

God Takes Care of Problems

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear” (Psalm 46:1–2).

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God helps us with our problems when we surrender to Him.

Color the picture of King David praying. Then help him cross the river safely.



Pretend this cell phone can be used to call on God. In the phone, draw a picture of a prayer you have for God.



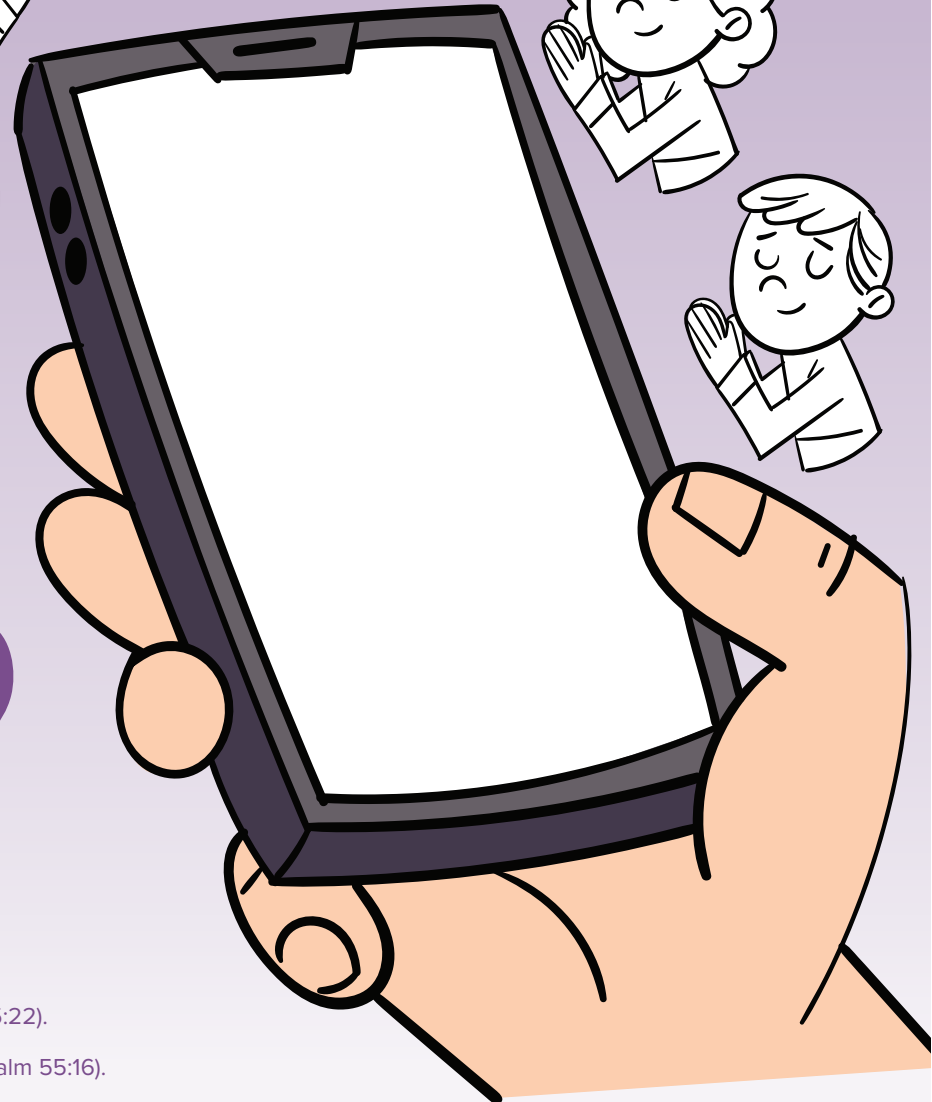
Refer to II Samuel 17:15–22 to answer the following True/False statements. After you circle the letter in the correct column, write the circled letters on the blanks at the bottom of the page to complete Psalm 55:22. Then write the letters that are not circled on the blanks to complete Psalm 55:16.

True	False	
A	S	King David was warned not to stay in a hotel. (verse 16)
S	U	A young girl saw Jonathan and Ahimaaz and told Absalom. (verse 18)
S	F	Jonathan and Ahimaaz hid in a well. (verse 18)
T	O	A woman covered the well with grain. (verse 19)
R	A	The soldiers found Jonathan and Ahimaaz as they were hiding. (verse 19).
I	M	The two men told King David to hurry. (verse 21)
E	N	King David and his people crossed over the Nile River. (verse 22)

CIRCLED LETTERS: “Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall _____ thee” (Psalm 55:22).

LETTERS NOT CIRCLED: “_____, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me” (Psalm 55:16).

I will cast my cares upon the Lord through prayer.



MOVE!

David Writes Psalm 55

II Samuel 17:15–22 (paraphrase)

King David was writing another psalm (Psalm 55). It was about a time when he faced trouble and learned to surrender his problems to God. As he wrote, he remembered when his own son, Absalom, had gathered people to fight. Absalom wanted to be king and convinced some people that he would be a better king than his father. Absalom wanted to kill David.

As David ran away from the city, he told one of his loyal soldiers, “Hushai, go back to the city. Become friends with Absalom. Learn what he is doing. Then tell the priests, and they send me the message.”

As Hushai left, David began to pray. He knew God would help. He told the Lord about his trouble. He admitted he was afraid and sad because his own son was trying to kill him.

Hushai did what David asked. He learned Absalom’s plans and went to the priests. The priests sent two scouts named Jonathan and Ahimaaz to David. As Jonathan and Ahimaaz left the city, a young boy spotted them. The boy told Absalom what he saw, and soon the soldiers were searching.

Jonathan and Ahimaaz ran quickly and found a house with a well in the yard. “Quick, let’s hide in the well,” they said.

The woman who owned the house covered the well and placed corn on top. When the soldiers came, they could not find David’s scouts.

After it was safe, Jonathan and Ahimaaz came out of the well. They hurried to David.

“King David, quickly cross the river. Absalom is coming to kill you.”

That night King David and the people crossed the water. They escaped from Absalom’s soldiers. Even as he ran away, David trusted God to help him.