



**Worship Illustration: Script
King City Chronicles
Kings & Kingdoms Part 3: Judges through Esther
Unit 9, Lesson 44**

King Josiah Obeys

2 Kings 22:1-19; 23:1-6, 25

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: The set for Units 7-10 is designed to look like the outside of the King City Herald, a large newspaper building circa 1940's. A door leads to the office. A phone booth provides the place for the superheroes' quick costume changes. The center panel can be removed to reveal the superheroes "Secret Lab," filled with screens and gadgets (similar to Batman's Bat Cave), where the heroes watch over the city. There is a useable fire escape with a door and a ladder down to ground level. There is a ramp on stage right. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Scoop Gibson is a street-wise, savvy reporter who hides his secret identity as superhero "Scripture Guy." Kasey Carter is a young, college-educated reporter (can be male or female) whose secret identity is superhero "Kingdom Crusader." The Philistine was an evil enemy who wanted to take over King City; recently he is trying to change his evil ways. The Obliterator is another evil enemy who wants to take over King City (appears on video or on a side stage).

Plot: Kingdom Crusader reads about King Josiah to help him learn to trust The Philistine. Scripture Guy uses a shield that The Philistine invented to defend against The Obliterator. We learn that like King Josiah, we can learn to trust and obey God.

Costumes: Superhero costumes (cap, face masks, body suit, tights, etc.) "SG" emblem is on Scripture Guy costume. "KC" emblem is on Kingdom Crusader costume. Philistine: Black

robe, red mask, Princess Leia wig. Obliterator: Helmet, goggles, leopard coat, gloves.

Props: Shield, Bible, "Wisdom Cube"

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: Heroic music
2. Voiceover (see page 2)
3. Newspaper box: "Good news" or other triumphant song clip. Music plays when box is opened to reveal the Bible.
4. Ray gun blast

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring superheroes is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Video of Obliterator available at ResourceWell.org
3. Fallback slide reads "King City Chronicles"
4. A newspaper box holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
5. Ray gun blast: flashing lights
6. Scripture Slide: **"Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD with all his soul and all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses." 2 Kings 23:25**
6. Motto Slide: **"We Give Everything to Honor Our King!"**

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover (VFX: short video intro)

Dateline: King City, a city devoted to the glory of God. But in her dark underbelly, there are villains gathering ... evil men who seek to steal God's glory! Will King City find her hero? Can she be saved and restored to her former glory? For the answer to these questions and more, tune in every week to the King City Chronicles!

(SFX: Recap Voiceover)

In our last episode, The Obliterator stole the Wisdom Cube and tried to destroy all of King City's wisdom. Scripture Guy and Kingdom Crusader had to enlist the help of the last wise man in town: The Philistine. Did they find him? Would he help them? Or will it be too late to save our city? Find out right now in the next exciting installment of King City Chronicles!

Kingdom Crusader (at secret lab)

Thanks for helping us, Uncle Phil ... um, Philistine. How are you doing with that invention?

Philistine

Just a moment, you can't rush perfection. Voila! (lifts shield) The Heart Shield is ready!

Kingdom Crusader

What does it do?

Philistine

If you hold it over your heart, it will protect you. If the Obliterator were to try to use the Reverse Wisdom Cube against you, you can use it to cover your heart and he cannot steal your wisdom!

Kingdom Crusader

But, I thought wisdom was in your brain.

Philistine

**No, that's intelligence. (recites)
"Intelligence means being educated or smart. Wisdom comes from God and He puts it in our hearts."**

Kingdom Crusader

I remember that rhyme! You used to say it to me when I was little.

Philistine

I used to say it to Kasey. Wait a minute ... are you Kasey?

Kingdom Crusader (lifts mask)

Yes! It's me, Kasey Carter!

Philistine

Wow, this city is so full of surprise reunions! Does Scripture Guy know who you really are?

Kingdom Crusader

No. Please don't tell him!

Philistine

Your secret is safe with me. All of these surprise meetings are bringing my mind back to simpler times.

Kingdom Crusader

I was hoping you would remember those days. There was a time when you used to obey God.

Philistine

That was a long time ago. I've spent so many years doing bad things that I don't think I remember how to obey God.

Kingdom Crusader

Couldn't you repent from doing wrong and turn back to Him?

Philistine

What use would God have for a naughty fellow like me? Anyway, I've got to show this shield to Scripture Guy. Be good, Kasey, I mean, Crusader. (exits)

Kingdom Crusader

You know what? I bet Uncle Phil lost his Bible; that's why he can't remember how to obey God. I wish I could find it for him. I'm just certain if he turned to the Good News, it would help him trust and obey God. I know the first story I'll read to him. I'll get it out right now. (She opens box, immediately finding passage, SFX: Good News, VFX: Beam of light shines from box)

King Josiah, the boy king! Josiah became king when he was just 8 years old. Raise your hand if you are 8 years old. Can you imagine if you were suddenly made king over all of Israel? I don't know what I'd do, but God showed Josiah what to do.

You see, for years King Josiah and the people of Israel had been doing wrong in the eyes of the Lord and they didn't even know it! They were worshipping all kinds of false gods and ignoring the one true God.

Years later when Josiah was a grown up king, his priest found the long lost Book of the Law—that's the Scriptures—the Bible! He read it to Josiah. Josiah was so upset about breaking God's laws that he tore his robes and cried.

Then, he did what was right in God's eyes. He called together all the elders, the wise men, the priests, the prophets, and all the people of Jerusalem. He gathered them outside the temple and read them every single word in the Book of the Law. Right then and there, King Josiah renewed his covenant promise to obey God's Word with all his heart and soul. The people made that same promise to the Lord. Josiah destroyed all of the false gods and the places where they were worshiped.

Wow, who knew an 8-year-old boy king would grow up and lead God's people to obey? Hey, that's it! Uncle Phil should do what King Josiah did! In fact, all of King City should read God's Word and obey it.

Scripture Guy (enters)

Kingdom Crusader! Have you seen this invention the Philistine gave me? I thought you said he was a wise inventor. How am I supposed to defend a whole city with this little shield?

Obliterator (on stage or interactive video)

Aha! The Redeem Team together at last! Now, I can use the Reverse Wisdom Cube to sap all of your wisdom away. Soon I will be the only wise man in King City! Ready, aim, fire! (SFX/VFX: ray blast)

Scripture Guy (holds up shield)

Get behind me, Crusader!

Obliterator

It's not working! How can this be? Maybe if I turn it up to maximum zappage! (SFX/VFX: ray blast)

Kingdom Crusader

Cover your heart!

Scripture Guy

The shield is reflecting his rays and sapping wisdom from the Obliterator.

Obliterator

Whoa! Somehow, I don't feel as smart as I was a minute ago.

Kingdom Crusader

We should turn to God's Word to learn what to do next. The Bible says: "The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD -to follow the LORD and keep his commands, regulations and decrees with all his heart and all his soul..."

Obliterator

Uh...duh...my head hurts. Me no like this cube no more. Bad cube! Me leaving. Me want to go to the playground! Yay! (exit)

Kingdom Crusader

It worked! It worked!

Scripture Guy

Kingdom Crusader, how did you know to turn to the Word of God?

Kingdom Crusader (SFX: Scripture slide)
That's what King Josiah did. He had a hunger to do what was right! 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."

Scripture Guy

Crusader, you impress me and The Philistine has impressed me as well with this wonderful shield.

Kingdom Crusader

It really worked, didn't it? I told you uncle...um, the Philistine was changing his ways. He might just trust and obey God some day.

Scripture Guy

Well, he came through today and so did you by obeying God's Word.

Kingdom Crusader

Oh, it's nothing any 8 year-old wouldn't have done.

Scripture Guy

I don't know what that means, but we should keep this shield to remind us that God's Word is a shield for our hearts.

Kingdom Crusader

You're right! Reading God's Word shows us how to obey Him!

Scripture Guy

That's right, Kingdom Crusader. And now, you and I had better head to Chuck E. Cheese's and get that Wisdom Cube away from The Obliterator before he tries to use it again.

Kingdom Crusader

Amen! This is a job for The Redeem Team!

Scripture Guy

Let's all say our motto together, kids!

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We give everything to honor our King!

(SFX: "Heroic music," VFX: Motto Slide)