Parallel Passages

Materials

One Parallel Passages Worksheet for each student (page 2)
One answer key for your use (page 3)
Bibles

Instructions

Print one worksheet for each student. Pass out the worksheets and Bibles. Read the directions at the top of the sheet then assign one verse reference on the right to a pair/group of students, depending on class size (there are seven references).

Direct students to look up their reference and decide which 2 Kings passage it matches. When each group is ready, have them share their reference and its match for the other students to complete. Check answers using the answer key.

If you have a small class, you may assign one reference to individual students then complete the activity sheet together, having each student share their matching passage with the group.

Suggested Discussion

The Bible contains many parallel accounts of the same events. The Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—are all accounts of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. But because God inspired different men to write these accounts, we get a different perspective and details from each one. But that doesn't mean the Bible contradicts itself. The accounts in the Bible all match up!

The account of Hezekiah, Sennacherib, and Isaiah is found in 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, and Isaiah.

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. Two of the books are books of history, and Isaiah is a book of poetry. But there are several chapters of history in Isaiah's book, and those contain the real events that happened during King Hezekiah's reign.

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Isaiah 37:14-20

2 Kings 19:1-2

Hezekiah tore his clothes and put on sackcloth when he heard the Rabshakeh's message. He went into the house of the Lord, and he sent for the prophet Isaiah.

2 Chronicles 32:21

Isaiah 37:36-38

2 Kings 19:6-7

Isaiah's message from God said not to be afraid of the king of Assyria. God would make him fall by the sword.

2 Chronicles 29:1-2

2 Kings 19:14-19

Hezekiah received the threatening letter from Sennacherib and went to the house of the Lord to pray. He praised God and asked for help.

Isaiah 37:33-35

2 Kings 19:32-34

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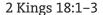
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