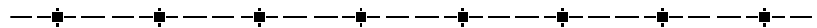


# Old Testament

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# Families of the Old Testament



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## A Grateful Son Repairs the Temple

Joash

II Kings 11-12

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Repairs the Temple  
II Kings 12:4-12

### Memory Verse:

Don't you know that you  
yourselves are God's temple?  
God's Spirit lives in you.  
(II Corinthians 3:16 NIV)

### Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that the life of Joash was saved by his aunt and the high priest.
2. Understand that Joash was taught by the high priest.
3. Learn that Joash wanted the temple repaired.
4. Recognize that the workers made the temple look like new again.

Elisha was a prophet chosen by God. He was able to help a widow and her two sons because Elisha trusted and obeyed God. Elisha knew what God would do. He told the widow and the servant what to do. God caused the oil to flow until the woman had enough to pay her debt and more.

### Read the Bible

**READ: II Kings 12:4-12 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

### Begin with Prayer

This week we will learn about a king of Judah named Joash. His aunt, Jehosheba rescued Joash when his life was in danger. He was hidden in the temple for six years. When he was seven years old, Jehoiada, the high priest brought Joash out of the temple and made him king of Judah. (II Kings 11:1-12)

The Bible says, "Jehoiada brought Joash outside, where he placed the crown on his head.... Olive oil was poured on his head to show that he was now king..." (II Kings 11:12)

Joash was a good king. The Bible says that as long as the high priest, Jehoiada was teaching him, Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. (II Kings 12:2) Joash had people who saved his life and people who taught him about what God wants. Do you have someone to help teach you what is right in the eyes of the Lord?

When Joash had reigned for seven years, he saw that the temple of the Lord needed repairs. Remember that the temple was the place where he had grown. He was probably very grateful for the temple. He had been hidden there for six years. Is there a special place where you have grown up? Maybe that place is your grandmother's house, a daycare, a Headstart program or a preschool?

Joash spoke to the priests. He told them to collect all the money the people brought as offering. Joash told the priest to use all the money to repair the temple. (II Kings 12:4-5)

Years went by and the priests had not repaired the temple. This was the place where people went to worship God. So Joash sent for Jehoiada and the other priests. Joash asked them why they had not repaired the temple. He told them not to give any more money to those in charge of the treasures. He told them to use the money to repair the temple. (II Kings 12:6-7)

The priests agreed. They were not going to take any more money from

### Joash — Bible Facts

1. Joash was the king of Judah.
2. Joash was hidden in the temple for six years.
3. Joash asked the priest to repair the temple.
4. Joash called the high priests and priest a second time asking them to repair the temple.
5. The priests agreed to use the money to repair the temple and to hire someone to make the temple repairs.

the people. They also agreed that they would not make the repairs themselves. Instead they would hire someone to do it. Then Jehoiada got a chest. He made a hole in the lid and put the chest beside the altar for burnt offerings. When the people entered the temple of God, the chest was on the right side. They had priests guarding the entrance to the temple. The priests put all the money that the people brought to the temple inside the chest. (II Kings 12:8-9)

When there was a lot of money, the royal secretary and the high priest would come to count the money that the people had brought. Then they would put the money into bags. Then they would add up the amount of money they had. They use the money to pay the workers who were in charge of repairing the temple. They paid builders who worked with wood. They paid stone cutters. They paid those who laid the stone. Then they would buy more lumber and blocks of stones. (II Kings 12:10-12)

Instead of making silver bowls, wick cutters, sprinkling bows, or trumpets. The money was not used to make things out of gold or silver. Instead the money was used to pay the workers who were repairing the temple. Those who were in charge of the work were completely honest. They paid their workers. (II Kings 12:13-16) They used all the money to make the temple look like new again. (II Kings 12:12) If we are God's children the Bible says we are the temple of God. "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple? God's Spirit lives in you." (I Corinthians 3:16 NIV) God sent Jesus to make it possible for us to become children of God. (Galatians 3:26)

#### Review

1. **Who was Joash?** (Joash was the king of Judah.)
2. **What happened to Joash?** (Joash was hidden in the temple for six years.)
3. **What did Joash do?** (Joash asked the priest to repair the temple.)
4. **What else did Joash do?** (Joash called the high priests and priest a second time asking them to repair the temple.)
5. **What did the priests do?** (The priests agreed to use the money to repair the temple and to hire someone to make the temple repairs.)

**Do You Know Jesus?** God sent Jesus to make it possible for us to become children of God. (Galatians 3:26) The Bible says that if we are God's children we are his temple. (I Corinthians 3:16) Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. If we confess that Jesus is God's Son and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we can become His children. (Romans 10:9-10) Would you like to do that?

#### Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus so that we can become children of God.
3. Ask God to help you ask God's forgiveness.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to become children of God.

#### Application

The life of Joash was saved by his aunt and the high priest. He became king of Judah when he was seven. Joash was taught by the high priest. When saw that the temple was in disrepair, Joash wanted the temple repaired. He made sure the priests hired workers who made the temple look like new again. Just as the temple was repaired, when we ask God's forgiveness, He forgives us and removes the sin from our lives. (I John 1:9)

**Planning for the next week:**  
**Josiah (A King and God's Word) — II Kings 22-23**

# Preschool Lesson

## Read the Bible

**READ: II Kings 12:2-12 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

(Make a chest that the kids can use to keep their church offering until they come to Bible study.)

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## Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus so that we can become children of God.
3. Ask God to help you ask God's forgiveness.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to become children of God.

**Did you know?** Preschoolers can learn about taking care of God's temple.

**Consider this:** Bring blocks or Legos that are not clean or old and broken. Bring some new blocks or Legos. Ask the children which blocks they want to use to build a temple. Talk about the importance of taking care of God's temple. Take time to clean your area. Allow the children to help. Throw away old or broken toys that cannot be repaired.

# Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Bring a picture of a church or temple for the children to color. Put the Bible verse on the back.

- **Test your memory** — As you tell the story use numbers to help the kids remember. (1 hidden, 6 lived in temple, 7 crowned, etc.)

**Taste activity** — Bring candy or gum wrapped in silver or gold wrappers.

**Think about it** — If we are God’s children the Bible says we are the temple of God. “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple? God’s Spirit lives in you.” (I Corinthians 3:16 NIV) Talk about keeping God’s temple pure.

Joash wanted the temple repaired. God does not want us to remain in sin. Talk about how sin affects us and those around us.

- **Touch activity** — Build a temple out of empty boxes. Color it and decorate it. Check the Internet for ideas.

Bring blocks or Legos that are not clean or old and broken. Bring some new blocks or Legos. Ask the children which blocks they want to use to build a temple. Talk about the importance of taking care of God’s temple. Take time to clean your area. Allow the children to help. Throw away old or broken toys that cannot be repaired.

Bring a chest. Talk about the offering chest used to collect money to repair the temple.

Make a chest that the kids can use to keep their church offering until they come to Bible study.

- **Run and play** — The priest hired men to repair the temple. Do something to make your meeting place look better. (Paint, clean, pick up trash)

- **Listen** — As they take time to listen to God, remind the children that God wants us to take care of His temple.

- **Sing** — Sing “I Like to Go to Church” or another song related to the story.

## Memory Verse

Don't you know  
that you yourselves  
are God's temple?

God's Spirit  
lives in you.

11 Corinthians 3:16

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## Word Art

Trace the letters.

Joash

had the

temple

repaired.

## Word Puzzle

T H R F D E H S N W V F S  
V E X E M U A C I M B E V  
C K M R P D E D E T V J F  
B D S P C A O S S E M E K  
F A R P L W I E N Z L I L  
R E H F C E I R P I N O T  
D A H H M R S K E G A W H  
K J E B P I F A P D E D S  
P S A H L T H M E N I B A  
T A G E C N I S T C E R O  
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JOASH

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SEVEN

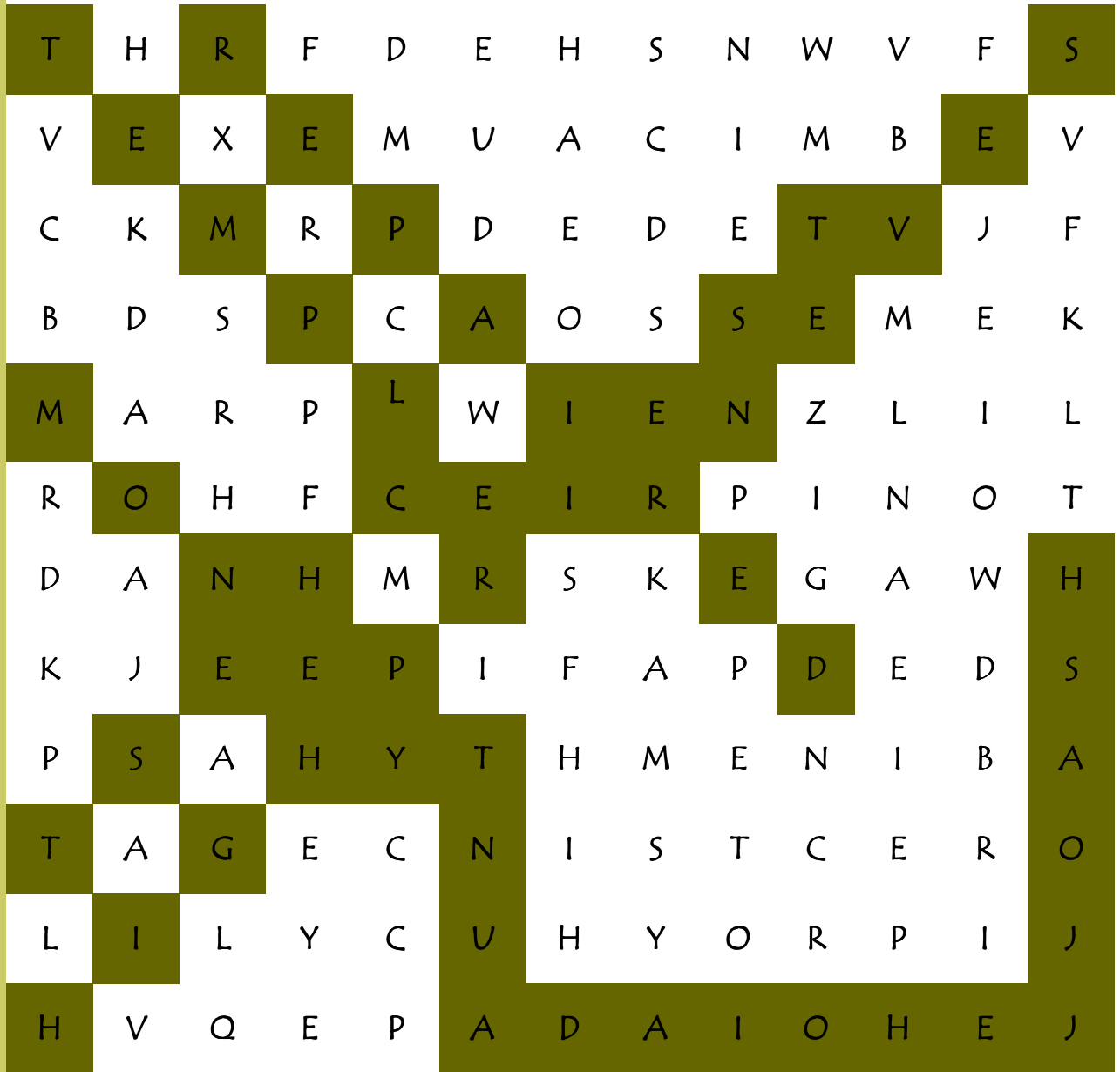
TEMPLE

REPAIRED

CHEST



# Word Puzzle



JOASH

HIGH PRIEST

AUNT

JEHOIADA

TEMPLE

SEVEN

MONEY

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CHEST

## Word Puzzle For Younger Children

R H J B J T K J O A S H  
Q F C R L P R K W P J T  
T E M P L E O W K V P B  
M T C S O N S L K C J N  
C H E S T I G S E V E N  
J D S T D O I L Q J A H  
R E P A I R V E S C V D  
B W S E R V A M O N E Y

JOASH

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R H J B J T K J O A S H

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## Anagram

1. DSVEA–
2. DDNHIE–
3. EELTPM –
4. SNEEV–
5. HHGI TPSREI–
6. NCWRO –
7. SRRAEIP –
8. IEOSGNRFF–

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1. DSVEA – SAVED
2. DDNHIE – HIDDEN
3. EELTPM – TEMPLE
4. SNEEV – SEVEN
5. HHGI TPSREI – HIGH PRIEST
6. NCWRO – CROWN
7. SRRAEIP – REPAIRS
8. IEOSGNRFF – OFFERINGS