



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 9, Lesson 44

King Josiah Obeys

Lesson Aim: To remember and obey God's Word.

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 Kings 22:1-2, 19; 23:1-4, 25. Pray. Read.

THE WAY OBEYING GOD'S WORD

How old was Josiah when God made him king? (8 years old.) **As a boy, King Josiah thought he and the Israelites were obeying God. What did he learn as a young man 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 King Josiah felt when he found out he had been disobeying God?** (Children respond.) **King Josiah was so upset that he tore his robes. He promised to obey God and he began making changes to obey the laws he had just heard.**

The story of King Josiah shows everyone that we can obey God even if we have had wrong habits for a long time. Where can we find God's written law? (The Bible.) **The Book of the Law contained the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. They were written by Moses and include the Ten Commandments. King Josiah renewed his covenant and promised to obey God.**

Distribute the Book of the Law Scrolls. **Today's Treasure Treat is a Book of the Law Scroll. On your scroll are ten of the laws Josiah read from Exodus in the Book of the Law. Do you know what they are called?** (The Ten Commandments.) **Your scrolls are tied with a strip of fabric torn from a robe to remind us that 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 that you treat as more important than God. What are some of our idols today?**

Optional: Have children cut out magazine pictures which remind them of their idols to glue onto the back of their scrolls.

If you know you are disobeying God in some way, you can make a promise like King Josiah 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:

After King Josiah read the Book of the Law to the people, he cleared the land of all its idols. He cleared the places where God's people were being disobedient by worshiping idols and false gods. About 600 years later, Jesus saw some people at the temple disobeying God. Let's see what He did about it. Reveal Matthew 21:12-13. Read.

Jesus called them robbers because they were selling things at unfair prices. What did He do about it? (He cleared away the tables and benches they were using.)

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Book of the Law Scroll
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW