

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



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Uzziah

Last week we learned that Joash's aunt and uncle saved his life. He grew up in the temple because his uncle, Jehoiada, was the priest. Joash repaired the temple when he was older. But when Jehoiada died, Joash and the people deserted God and worshipped idols. Because the people deserted God, He allowed their enemies to defeat them.

II Chronicles 26

Read the Bible

READ: II Chronicles 26:1-20 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse:

So don't be proud.
Put yourselves under
God's mighty hand.
Then he will honor you
at the right time.
(I Peter 5:6 NirV)

Uzziah became king when he was 16 years old. Uzziah loved God and did what was right in God's eyes. (II Chronicles 26:1-4)

One of God's messengers at that time was Zechariah. The Bible tells us that Zechariah helped King Uzziah learn about God and follow Him. As long as King Uzziah followed God, he was successful. (II Chronicles 26:5) Uzziah became famous everywhere. God greatly helped him until he became powerful.

Goals

1. Understand that Uzziah did what was right in God's eyes when he became king.
2. Recognize that God helped Uzziah.
3. Learn that Uzziah became very powerful and very proud.
4. Understand that God caused leprosy in Uzziah because he disobeyed God.

The king noticed that parts of the city needed to be repaired. He wanted to make sure the kingdom was safe from enemies. He built towers to watch for enemies and strengthened areas of the city. He took care of the people, too. He gave them good food to eat and supplies for battle. King Uzziah made sure God's army was ready for any attack. "Uzziah provided the entire army with shields, spears, helmets, coats of armor, bows, and stones for their slings." (II Chronicles 26:14) Every person had armor to wear. He even had people invent a machine that shot arrows! (II Chronicles 26:6-15)

God blessed all Uzziah's efforts because Uzziah loved God. The kingdom enlarged greatly under Uzziah's leadership. (II Chronicles 26:15)

King Uzziah became very powerful. He had done many good things to help God's people and he became proud of it. Instead of giving God the credit for winning battles, he began to praise himself for the good jobs done. The Bible says, "Uzziah became powerful, his pride brought him down. He wasn't faithful to the Lord his God." (II Chronicles 26:16)

Then, King Uzziah did something that was very wrong in God's eyes. In that time, only a special priest from God could go into a special inner room in the church. That priest would burn sweet smelling incense to God to show how much God's people loved him. The priest would also ask forgiveness for things that God's people did wrong.

Uzziah — Bible Facts

1. Uzziah was 16 years old when he became the king of Israel.
2. Zechariah helped Uzziah learn about God.
3. Uzziah wanted to burn incense. That was something only a priest could do.
4. God caused Uzziah to develop leprosy.

King Uzziah took the censer (used to burn incense) and walked into the inner room. He wanted to burn incense instead of allowing the important priests that God had chosen to do it. The priests saw what Uzziah was about to do. They gathered 80 priests to follow him into the inner room and talk to him about his mistake. They told Uzziah that it was not right for him to burn incense in the temple church. They explained that God had already chosen people to do that. They told him that he had sinned against the Lord. (II Chronicles 26:17-18)

King Uzziah became angry. While he was yelling at the priests something happened. Suddenly, all the priests gasped! Uzziah's forehead had leprosy on it! The priests quickly left as did Uzziah. (II Chronicles 26:19)

King Uzziah had leprosy until he died. He lived in a separate house and could not go into the temple church ever again. (II Chronicles 26:20)

What can we learn from Uzziah? When he followed God, God took care of the people and the kingdom. When Uzziah started doing things "his" way, God was not pleased. Uzziah became proud and forgot to honor God. It was then that God showed Uzziah who was really in charge of things! (II Chronicles 26:1-13)

When Uzziah did wrong, he did not ask God to forgive his mistake. God wants us to come to Him with a heart that is sorry for the things that we have done wrong. (I John 1:9) He wants us to love Him with ALL our heart and serve Him.

Review

1. **How old was Uzziah when he became the king of Israel?** (Uzziah was 16 years old when he became the king of Israel.)
2. **Who helped Uzziah learn about God?** (Zechariah helped Uzziah learn about God.)
3. **What did Uzziah do?** (Uzziah wanted to burn incense. That was something only a priest could do.)
4. **What did God do?** (God caused Uzziah to develop leprosy.)

Do You Know Jesus?

Back in Uzziah's time, priests came to God for us. Now, we can come to God on our own. God made a way for us to do this through His Son, Jesus. Jesus died on a cross for all our sins. (John 3:16) If we believe Jesus died and came back to life and ask Jesus to come into our life, He will forgive us, clean, and make us pure before God. (Romans 10:9-10, I John 1:9) If you want to know more about trusting Jesus, 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 be humble before God.**
4. **Pray for friends and family members who need to be humble before God.**

Application

When he became king, Uzziah, did what was right in God's eyes because he loved God. God helped Uzziah. He became very powerful, but Uzziah also became very proud. He tried to burn incense in the temple. This was something only the priests could do. Because of his sin, God caused Uzziah to develop leprosy until he died. God wants us to be humble before Him. The Bible says, "So don't be proud. Put yourselves under God's mighty hand. Then he will honor you at the right time." (I Peter 5:6 NIV)

**Planning for the next week:
Manasseh — II Chronicles 33**

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: II Chronicles 26:1-20 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Make a mask out of paper plates. Color the face with brown spots to represent leprosy.

King Uzziah was a king of God's people many, many years ago. He loved God and tried to do what God said. One of God's messengers, Zechariah, helped him follow God and learn more about Him.

King Uzziah did many good things. He built big towers and helped the people in the kingdom. He gave people good food to eat and gave them armor to protect themselves when enemies tried to invade the land. He was a very good king.

Then, something happened. King Uzziah stopped thanking God for His help. He started to believe that HE was the one who was the best. He started bragging about all the things that he did instead of thanking God for what GOD did.

God was very sad about Uzziah.

Then, Uzziah did something that was awful. He went into the special inner room of the church. Only God's special messengers were allowed to go in to the room. The messengers saw what Uzziah was doing and followed him into the room. They told Uzziah that he was not supposed to be in the room. They told him that he was not to burn sweet smelling incense in the room. Only God's messengers were allowed to do that.

Uzziah got very angry. He began to yell at the messengers when something happened.

All the messengers gasped! Uzziah suddenly had a bad disease called leprosy. It was on the top of his head! The priests ran out of the temple and so did Uzziah.

Uzziah lived with leprosy the rest of his life. He lived in a house alone and could never go back to the temple church again.

God wants us to follow Him and do what He says.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus.
3. Ask God to help you be humble before God.

Memory verse for younger children

So don't be proud... He will honor you at the right time. I Peter 5:6

Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Make a spin board. You may make spin boards for each child. Use a brad and cardstock. Decorate the board with four colors. Assign each child one of the colors. Spin and let someone from the color that was selected say the first word of the Bible verse. Continue until the teams have said the entire Bible verse.

•**Test your memory** — Write key facts about Uzziah's life on a strip of paper and number them. Put the strip of paper inside a balloon with the corresponding number. As you tell the story allow one child to pop the balloon and read what is on the strip.

•**Taste activity** — Bring sugar cookies. Use icing to decorate the cookies with dots.

•**Think about it** — Uzziah started well but did not end well. Talk about finishing well.

Uzziah became proud. Talk about being humble before God. Use scripture that talks about pride.

•**Touch activity** — Bring a picture of an incense burner and incense.

Uzziah provided the entire army with shields, spears, helmets, coats of armor, bows, and stones for their slings. (II Chronicles 26:14) Make these out of paper sacks and cardboard.

Make a mask out of paper plates. Color the face with brown spots to represent leprosy.

•**Run and play** — Play tag. Let someone pretend to be Uzziah. That person will try to put white sticker dots on everyone.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to humble ourselves before Him.

•**Sing** — Sing "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord," 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 spin board to learn memory 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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1 Peter 5:6

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

uzziah

had

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Word Search

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UZZIAH

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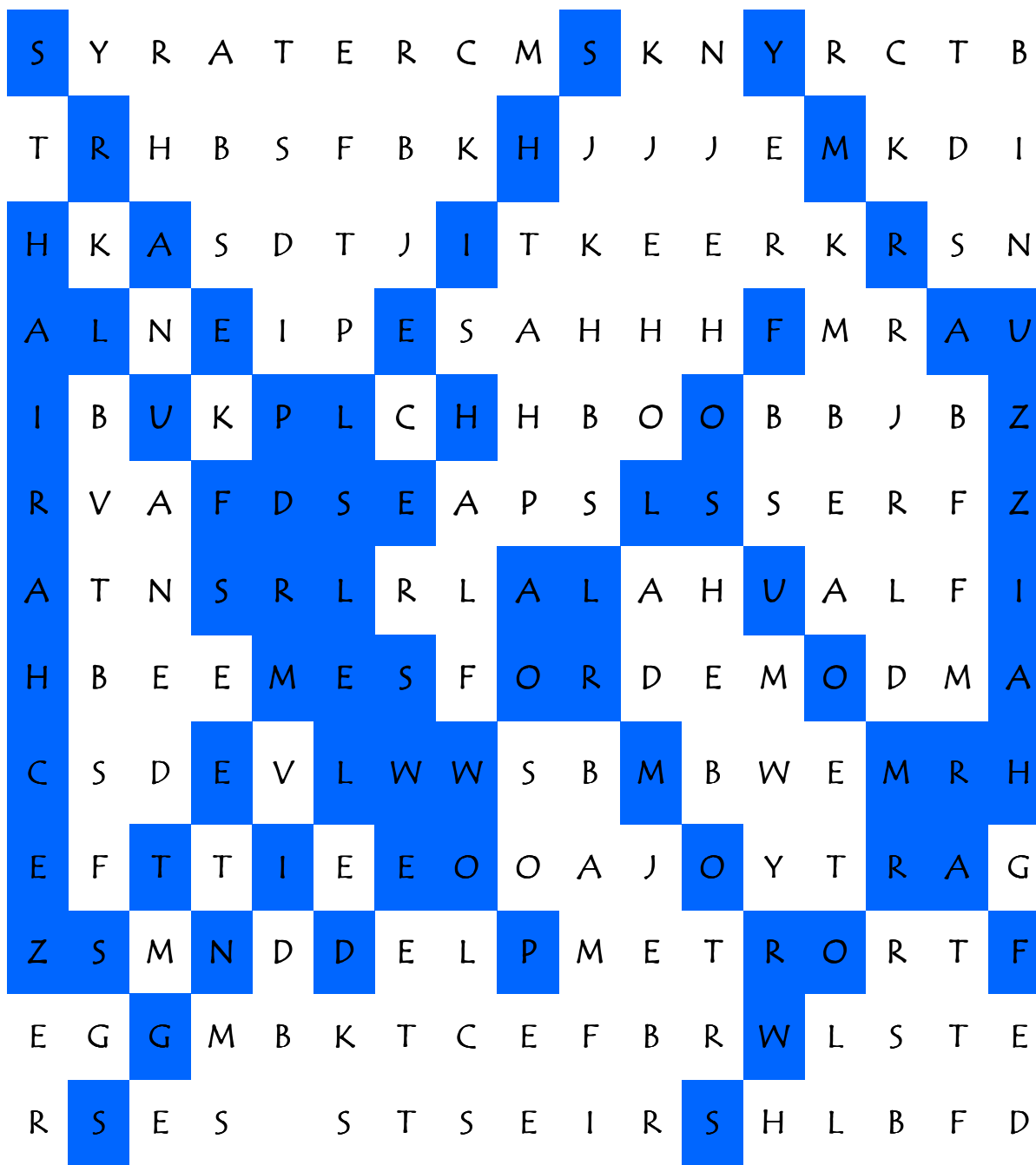
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Word Search



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ZECHARIAH

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Word Search

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FOLLOW

FAMOUS

POWERFUL

ARMY

SHIELD

SPEARS

Word Search

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Anagram

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TRHIG

LEEDPH

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CEEINNS

RSITEP

POYRLSE



Anagram

UZZIAH

ZECHARIAH

RIGHT

HELPED

PROUD

BURN

INCENSE

PRIEST

LEPROSY