

JOSIAH AND GOD'S WORD

K. Hey Kids! Today we're going to talk about Josiah. He was a king in the ot.

A. Wait until you hear how old he was when he was king. He was only 8! Let's talk about Josiah. Get ready!

(Intro sequence)

A. Did you catch that? Josiah became king of Judah when he was only 8 yrs old! Let's see, when I was 8 I was in second grade learning about....(pondering look) math, cursive, and how to behave in class. Josiah had to lead a whole nation, you know, like be the president of the United States! (presidential sounding music, holding a flag)

A. See, back then, when the king died, his son became the next king. It didn't matter how old you were. Whether he wanted to be king or not, Josiah was the man and he had to step up. And you know what makes it even worse? Josiah's dad wasn't a good guy. He did yucky things to his own people and he mocked God. He worshipped silly idols, you know, the fake little gods, and totally disobeyed God's rules.

K: Josiah had a choice to make....be like his dad (angry face with crown) or be a good king, obedient to God (smiling with crown)

What kind of king would you be? Would you be more like your dad, even if he was a bad guy, or would you try to be different? I bet that was a really tough decision for Josiah to make. Parents are supposed to be our role models. Josiah needed some major help if he was going to turn things around. You ready to know what happens in the story? (lean into camera and point)

One day, Josiah told some people to go to the temple (like our church) to clean it up. It hadn't been used in a while. (whistling, dusting, sponge, windex) They found a really old book called a scroll with God's law written on it. (hold up a Bible, say to dah) It would be like finding the Bible today!

Josiah had never seen God's words before. His father never taught him about God. So when he read it, he realized how messed up he and all his people were.(reading Bible making shocked, sad faces)

So, you wanna know what Josiah did? Here's how it went down

30 And the king went up to the Temple of the LORD with all the people ... There the king read to them the entire Book of the Covenant that had been found in the LORD's Temple. **3**

OK1 ...He pledged to obey the LORD by keeping all his commands, laws, and decrees with all his heart and soul. He promised to obey....

Isn't that cool! **(trumpet)** by now he was 16 years old - when he made a pledge to obey God's word and to lead the whole nation to obey, too. You know how he had the strength to do that? He read God's word and obeyed it. He knew God's way was best.

This is what our memory verse is about

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalms 119:105

God's word helped Josiah to know how to lead the people. He not only read it, he obeyed it. And that was pleasing to God. That's why Our Big Idea today says, "The Bible shows us how to honor God."

What about you? Do you know much about God's word, the Bible? You may not be king of a nation but did you know you can use the Bible in your life, too?

Our Key Question asks, "What can I do with God's word?"

Answer:

1. Read it. You will never know what honors God if you don't read it. 2. Obey it. We honor God when we do as He says. 3. Share it. Tell your friends about Jesus and all the other cool stories of how God loves us and protects us.

Josiah may have just been a kid, but he's a hero because he followed God by obeying His word.

(outro sequence)