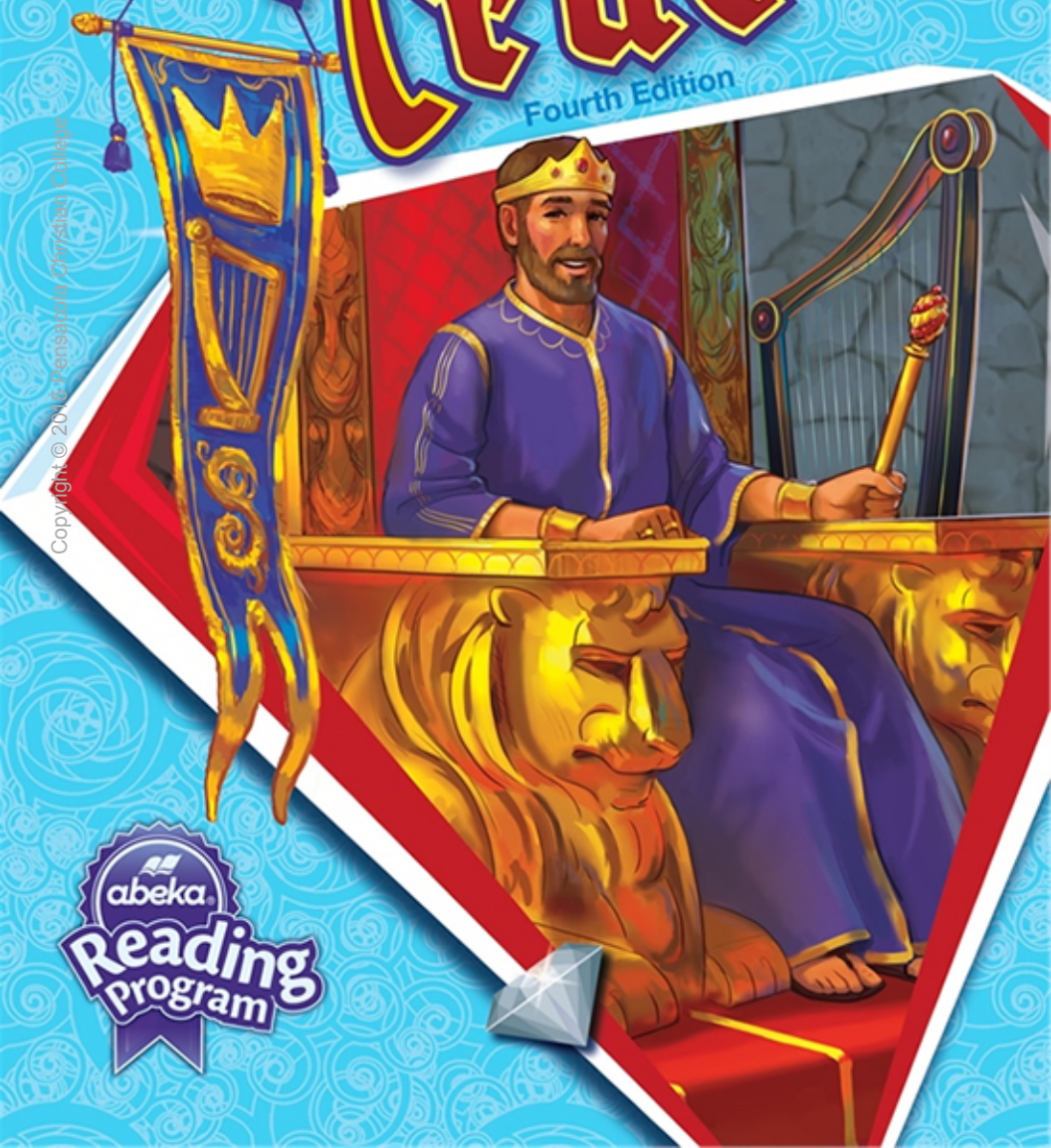


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To Teachers and Parents

Your student will enjoy reading longer stories, poems, and fables that illustrate good character traits and reinforce his love of reading. As he reads, your student will also practice reading and applying phonetic sounds from *Basic Phonics Charts* 12–13 and reading words with prefixes. Through special comprehension questions marked with an asterisk(*), your student will also cultivate thinking/comprehension skills and learn to apply valuable lessons to his life.

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Words to Watch For

mountain moment important



The Wise Frog

One day, a little frog hopped to his father who sat by the edge of a pond.

“Father, I have just seen the biggest animal in the world!” said the little frog. “It was as big as a mountain, and it had horns on its head.”

“Son,” said the little frog’s father, “that was Farmer White’s ox.

He is pulling the plow to get the ground ready for crops to grow.”

“Father,” asked the little frog, “how can I be as strong as he is?”

“Why do you ask?” said the father frog.

The little frog thought for a moment before he answered. “I want to do an important job like he does.”

“Son,” said the father frog, “Farmer White has an important job for you to do. He wants you to catch flies for him.”

“Catching flies is not an important job,” the little frog thought to himself.

“It is exactly what Farmer White needs you to do,” said the father frog. Does the ox eat flies?”

“No,” answered the little frog.

“If we didn’t eat flies, Farmer White would have too many flies. Our job, as small as it may seem, is just as important to Farmer White as pulling a plow.”



Just then, a big fly buzzed past the little frog. With one jump and one gulp, the little frog had helped Farmer White not have too many flies.

Think About It

1. Why did the little frog want to be as strong as the ox?
2. Did the frog already have an important job? What was it?



2 Corinthians 10:12

“But they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”



Words to Practice

ure in pure

cure

surely

purely

secure

enduring

treasure

ture in pasture

capture

lecture

future

rapture

moisture

culture

nature

picture

furniture

fracture

creature

adventure

A **pasture** is a field.

Capture means to catch.