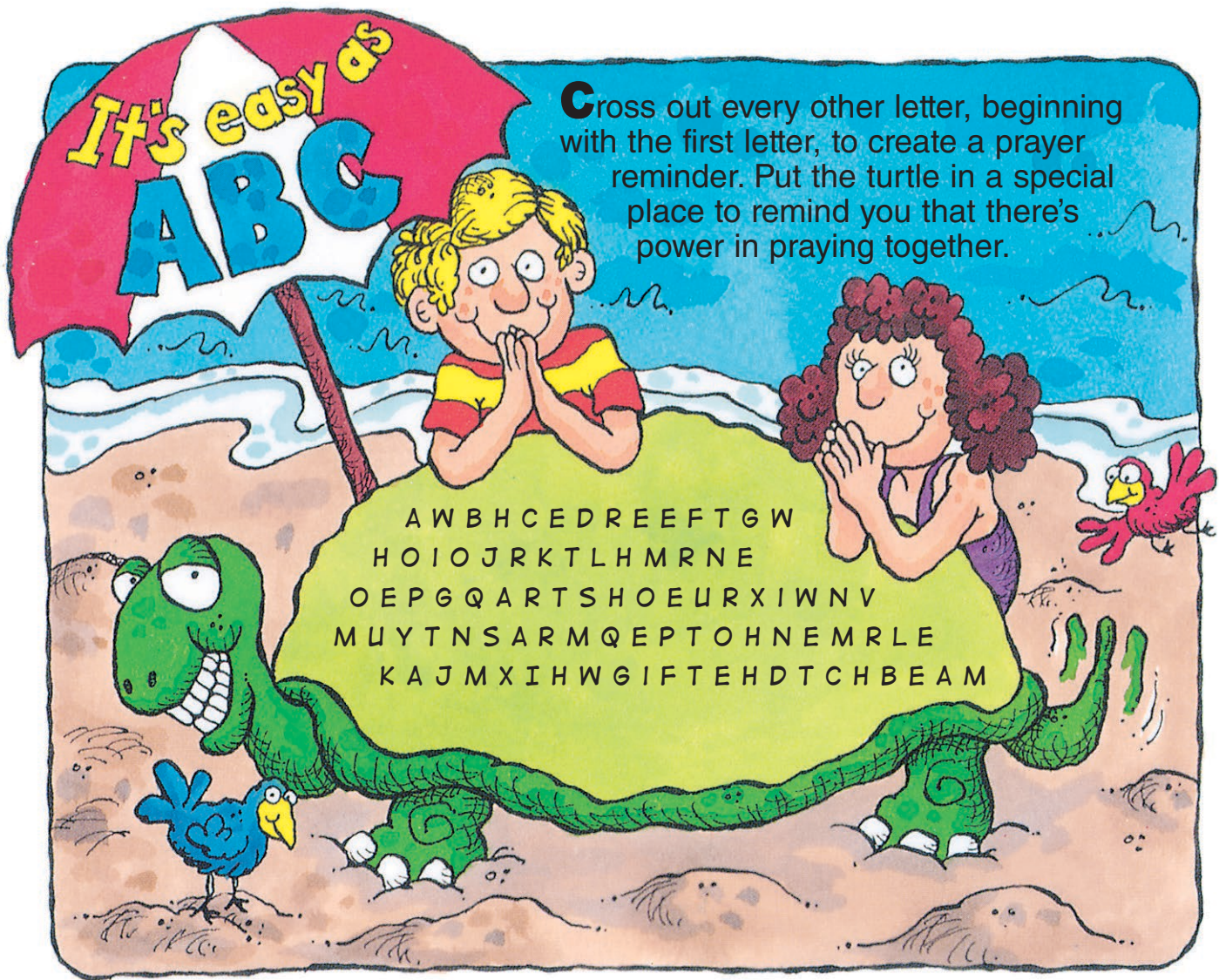
They marched up a hill. Everyone stopped and looked down the hill.

What a surprise was in front of them! The enemy army was there, but they had fought each other. The enemy soldiers were all dead!

The king and his people had not expected this answer to their prayer. God took care of everything. They did not have to fight at all! They were glad they trusted God to do what was best.

This Week's Bible Memory Verse:

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20



Family Faith Fun

Lesson Focus:

There's power in praying together.

Pray Together

■ Set aside some time for your family to pray together. You could begin with each person praying just a short sentence prayer. Let family members suggest current needs and situations to pray about. Then take these needs to God together. If you have younger children,

you could hold hands while you pray. This may eliminate some of the fidgeting.

Hopscotch Verse

■ Use chalk to draw a hopscotch style pattern on the sidewalk or driveway. Write one word or phrase of the memory verse in each block. Say each word of the verse as you land in each block.

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