



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 9, Lesson 44

King Josiah Obeys

Lesson Aim: To keep God's law as a response to our relationship with Him.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite Bible story?

GAME: Search for God's Word

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO BUILDS HIS KINGDOM

Read Worship Scripture: John 14:21

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD KING JOSIAH OBEYS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Wise King Solomon and his visit from the Queen of Sheba.

Today, we will move forward 300 years in Jerusalem to learn about a famous king named Josiah. Point out Jerusalem, Israel. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 2 Chronicles 34:1-3, 27, 29-31; 2 Kings 23:25. Find 2 Chronicles 34:1-3, 27, 29-31 First. Pray. Read 2 Chronicles 34:1-3, 27, 29-31. **Let's highlight our Key Verse: 2 Kings 23:25.** Read.

THE WAY OBEYING GOD'S WORD

How old was Josiah when God made him king? (8 years old.) As a boy, King Josiah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord by following the ways of King David. In his eighth year as king, Josiah would have been 16 years old. What did he begin to do that year? (Seek God.) What do you think it means to seek God? By seeking God, Josiah was building his own relationship with Him. Why is it important for you to have your own relationship with God instead of just following the ways of your family?

When you have a close relationship with God, you want to please Him. As a teenager, King Josiah began making changes he knew would please God. Have you made any changes in your life to please God? What did Josiah learn later when the priest read him the Book of the Law (or Book of the Covenant)? (He was disobeying

God's laws.) **How do you think he felt? What did he do? (He tore his robes. He promised to obey God. He made changes to start obeying the laws.) Have you ever thought you were doing the right thing and then found out you weren't? How did you feel and what did you do?**

Distribute the Book of the Law Scrolls. **Today's Treasure Treat is a Book of the Law Scroll. On it are ten laws Josiah read from Exodus in the Book of the Law. What they are called? (The Ten Commandments.) Your scrolls are tied with a fabric strip torn from a robe to remind us King Josiah tore his robes when he learned he had been disobeying. Open your scroll and let's read the second commandment, just like King Josiah read over 2,500 years ago. Read the second commandment. An idol is any object or activity you treat as more important than God. What are some of our idols today?**

If you know that you are disobeying God in some way, you can make a promise like King Josiah did and start obeying today. King Josiah kept his promise and obeyed God with all his heart and soul. Let's take seven seconds of silence to ask God to help us keep our promise to obey His laws. Pray silently for seven seconds.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 600 years after King Josiah read God's laws to the people, Jesus was asked, "Which is the greatest commandment?" Let's see Jesus' answer. Reveal Matthew 22:37-38. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Why do you think this is the most important commandment? How does loving the Lord help you want to obey His laws?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Book of the Law Scroll
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #44
- OFFERING OF ART: King Josiah reading the Book of the Law
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Torn Snack

GAMES: Josiah Says

CRAFT: Favorite Proverbs Book—Obedience

DISCUSSION: Obey Today, Proverbs Challenge

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Build the Wall Verse, Royal Corners

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW