

Jehovah Forgives Freely

2 CHRONICLES 33:1-20



"JEHOVAH, A GOD MERCIFUL AND COMPASSIONATE, SLOW TO ANGER AND ABUNDANT IN LOYAL LOVE AND TRUTH."



GRANDPA MANASSEH, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M RECITING WHAT GOD HAS SAID, JOSIAH. THAT'S HOW JEHOVAH DESCRIBED HIMSELF TO MOSES.



YOU SAID THAT JEHOVAH IS MERCIFUL. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

WHEN GOD SEES THAT WE ARE SORRY FOR THE BAD THINGS WE HAVE DONE, HE HELPS US! HE DID THAT FOR ME, EVEN AFTER I DID SOME VERY BAD THINGS.



BUT YOU'RE A GOOD KING.

I'VE TRIED TO BE A GOOD KING EVER SINCE JEHOVAH FREELY FORGAVE ME.



I WAS YOUNG LIKE YOU, AND I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THE WAY OTHER NATIONS WORSHIPPED THEIR GODS . . .

BEFORE LONG, I BUILT ALTARS TO BAAL,
PRACTICED MAGIC, AND BOWED DOWN TO
FALSE GODS. I EVEN KILLED INNOCENT PEOPLE.



GRANDPA,
I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU DID THAT!
WHEN DID YOU
CHANGE?

NOT
RIGHT AWAY,
SO JEHOVAH
PUNISHED ME.

HE HAD THE ASSYRIANS CAPTURE
ME AND TAKE ME TO BABYLON.



WHILE IN PRISON, I FINALLY BEGAN TO THINK ABOUT HOW I HAD HURT JEHOVAH.



I BEGGED JEHOVAH TO HEAR MY PRAYERS.

I CONFESSED ALL OF MY SINS.

AND I KEPT ASKING HIM TO FORGIVE ME.



AND JEHOVAH DID FORGIVE YOU!





YES! HE EVEN BROUGHT ME BACK HOME. BUT I WANTED TO SHOW JEHOVAH HOW THANKFUL I WAS FOR HIS MERCY.



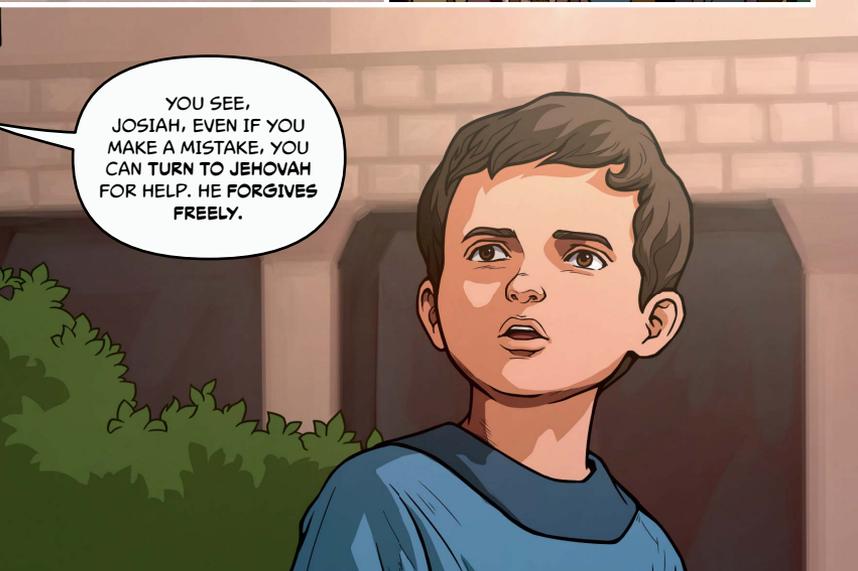
SO I REMOVED THE IDOLS FROM JEHOVAH'S HOUSE . . .



. . . AND THEN YOU PREPARED THE ALTAR TO JEHOVAH?



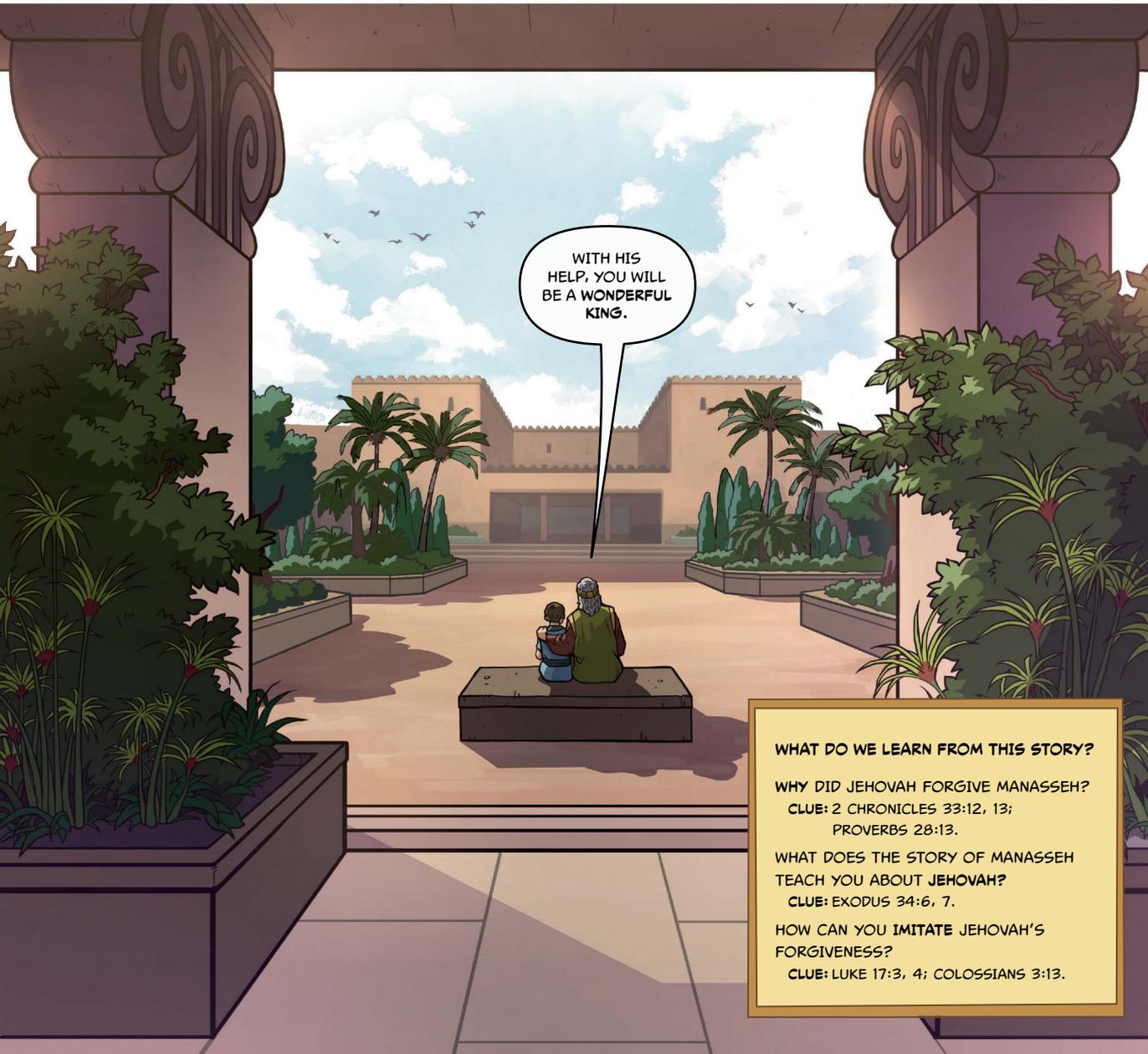
YES, AND I TOLD ALL THE PEOPLE THAT THEY TOO SHOULD START WORSHIPPING JEHOVAH.



YOU SEE, JOSIAH, EVEN IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, YOU CAN TURN TO JEHOVAH FOR HELP. HE FORGIVES FREELY.



I'M SO HAPPY
OUR GOD,
JEHOVAH, IS
LIKE THAT.



WITH HIS
HELP, YOU WILL
BE A WONDERFUL
KING.

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THIS STORY?

WHY DID JEHOVAH FORGIVE MANASSEH?
CLUE: 2 CHRONICLES 33:12, 13;
PROVERBS 28:13.

**WHAT DOES THE STORY OF MANASSEH
TEACH YOU ABOUT JEHOVAH?**
CLUE: EXODUS 34:6, 7.

**HOW CAN YOU IMITATE JEHOVAH'S
FORGIVENESS?**
CLUE: LUKE 17:3, 4; COLOSSIANS 3:13.