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**STORY PICTURE: Nehemiah's Prayer**

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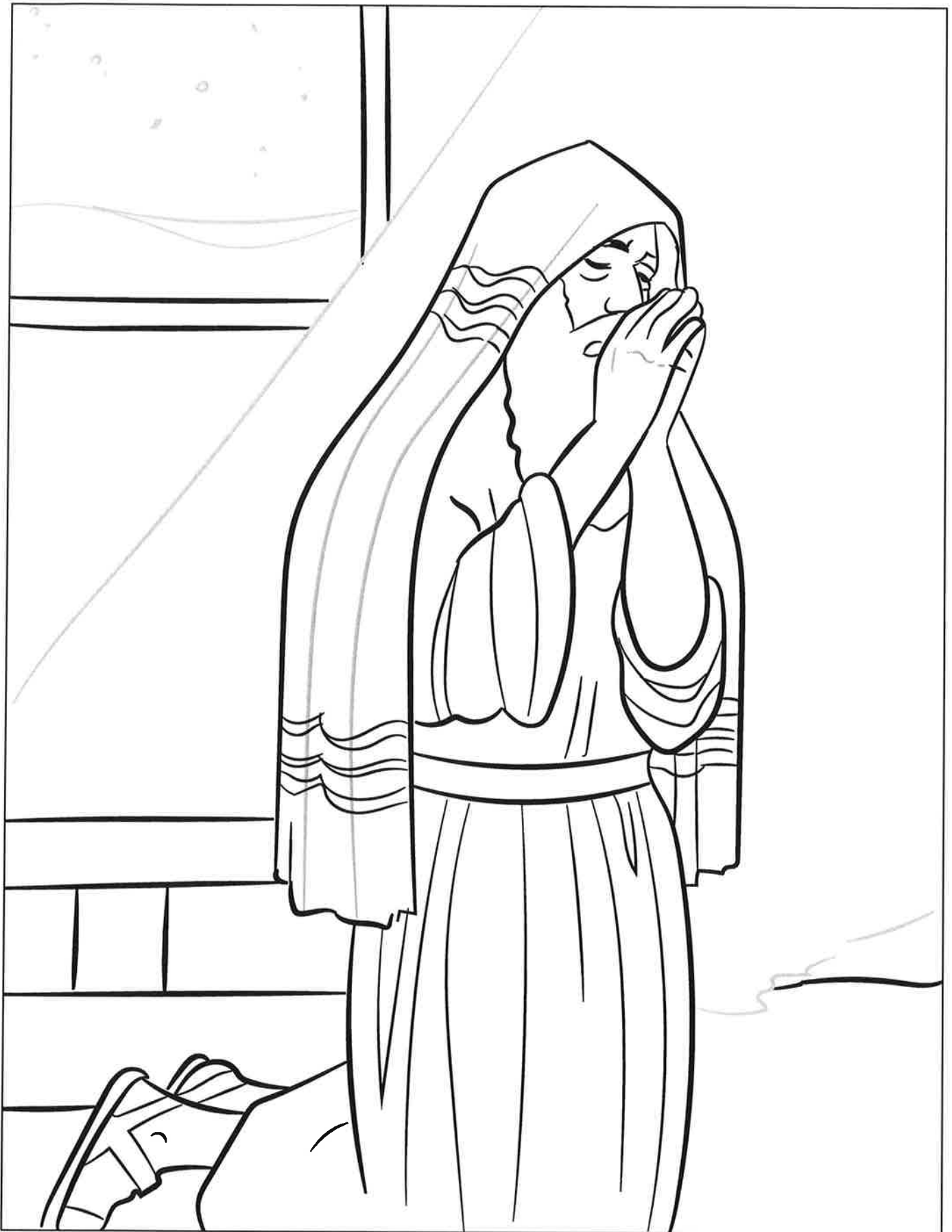
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The king said yes. Then Nehemiah knew God heard his prayers and helped him.

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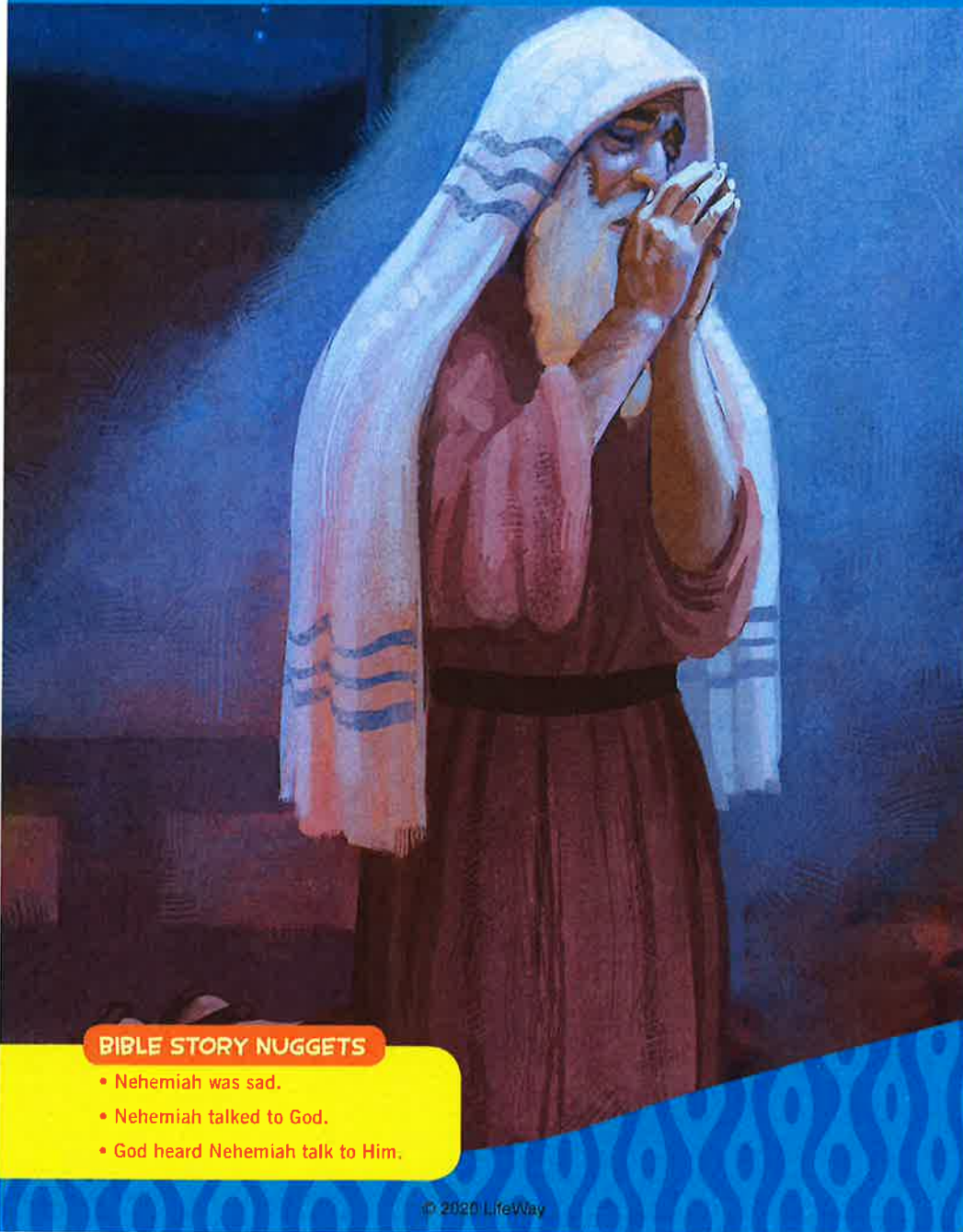
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Text Truth: Nehemiah prayed for God's help.



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## PARENTS,

This week at church your preschooler heard about Nehemiah. Children learned that Nehemiah prayed to God and God heard Nehemiah's prayer.

Help your child learn about prayer by praying. Look for moments in your day to say thank you to God. Sing songs of thanksgiving and praise to God. Thank God for blessing your family with the gift of your child. Make talking to God a part of your family life and conversation.

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### FAMILY ADVENTURE SHAKE BOTTLES

Gather three small plastic bottles. Add a scoop of dry rice to one, dry beans to another, and some water to a third. Tape the caps securely. Shake the bottles one at a time near your baby. Let your baby try to shake a bottle. Say thank you to God for ears to hear the sounds. Open a Bible to Nehemiah 1 and point to Nehemiah's name. Say: "Nehemiah talked to God. Nehemiah knew God listened and heard Nehemiah's prayer."

### FAMILY ADVENTURE SING ABOUT PRAYING

Open a Bible to Psalm 54:2 and read the words of the verse to your toddler. Explain that when people pray, they are talking to God.

Use the tune "Mary Had a Little Lamb" to sing about praying. Sing: *God will hear me when I pray, when I pray, when I pray. God will hear me when I pray. He hears when I'm at home (church, school, Grandma's). He hears me everywhere.*