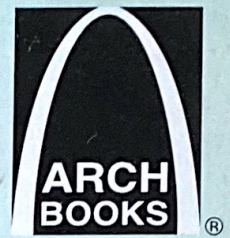
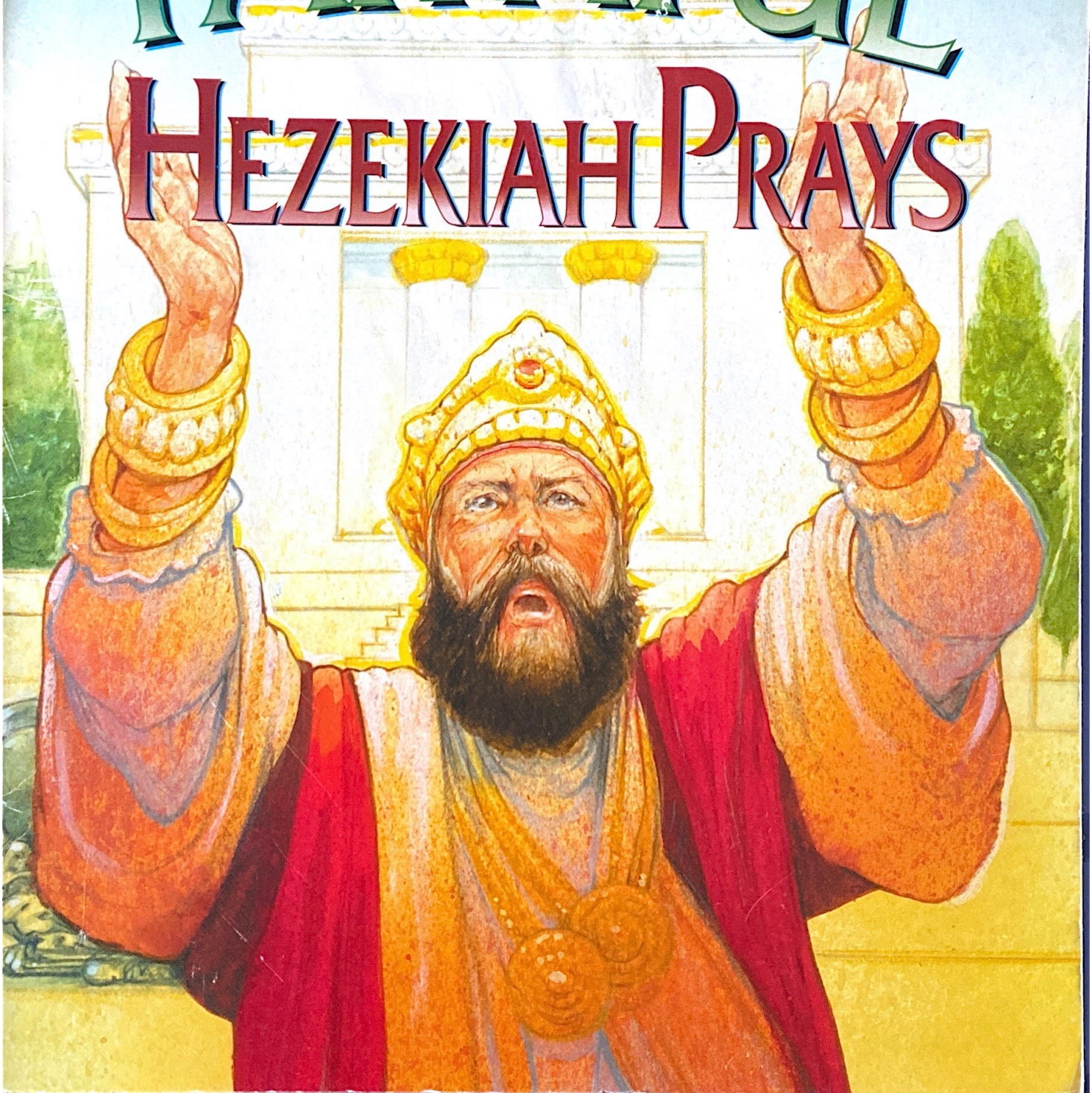


LEARNING BIBLE STORIES IS FUN WITH



# FAITHFUL

# HEZEKIAH PRAYS





# FAITHFUL HEZEKIAH PRAYS

The Story of Hezekiah and the Assyrian Battle



2 Kings 18:1–19:37 for children

Written by Eric C. Bohnet • Illustrated by Joel Snyder

**Arch® Books**

Copyright © 2002 Concordia Publishing House  
3558 S. Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118-3968  
Manufactured in the United States of America

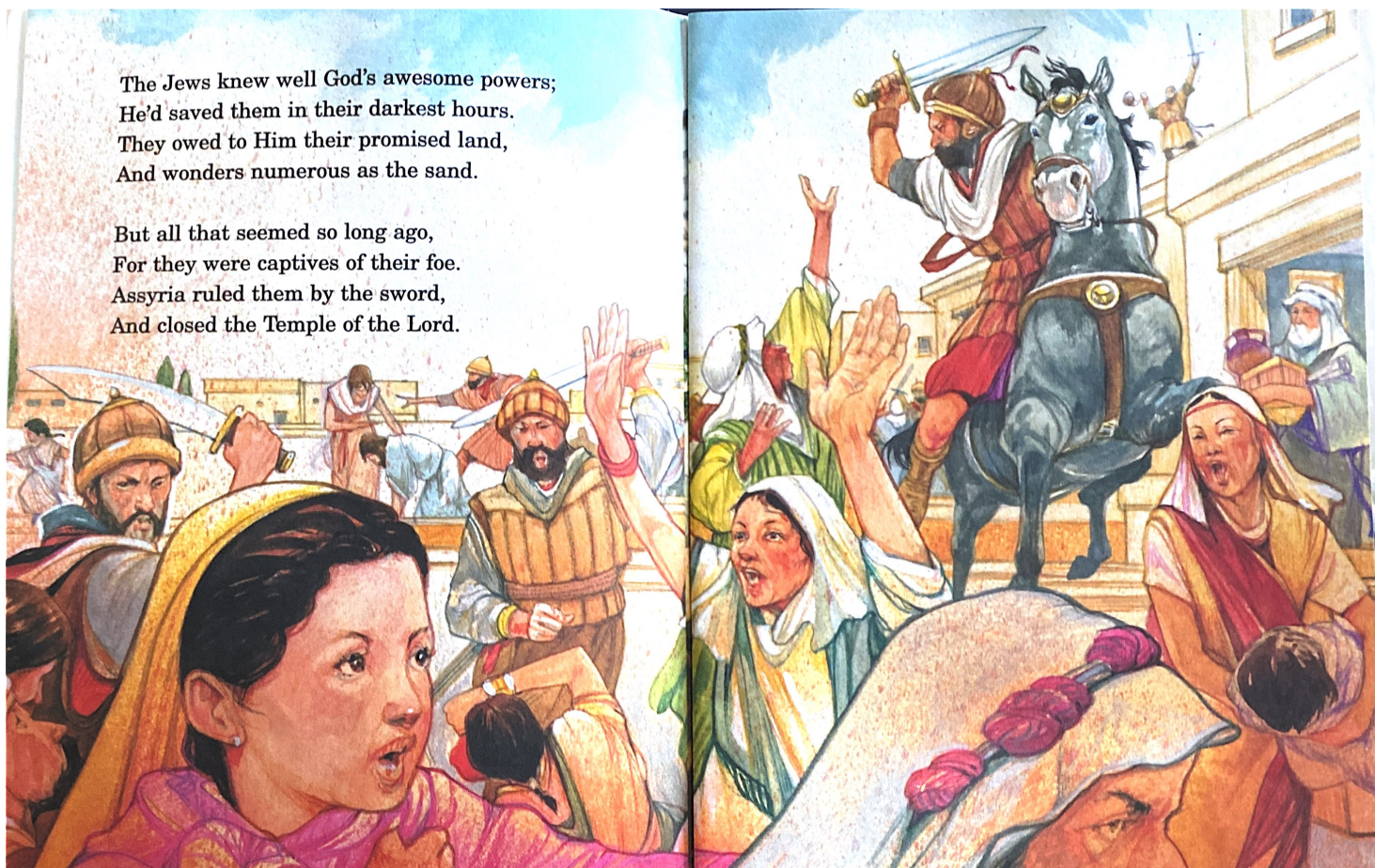
All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, without the prior written permission of Concordia Publishing House.

Printed in Colombia



The Jews knew well God's awesome powers;  
He'd saved them in their darkest hours.  
They owed to Him their promised land,  
And wonders numerous as the sand.

But all that seemed so long ago,  
For they were captives of their foe.  
Assyria ruled them by the sword,  
And closed the Temple of the Lord.

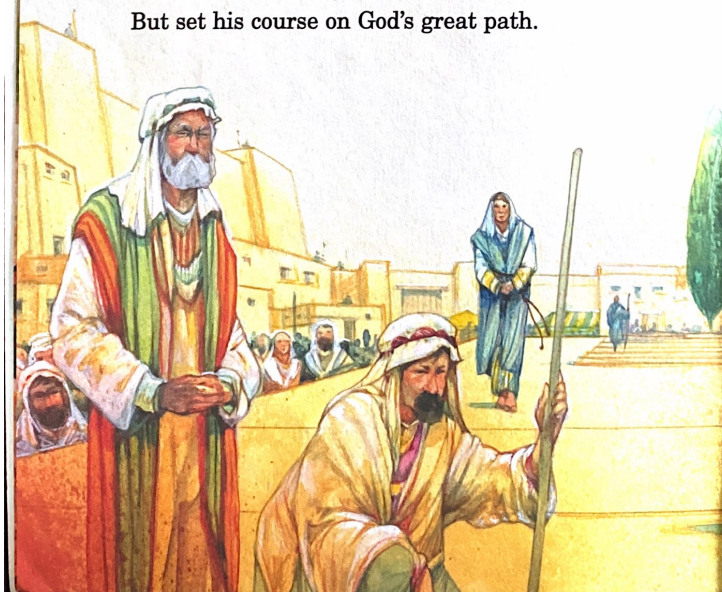




Though things seemed bleak, hope was in sight,  
For God had seen His people's plight.  
A new king now sat on the throne,  
Who trusted in the Lord alone.

King Hezekiah prayed, and knew  
That God would see his people through.  
He did not fear Assyria's wrath,  
But set his course on God's great path.

The Assyrian king soon heard the news  
That he no longer ruled the Jews.  
"I'll fill their hearts with fear and dread.  
No one stands up to me!" he said.

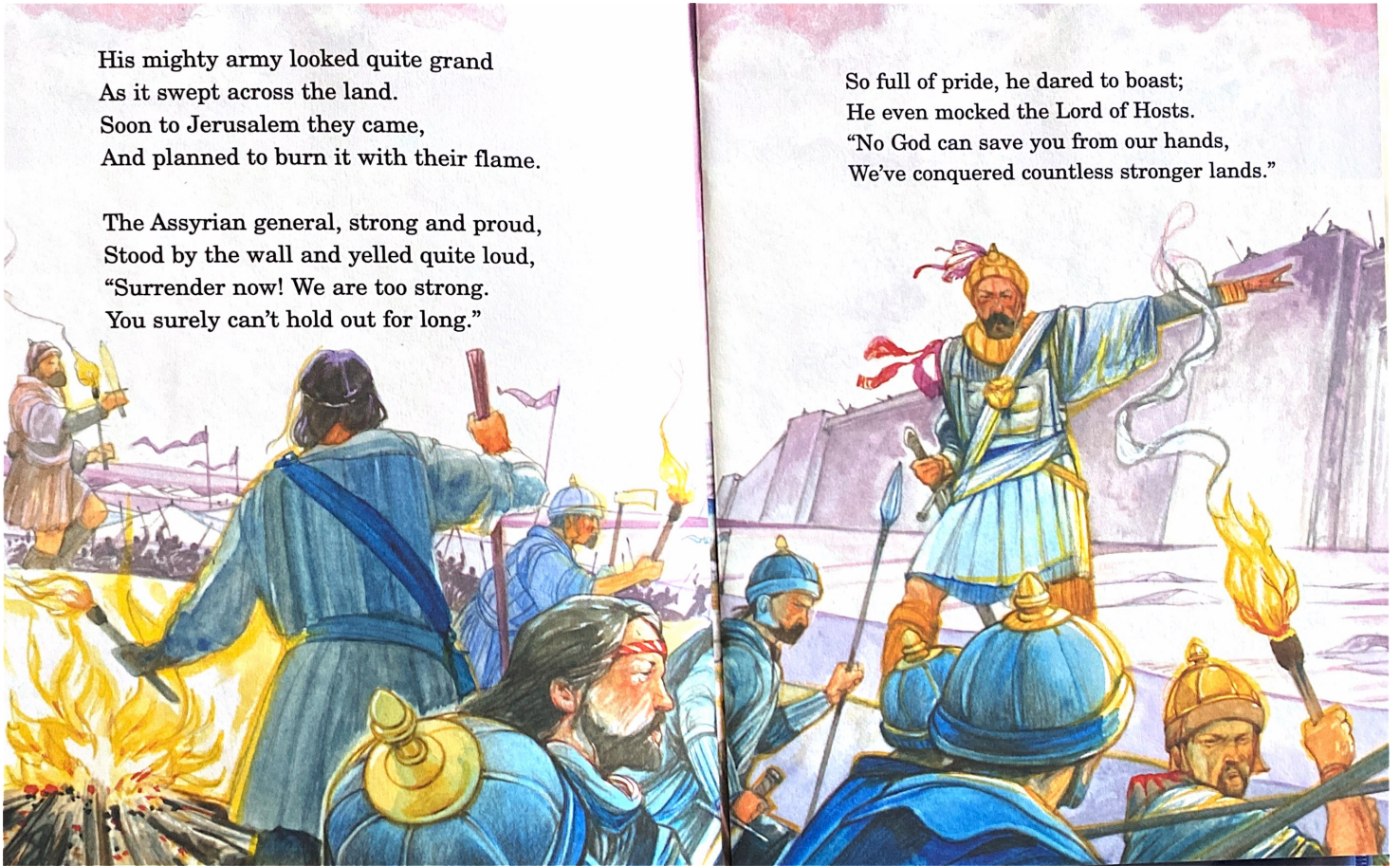




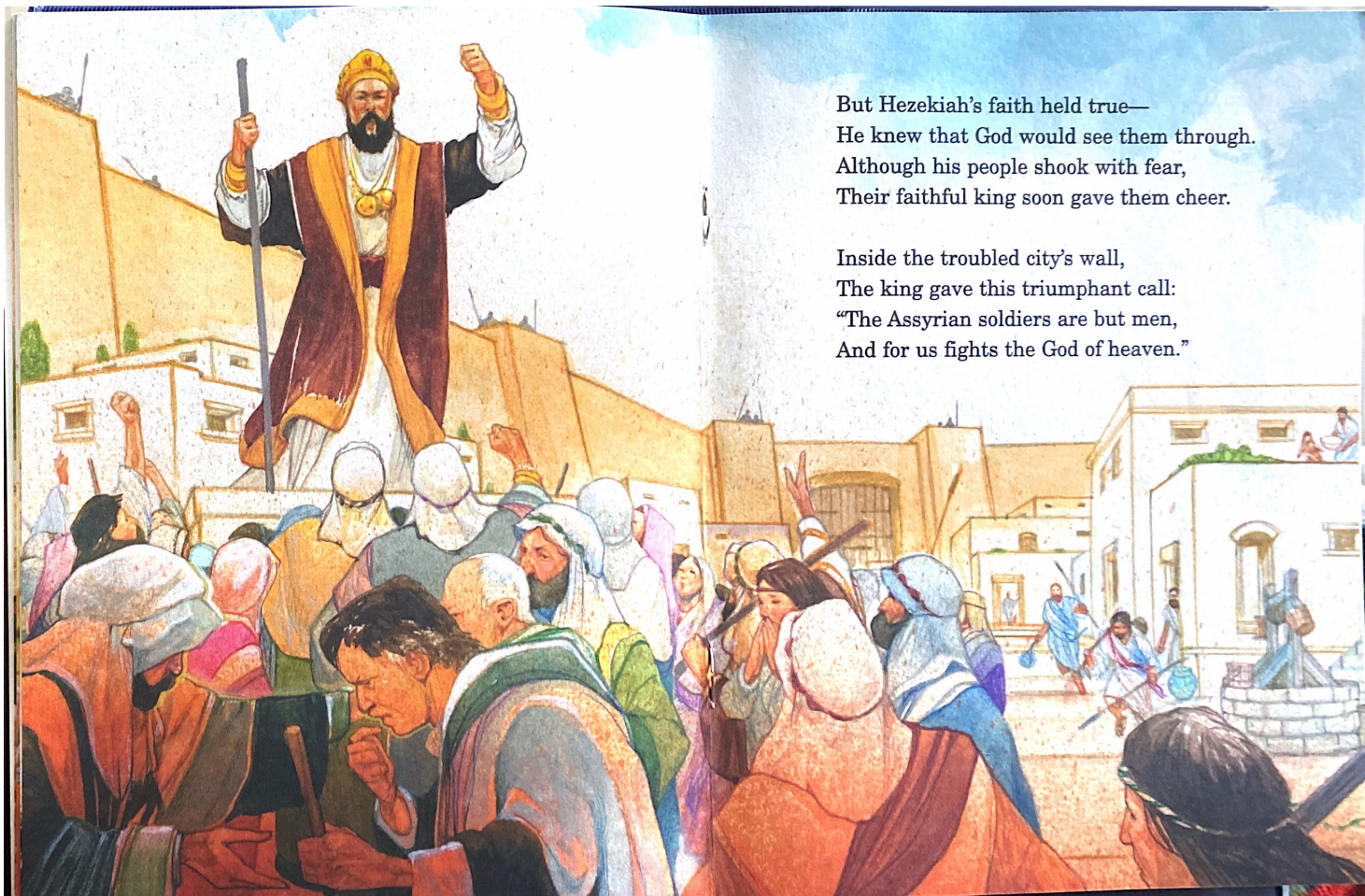
His mighty army looked quite grand  
As it swept across the land.  
Soon to Jerusalem they came,  
And planned to burn it with their flame.

The Assyrian general, strong and proud,  
Stood by the wall and yelled quite loud,  
"Surrender now! We are too strong.  
You surely can't hold out for long."

So full of pride, he dared to boast;  
He even mocked the Lord of Hosts.  
"No God can save you from our hands,  
We've conquered countless stronger lands."







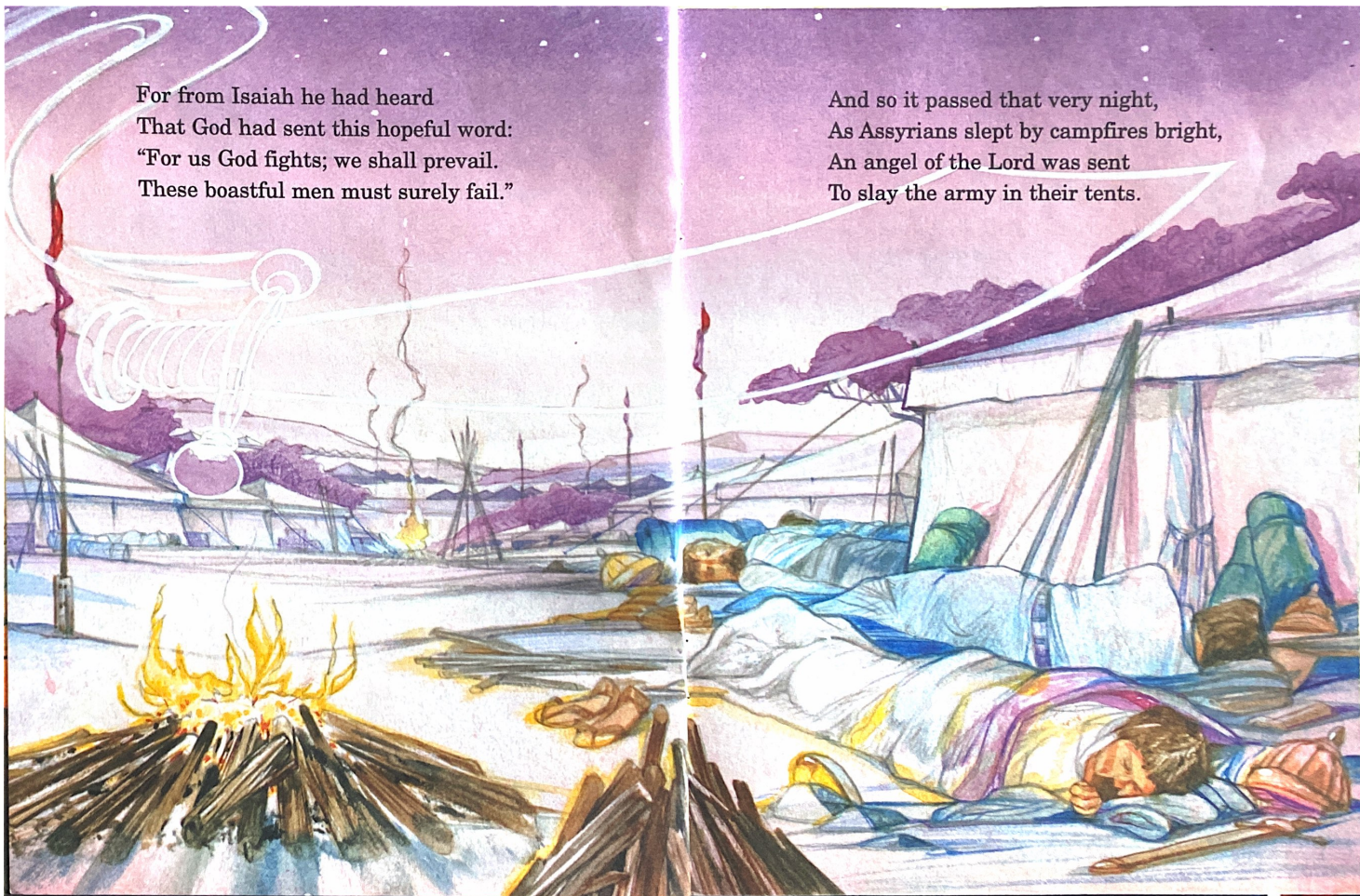
But Hezekiah's faith held true—  
He knew that God would see them through.  
Although his people shook with fear,  
Their faithful king soon gave them cheer.

Inside the troubled city's wall,  
The king gave this triumphant call:  
"The Assyrian soldiers are but men,  
And for us fights the God of heaven."

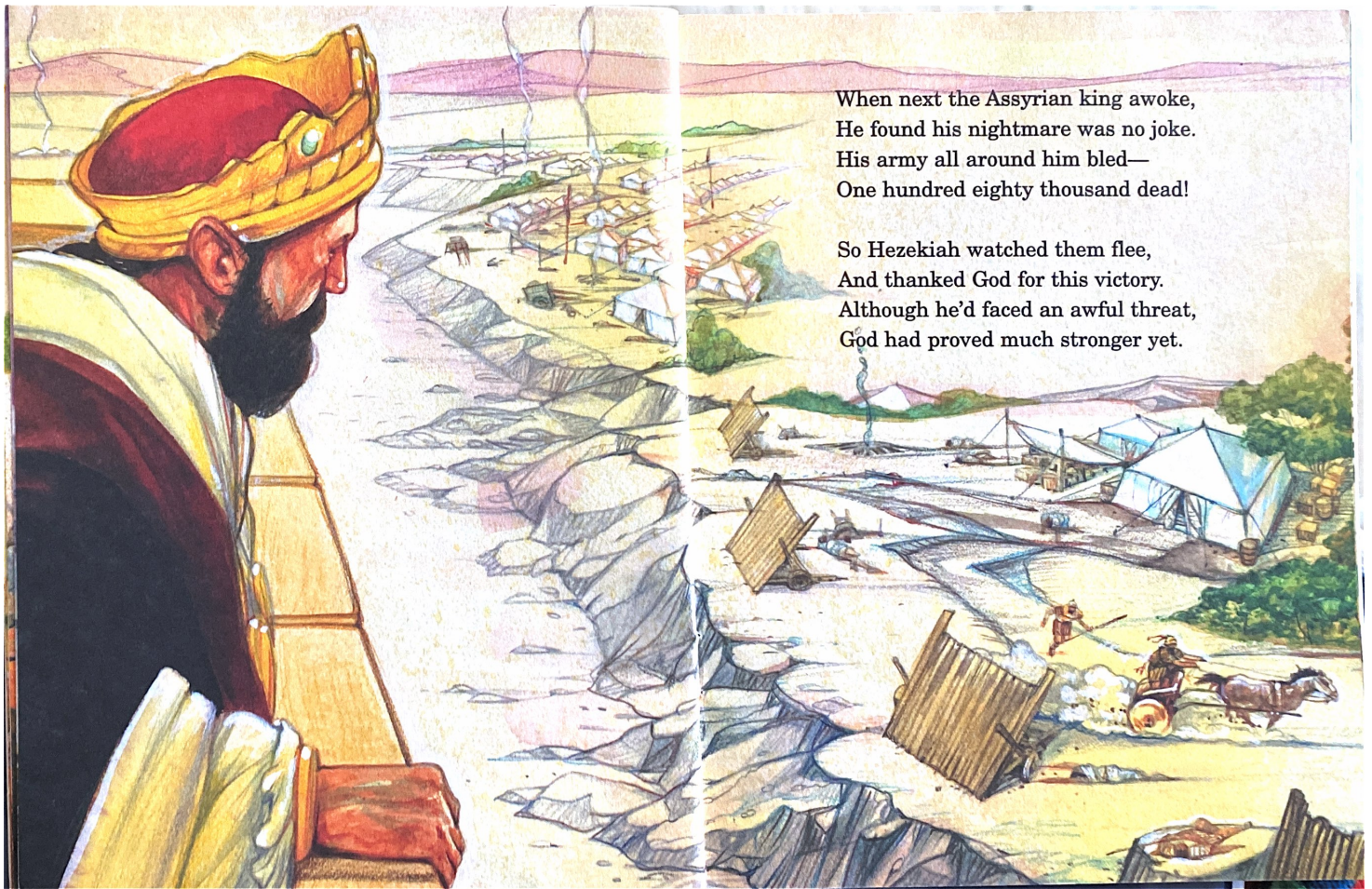


For from Isaiah he had heard  
That God had sent this hopeful word:  
"For us God fights; we shall prevail.  
These boastful men must surely fail."

And so it passed that very night,  
As Assyrians slept by campfires bright,  
An angel of the Lord was sent  
To slay the army in their tents.







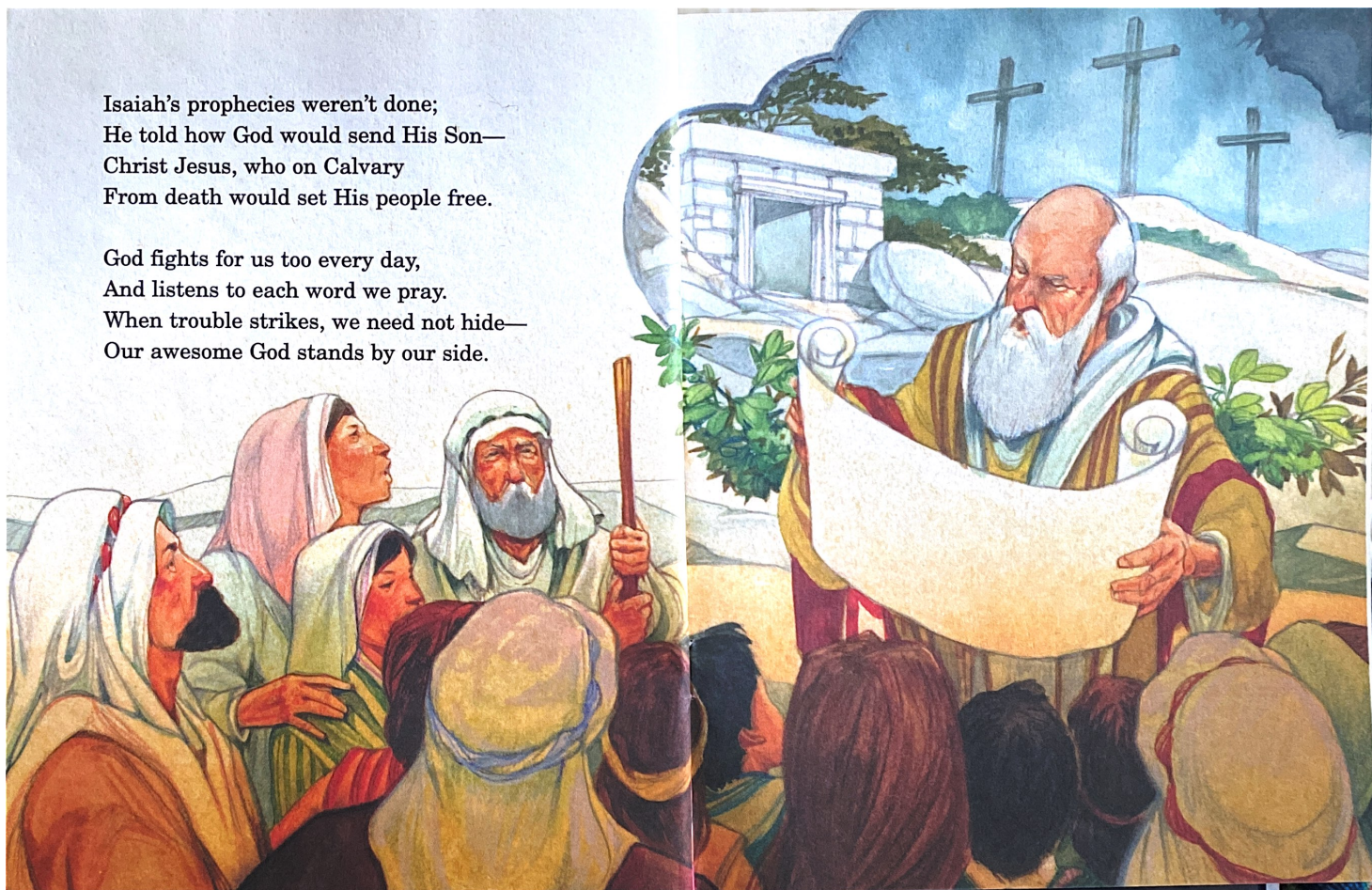
When next the Assyrian king awoke,  
He found his nightmare was no joke.  
His army all around him bled—  
One hundred eighty thousand dead!

So Hezekiah watched them flee,  
And thanked God for this victory.  
Although he'd faced an awful threat,  
God had proved much stronger yet.



Isaiah's prophecies weren't done;  
He told how God would send His Son—  
Christ Jesus, who on Calvary  
From death would set His people free.

God fights for us too every day,  
And listens to each word we pray.  
When trouble strikes, we need not hide—  
Our awesome God stands by our side.





Dear Parents,

King Hezekiah was indeed faithful. His trust in God was so strong that "there was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after" (2 Kings 18:6). Throughout his 29-year reign as king, Hezekiah's trust held firm, for God Himself was faithful. He healed Hezekiah of a life-threatening illness and led Hezekiah's army in victory against enemies.

Psalms 117:2 tells us that "the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever." Like King Hezekiah, we can find numerous examples of His faithfulness to us. The greatest example is that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior from sin.

As a family, create a "faithfulness journal." On a regular basis—as part of family devotions or prayer time—talk about the many ways God demonstrates His faithfulness to you. Add pictures and stories. See how His faithfulness and love do endure forever.

The Editor

## The Arch® Book Bible Story Library

### Bible Beginnings

- 59-1496 The Story of Creation
- 59-1486 The Fall into Sin
- 59-1534 The First Brothers
- 59-1294 Noah and God's Promises
- 59-1511 Noah's 2-by-2 Adventure

### People of the Old Testament

- 59-1502 Abraham's Big Test
- 59-1538 Jacob's Dream
- 59-1494 Joseph Forgives His Brothers
- 59-1158 The Princess and the Baby
- 59-1291 Moses and the 10 Plagues
- 59-1518 Moses' Dry Feet
- 59-1526 Ten Steps to Z-z-zing
- 59-1454 Caleb, God's Special Spy
- 59-1535 A Mother Who Prayed
- 59-1463 Samson
- 59-1433 Samuel and the Wake-up Call
- 59-1522 The Spry, Slingy Sling
- 59-1457 David and Goliath
- 59-1434 David and Jonathan
- 59-1523 God's Fire for Elijah
- 59-1542 Good News for Samson
- 59-1543 Elijah Helps the Widow
- 59-1527 Just-in-Time Esther
- 59-1530 Tried and True Job
- 59-1514 Jonah and the Very Big Fish
- 59-1466 Three Men in the Fiery Furnace
- 59-1498 Daniel and the Roaring Lions

### Places of the Old Testament

- 59-1539 Jericho's Tumbling Walls

### Christmas Arch® Books

- 59-1499 Mary's Christmas Story
- 59-1528 Just Look in the Stable
- 59-1467 Baby Jesus Is Born
- 59-1488 My Merry Christmas Arch® Book
- 59-1519 My Christmas Prayer Book
- 59-1537 On a Silent Night
- 59-1513 The Shepherd's Christmas
- 59-1544 Baby Jesus Visits the Temple
- 59-1497 Three Presents for Baby Jesus

### Parables and Lessons of Jesus

- 59-1475 The Kind Samaritan
- 59-1495 The Prodigal Son

### Parables and Lessons of Jesus (cont.)

- 59-1512 The Seeds That Grew and Grew
- 59-1309 The Parables of Jesus
- 59-1524 The Good Shepherd
- 59-1500 Jesus Blesses the Children

### Miracles Jesus Performed

- 59-1503 The Story of Jesus' Baptism and Temptation
- 59-1445 Jesus' First Miracle
- 59-1510 What's for Lunch?
- 59-1474 Jesus Walks on the Water
- 59-1468 Jesus Calms the Storm
- 59-1221 He Remembered to Say Thank You
- 59-1485 Jesus and Bartimaeus
- 59-1531 Down through the Roof

### Easter Arch® Books

- 59-1541 The Week That Led to Easter
- 59-1455 Jesus Enters Jerusalem
- 59-1501 The Very First Lord's Supper
- 59-1540 Jesus Washes Peter's Feet
- 59-1516 The Day Jesus Died
- 59-1451 Good Friday
- 59-1517 The Story of the Empty Tomb
- 59-1493 My Happy Easter Arch® Book
- 59-1534 A Surprise in Disguise
- 59-1304 Thomas, the Doubting Disciple
- 59-1476 Jesus Returns to Heaven
- 59-1452 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

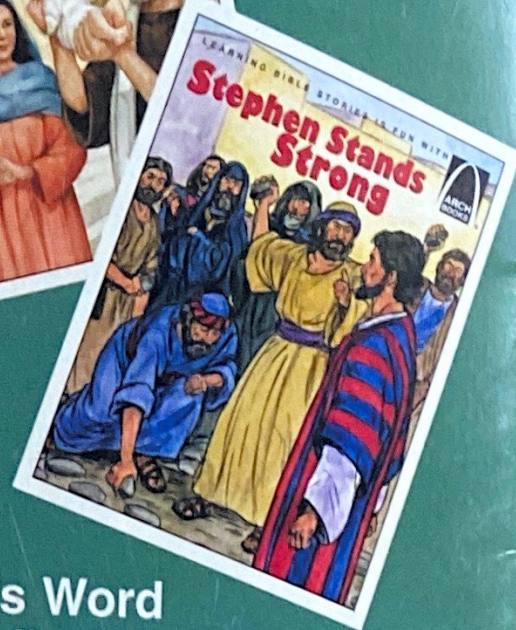
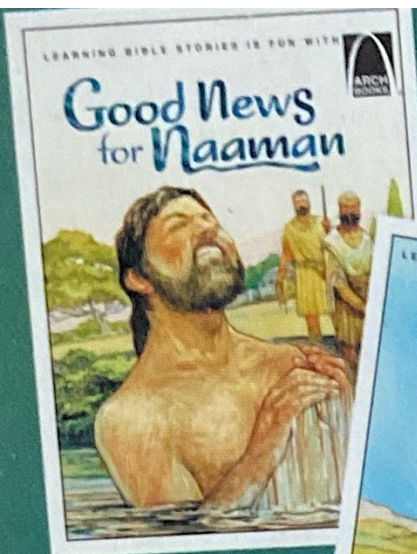
### People of the New Testament

- 59-1529 The Man Who Didn't Speak
- 59-1520 Jesus and the Family Ties
- 59-1536 Camel's Hair and Honey
- 59-1521 Mary and Martha's Dinner Guest
- 59-1515 Twelve Who Followed Jesus
- 59-1460 Zacchaeus
- 59-1293 Jesus Forgives Peter
- 59-1525 Bright Light, Saul's Sight
- 59-1545 Stephen Stands Strong
- 59-1532 Jailhouse Rock

### Arch® Book Companion Series

- 59-1301 God, I've Gotta Talk to You
- 59-1315 God, I've Gotta Talk to You Again
- 59-1459 The Lord's Prayer
- 59-1314 The Greatest Gift Is Love
- 59-1487 My Happy Birthday Book





**More than  
58 million  
sold!**

**Share God's Word  
through lively poems  
and colorful illustrations  
that jump off the page!**

For more than 35 years, the best-selling **Arch® Book** Bible story series has captivated children ages 5–9. Each book presents a complete Bible story in a fun-to-read way children can understand and remember.

The **Arch® Book** series contains more than 80 books, covering themes from Genesis through Acts. Start your **Arch® Book** library today!

**CPH**  
Concordia Publishing House

10/28/03

\$ 1.99

Reading Level: Grade 3  
Interest Level: Ages 5–9

ISBN 0-570-07578-5

St. John The Baptist-Miramar, Florida

**Faithful Hezekiah Prays  
B00102**