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God gave a message to Zephaniah to take to the people. The message said that God would not let the people continue to disobey Him. One day, when people obeyed God, He would be with them and show them His love.

"God loves you," said Zephaniah.

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- Zephaniah told the people to obey and love God.



**Story Picture Page 6: Zephaniah's Message**

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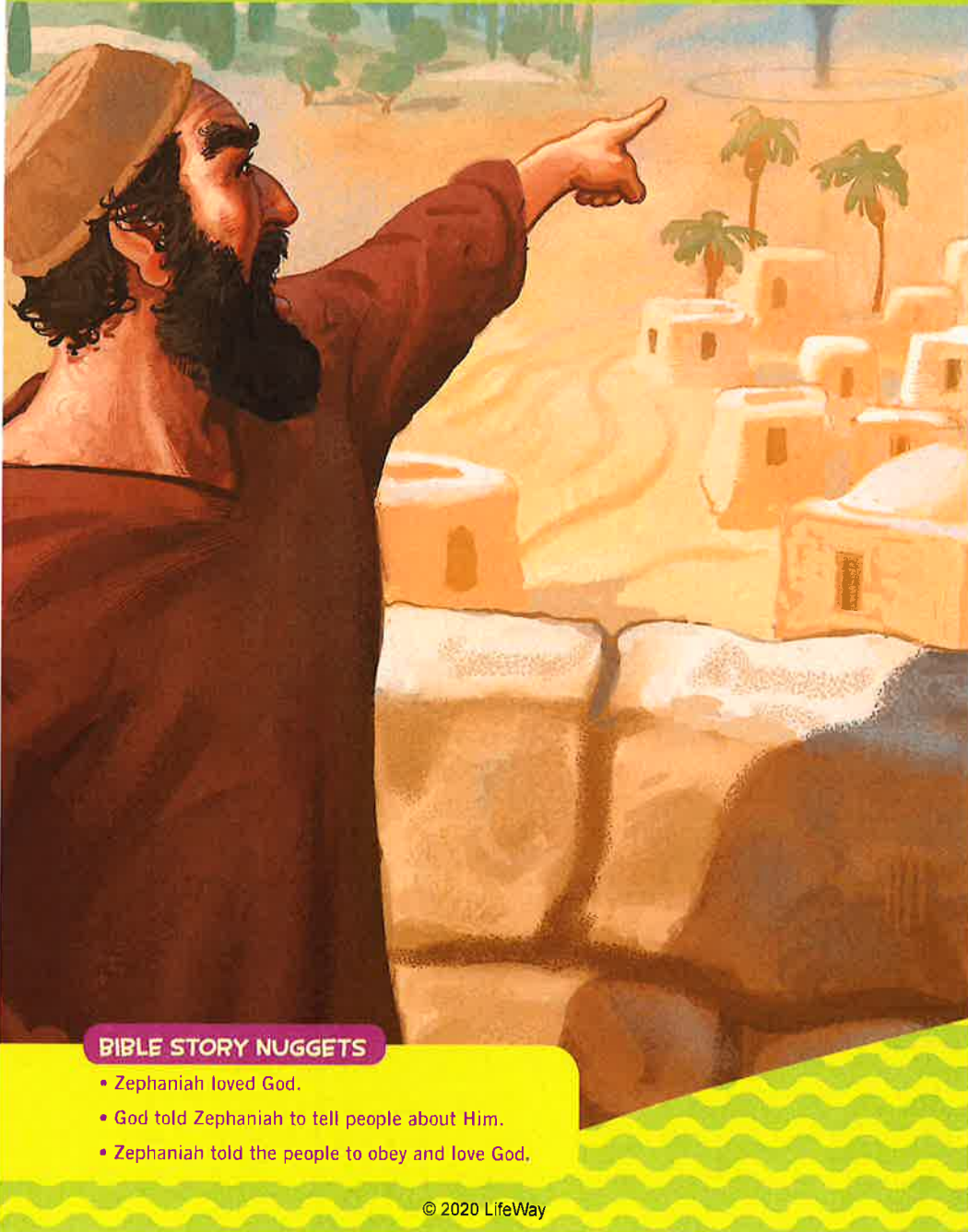
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Text Truth: God loves His people and wants them to obey Him.



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## PARENTS,

Your young child can begin to understand that God loves people and wants them to obey Him. Your child's early experiences following directions, doing what is asked, and completing tasks are just a few ways he or she will learn to obey. These experiences form a foundation for understanding what it means to obey God.

Look for moments throughout the day to say to your preschooler "God loves you" and "Thank you for obeying."

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### FAMILY ADVENTURE WEAR SILLY HATS

Gather a few hats for your baby to try on. Seat him in front of a mirror and put a hat on his head. When he sees his reflection in the mirror, exclaim: "I see you wearing a hat! I love you. God loves you, too!"

Cover a Bible with a hat. When your baby reaches for the hat, show him the Bible. Say: "The Bible says that God loves you."

### FAMILY ADVENTURE BATHE A BABY DOLL

Invite your toddler to bathe a baby doll using baby wipes. Or she might pretend to feed the baby a meal.

As your child takes care of the doll, say: "Mother bathed and fed you when you were a baby. Mother loves you. God loves you, too."

Show your child the picture on this card and comment that Zephaniah told people about God's love.