

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Josiah Finds the Bible

Last week we learned that Elisha was a man of prayer. When the king of Aram wanted to make war against Israel, God protected Israel. Elisha prayed and God blinded the army of Aram to protect Israel. God answered Elisha's prayer.

II Kings 22-23

Read the Bible

READ: II Kings 22:8-21 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse:

Let Christ's word live in you like a rich treasure. Teach and correct each other wisely.
(Colossians 3:16 NIV)

Begin With Prayer

Lots of different kings came to power to rule God's people. Each one seemed to want to do things their way instead of God's way.

Finally, a very young man was named king. Believe it or not, he was eight years old! His name was Josiah (Joe-sigh-a). He loved God and tried to do what God said was right. (II Kings 22:1-2)

When he was older, Josiah began to really obey God. He did what God wanted. Then, Josiah realized that God's house, the church, needed to be repaired and cleaned up. King Josiah took the money that the people had collected and had workmen repair the temple. They did their best job and worked very hard. (II Kings 22:3-7)

Goals

1. Understand that Josiah was young when he became king.
2. Recognize that the people had sinned against God.
3. Learn that God's Word helped them see their sin.
4. Understand God Josiah repented.

One day Hilkiah, the high priest, found a surprise! There in the church was a book of God's teaching. It was a scroll of the Bible. It was so dusty and dirty. It had not been read in years. Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan. Shaphan was the king's secretary. (II Kings 22:8)

Shaphan came to Josiah to tell of all their work in the temple. Shaphan also shared the surprise Bible. This Bible was different from our Bible. It was rolled up and words were probably written on material similar to cloth (it was most likely an animal hide). (II Kings 22:9-10)

Josiah was surprised and afraid. He couldn't believe what they found. They read part of the scroll Bible and Josiah tore his clothes. Back then, people did this to show that they were very sorry and sad for something wrong that had happened. Josiah realized that God's people had forgotten Him and had not completely done all He wanted. Josiah knew that the people had not been reading the Bible either. He was very sad that everyone had forgotten to read God's Word. (II Kings 22:11-13) The

Josiah Finds the Bible – Bible Facts

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| 1. Josiah was eight years old when he became king. | 2. Hilkiah found a scroll. |
| 3. The king tore his clothes. | 4. God said that Israel would be punished for their sins. |

Bible tells us that we should learn what the Bible says. “Let Christ's word live in you like a rich treasure. Teach and correct each other wisely.” (Colossians 3:16 NlrV) The Bible corrects us and teaches us. It helps us know what is right. (II Timothy 4:16-17)

Josiah had the priest talk to God about their wrongs. He told Josiah that God was very upset with the people. He shared that God planned on punishing the people for their sins. (II Kings 22:14-18)

He also said that God decided to let them live in peace because they were sorry for the things they had done wrong and asked God to forgive them. (II Kings 22:19-21)

Josiah gathered all the people together and went to the temple church. He had the priest open the Bible scroll and read as all the people listened. Josiah made an agreement that he would always love God and do what God said. He would love God and obey all His rules and laws. He also made the people promise to obey and follow God. (II Kings 23:1-3)

After this, Josiah had a big party to celebrate God. All the people gave gifts to God to show how much they loved Him. (II Kings 23:21-23)

Review

1. **How old was Josiah when he became king?** (Josiah was eight years old when he became king.)
2. **What did Hilkiah find?** (Hilkiah found a scroll of the Bible.)
3. **What the king do when Shaphan gave him the scroll?** (The king tore his clothes.)
4. **What did God say?** (God said that Israel would be punished for their sins.)

Do You Know Jesus?

God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth. Jesus' gift was to make a way for us to get to Heaven. How do we get there? We must believe Jesus died and came back to life. We must trust Him and ask Him to forgive all our wrong sins. Then, we must obey God and do what He wants us to do. He wants us to pray and read the Bible just like Josiah did. He wants us to go to church and tell others about Jesus. If you want to know more about how to get to heaven, talk to your teacher.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus.
3. Ask God to help you read His Word .
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to read God's Word.

Application

Josiah was young when he became king. When the Book of the Law was found, Josiah realized that the people had sinned against God and repented. God's Word can teach us, too. God wants us to learn what His Word says. Let Christ's word live in you like a rich treasure. Teach and correct each other wisely. (Colossians 3:16 NlrV)

Planning for the next week:
Rehoboam — II Chronicles 10

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: II Kings 22:8-21 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Sing the B-I-B-L-E. Make scrolls.

One day a long time ago, a little boy became king. He was only eight years old! (Count to eight together).

When he grew up, he saw how God's church needed to be fixed because things were broken. He asked workmen to fix the church.

They worked and hammered to fix the church temple. One day they found something in a dusty, dirty pile. A man picked up the surprise and brought it to the king.

The surprise was a scroll Bible! They brushed the dust off the Bible and opened it. When they read the Bible, Josiah learned that the people did not do what God wanted them to do.

Josiah called all the people to come and listen to God's Words. They listened and promised to obey and follow God with all their hearts.

God wants us to learn what His word says so that we can do what is right.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus .
3. Ask God to help you learn His Word.

Memory verse for younger children

Let Christ's word live in you like a rich treasure. Colossians 3:16 NIV

Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Make scrolls out of paper grocery bags and place sticks or straws on the end. Write the memory verse in the middle or draw pictures of Josiah.

•**Test your memory** — Cut out the numbers one through eight.. As you tell the story hold up the numbers as you tell about one key event in the life of Josiah. Let a different child hold each number as you tell the story. Allow the children to retell the story.

•**Taste activity** — Bring fruit roll ups and make scrolls to eat.

Make cookies in the shape of a person. Let the kids use sprinkles and icing to decorate a king.

•**Think about it** — When Josiah heard God’s Word, he learned that they had sinned against God. Talk about how God’s Word teaches us what is wrong.

Josiah repented when he heard God’s Word. Talk about the importance of repenting.

Talk about how we must obey God’s Word, the Bible.

•**Touch activity** — Bring or draw an outline of king wearing a robe and crown. Allow the children to decorate their picture with sequence, gold and silver aluminum foil and pieces of fabric.

Make a scroll using construction paper and sticks (or straws) and write the verse on it.

Create a maze with the goal of finding God’s Word. Make copies and allow the children to play races to see who finds God’s Word first.

•**Run and play** — Josiah had the men fix the temple. Ask your children to pick up trash and help clean up the area where you meet. Suggest they take out trash, dust, clean the bathroom, etc.

Make a scroll and hide it. Let the children find it. Then allow them to take turns hiding it, and then finding it.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants them to learn what His Word says.

•**Sing** — Sing “Wonderful Words of Life,” “The B - I - B - L - E,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take the scrolls with a verse for each child. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

Memory Verse

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live in you
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Colossians 3:16

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Josiah

read

God's

word

Word Search

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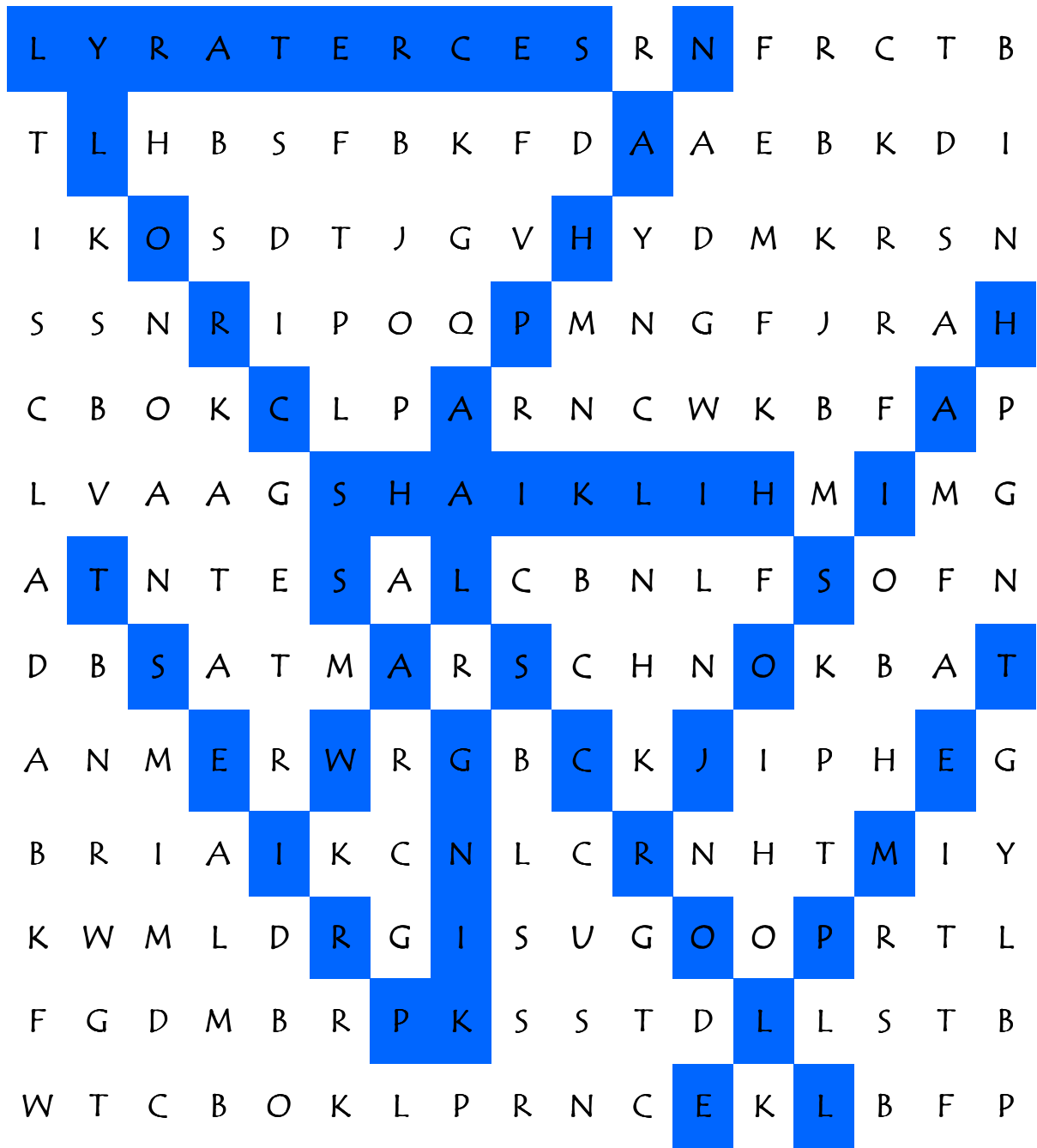
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SHAPHAN

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