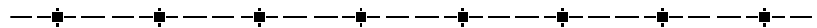


Old Testament

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Created for use with young, unchurched learners
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A King and God's Word

Josiah

II Kings 22-23

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II Kings 22:10-20

Memory Verse:

If you obey my commands,
you will remain in my love.
In the same way,
I have obeyed my
Father's commands
and remain in his love.
(John 15:10 NIV)

Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that Josiah was repentant when he heard God's Word.
2. Understand that Josiah wanted advice from the Lord.
3. Learn that Josiah had God's Word read to the people.
4. Recognize that Josiah renewed the covenant to follow and keep the Lord's com-

Joash 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.

Read the Bible
READ: II Kings 22:10-20 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Begin with Prayer
When Josiah was eight, he became the king of Judah. He ruled in Jerusalem. The Bible says that he "did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. He lived the way King David had lived." The Bible also says that Josiah did not turn away from the way of the Lord. (II Kings 22:1-2 NIV) Do you remember another king who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord? (Asa did what was right. I Kings 15:11)
King Josiah asked his Shaphan, his secretary, to have the temple of the Lord repaired. Shaphan was to talk to Hilkiah, the high priest. Hilkiah was to add up the money that had been brought to temple. They were to use the money to pay the workers who repaired the temple. (II Kings 22:3-7) Do you remember who else had the temple repaired? (Joash, king of Judah, had the temple repaired. II Kings 12:4-5)
Hilkiah told Shaphan that he had found a Scroll of the Law, God's Word, in the temple. So Shaphan took the scroll to King Josiah. Shaphan read some of it to the king. When the king heard the words in the Scroll of the Law, he tore his clothes. This was a sign of repentance before God. The king gave orders to Hilkiah, Shaphan, and others to ask for advice from the Lord. (II Kings 22:8-13) Josiah said, "The Lord's anger is burning against us. That's because our people before us didn't obey the words of this scroll. They didn't do everything that is written there about us." (II Kings 22:13 NIV)
So Hilkiah and others went to Huldah, the prophet. She lived in Jerusalem. Huldah said that God would bring terrible trouble on Israel. "Everything that is written in the scroll the king of Judah has read will take place." (II Kings 22:14-16) God said that the people had burned incense to other gods and deserted Him. God also said that His anger would burn against them. (II Kings 22:17)
But then God said that since Josiah had humbled himself and had asked for advice from the Lord, he would not see the destruction that

Joash — Bible Facts

1. King Josiah ruled in Jerusalem.
2. Josiah was eight when he became king of Judah.
3. Josiah had the temple repaired.
4. Josiah believed God's Word.
5. Josiah obeyed God's Word.

would come. So the men let King Josiah know what they had learned. (II Kings 22:18-20)
When Josiah heard what the Lord had said, he gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went to the temple and read the words of the Book of the Covenant (Scroll of the Law, God's Word). King Josiah renewed the covenant with the Lord "to follow the LORD and keep his commands, regulations, and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant." (II Kings 23:1-3 NIV) God wants us to serve Him with all our heart, soul, and mind. (Mark 12:30) He wants us to obey His commands. Jesus said, "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love. In the same way, I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love." (John 15:10 NIV)

King Josiah ordered that all the articles made for other gods be removed from the temple. He burned them. King Josiah did away with the pagan priests and the places that were used to worship other gods. (II Kings 23:1-23)

Josiah did all those things in obedience to God's word. The Bible says, "Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses." (II Kings 23:24-25 NIV) Jesus also obeyed God. He died for our sins so that we can turn to God. (John 14:21-31; John 3:16)

. Review

1. What happened to Josiah? (King Josiah ruled in Jerusalem.)
2. Who was Josiah? (Josiah was eight when he became king of Judah.)
3. What did Josiah do? (Josiah had the temple repaired.)
4. What else did Josiah do? (Josiah believed God's Word.)
5. What did the priests do? (Josiah obeyed God's Word.)

Do You Know Jesus? Jesus obeyed God. He died for our sins so that we can turn to God. (John 14:21-31; John 3:16) Because Jesus rose from the dead and died for our sins we can have a relationship with God. 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 turn to God.
3. Ask God to help you obey.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to turn to God.

Application

King Josiah wanted to repair the temple when the Scroll of the Law was found. King Josiah was repentant when he heard God's Word and sought advice from the Lord. Then Josiah read God's Word to the people. Josiah renewed the covenant to follow and keep the Lord's commands.

Planning for the next week:
Hosea (God's Love) — Hosea 1-6, 14

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: II Kings 22:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

(Make scrolls and put the memory verse on it.)

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Hilkiah told Shaphan that he had found a Scroll of the Law, God's Word, in the temple. So Shaphan took the scroll to King Josiah. Shaphan read some of it to the king. When the king heard the words in the Scroll of the Law, he tore his clothes. This was a sign before God that meant he was sorry for doing wrong. The king gave orders to Hilkiah, Shaphan, and others to ask God what they were supposed to do. (II Kings 22:8-13) Josiah knew that God was angry because they didn't obey Him. (II Kings 22:13 NIV)

When Josiah heard what the Lord had said, he gathered all the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went to the temple and read the words of the Book of the Covenant (Scroll of the Law, God's Word). King Josiah made a promise to God to follow Him and keep His commands. He promised to serve God with all his heart and all his soul. Then all the people made the same promise. (II Kings 23:1-3 NIV) God wants us to serve Him with all our heart, soul, and mind. (Mark 12:30) He wants us to obey His commands. Jesus said, "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love. In the same way, I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love." (John 15:10 NIV)

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Did you know? Preschoolers can learn about God's Word.

Consider this: Bring a CD of the Bible, cassette of the Bible, a video of the Bible, or some other form of God's Word. Allow the children to experience God's Word in different ways. Ensure that the theme is obeying God's Word. Talk about the importance of obedience.

Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Make scrolls and put the memory verse on it.
- **Test your memory** — Make scrolls with the words: Scene 1, Scene 2, Scene 3, etc. As you tell the story use the scroll to give segments of the story. Ask different children to hold the scrolls. When you have finished telling the story, ask the children to retell the story.
- **Taste activity** — Bring cupcakes with a crown on them.
- **Think about it** — When Josiah heard the Word of God he recognized that they had sinned. He asked for advice from God. When we sin, we should ask God for help, for forgiveness, and for direction.

Bring bitter herbs for the children to taste. Ask them if they like the herbs. Tell them God does not want us to like sin. Tell them that when we sin we should admit our sin to God and ask for forgiveness like Josiah.

For older children: Josiah chose to serve God even though his father didn't serve God. Talk about the importance of following God even if our friends or other members of our family don't serve God.

- **Touch activity** — Bring costumes for the children to dress up like the king, the priests, and the prophet. Let them participate as you tell the story. Let the children trade the costumes and retell the story.

Shaphan was the king's secretary who read the Scroll of the Law to King Josiah. Make scrolls and let the children pretend to be Shaphan.

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- **Run and play** — Bring toy tools. Have the kids play with the tool pretending to repair things.

Josiah gathered all of the people to hear the Word of God. Have the children stand in groups in different areas. Have one messenger run from group to group asking them to run to the center to hear the Word of God. Have someone read the Bible verse as they all arrive. Repeat the activity.

- **Listen** — As they take time to listen to God, remind the children that God wants us to obey His Word.
- **Sing** — Sing "Obedience" or another song related to the story.

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John 15:10 NIV

Word Art

Trace the letters.

Josiah

found the

Scroll

of the

Law.

Word Puzzle

S P R J K T N A N E V O C
R H R S D E H A N W V F S
V E X E C U A C D M B E V
C K P R P R E E E V V J F
B D S A C A O S L E I E K
M A R E I W F L K P L C L
R O H F C R I R L I M O E
H A N A M R E H E G A E H
K A E E I I F D A D E D T
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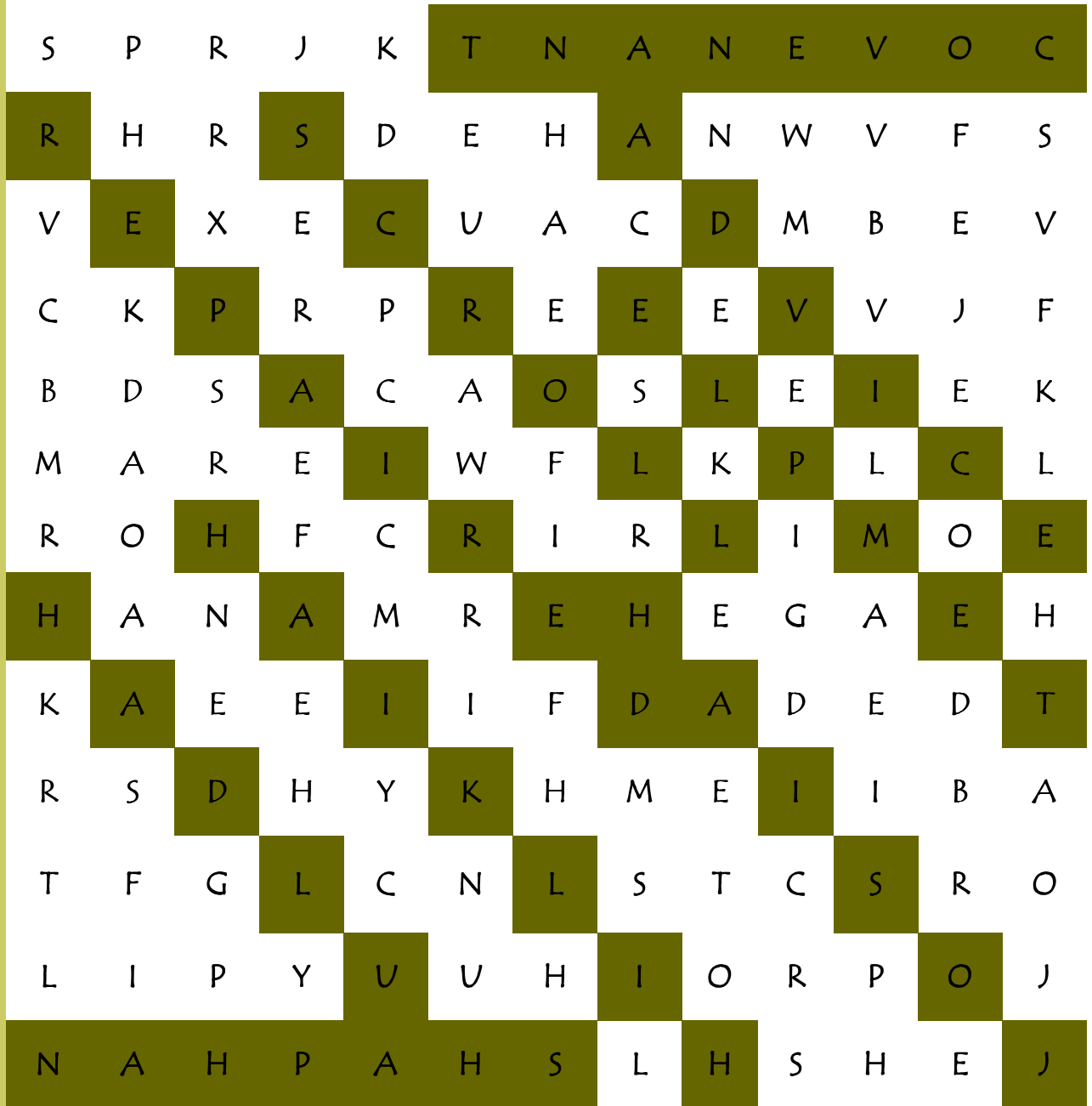
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Word Puzzle For Younger Children

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

JOSIAH

SCROLL

READ

ADVICE

OBEYED

LAW

Word Puzzle For Younger Children

R H J B J T K J P R K V

A D V I C E R K W P J T

M C V B Q F O W K V P B

S C R O L L S L K C J N

J H V P Q I G S R E A D

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Anagram

1. EOYB–
2. DCSMMNOA–
3. EAIMNR –
4. OLEV–
5. HTFREA–
6. HJSOAI –
7. RNWDEEE –
8. EOANNVTC–

Anagram

1. EOYB– OBEY
2. DCSMMNOA– COMMANDS
3. EAIMNR – REMAIN
4. OLEV– LOVE
5. HTFREA– FATHER
6. HJSOAI – JOSIAH
7. RNWDEEE – RENEWED
8. EOANNVTC– COVENANT