

Big Bully

When you were a child, who did you bully? Who bullied you?

Read Isaiah 36:1-37:38.

1. What was likely to happen when King Sennacherib reached Jerusalem?
 - A. He would conquer it.
 - B. His army would be defeated by the people of Judah.
 - C. His army would lay siege to Jerusalem.
 - D. Israel and Assyria would negotiate peace.
 - E. The army would plunder the people and their possessions.
 - F. The soldiers would raid King Solomon's famous temple.
 - G. There would be a massive battle.
 - H. He would take the people as slaves to Assyria.
 - I. Other.

2. What was King Sennacherib's message to Hezekiah and all Judah?
 - A. Let's make a deal.
 - B. Nobody can stop me.
 - C. Just give me gold and I'll leave.
 - D. I'm impressive.
 - E. You're impressive.
 - F. No god(s) can stop me.
 - G. Your god can't save you.
 - H. I already demolished Israel; now I will demolish Judah.
 - I. Other.

3. What was Hezekiah's response to the verbal and written threats?
 - A. He ignored them.
 - B. He hunkered down.
 - C. He tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, and prayed.
 - D. He took the offensive and attacked the Assyrians.
 - E. He turned to God.
 - F. He asked God's prophet for input.
 - G. He told God all about it.
 - H. He sent out the choir.
 - I. Other.

4. What was God's message through Isaiah to Hezekiah?
 - A. Repent.
 - B. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.
 - C. Didn't I warn you about this?
 - D. God will deal with the Assyrians.
 - E. Be strong and courageous.
 - F. I'm scared, too.
 - G. Sennacherib is going down.
 - H. Blaspheming God gets a bad result.
 - I. Other.

5. What did Sennacherib get wrong?
 - A. The fighters in Judah were exceptionally good.
 - B. Yahweh is different from all pagan gods.
 - C. The walls of Jerusalem were impenetrable.
 - D. God's people can't be demoralized.
 - E. Jerusalem's supply of food and water could outlast the siege.
 - F. Mocking God and His people isn't a good idea.
 - G. Egypt served as a powerful ally to Judah.
 - H. It takes only one of God's angels to destroy the Assyrian army.
 - I. Other.

6. What surprised you about the end of the story?
 - A. God's people somehow survived against a powerful enemy.
 - B. Sennacherib survived in Judah, but not in his temple back home.
 - C. Judah should have been destroyed for previous decades of sin.
 - D. Just one angel can destroy 185,000 top-notch soldiers in one night.
 - E. This isn't the way it usually ends.
 - F. I wasn't surprised at all.
 - G. I still can't believe this really happened.
 - H. Other.

7. When have you trusted God, but He didn't come through for you?

8. When have you trusted God, and He did come through for you?