

Josiah & God's Word (Kids)

Josiah was a king in the Old Testament. He was the king of Judah. Wait until you read how old he was when he was king. He was only 8!

Josiah was only eight years old when he became king.

Let's see, when I was 8 I was in second grade learning about math, cursive, and how to behave in class. But not Josiah. Josiah had to lead a whole nation, you know, like be the president of the United States!

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 totally disobeyed God's rules and worshipped silly idols.

Idols are things that are not God.

They are things like wood or Twinkies. Josiah had a choice to make. He could be like his dad or be a good king, one that honor God.

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.

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. They found a really old book called a scroll with God's law written on it. It would be like finding the Bible today! God's words are written in the Bible!

Josiah had never seen God's words before. His father never taught him about God. So when he read it, he realized his people were going in the wrong direction. So, you wanna know what Josiah did?

2 Kings 23:2-3 ...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** ...He pledged to obey the lord by keeping all his commands, laws, and decrees with all his heart and soul ...

Isn't that cool! By now he was 16 years old. That's still pretty young to make an important decision like that. But do you know how he had the strength to do that?

Josiah read God's Word and obey it.

He knew God's way was best.

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

The Bible has God's words written on it.

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. 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 you can still use the Bible in your life, too.

What can you do with God's word?

You can read it, obey it, and share the Word of God which is the Bible.

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

Memory Verse

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Discussion Questions

1. **Set Up:** Watch the video together or invite someone to [set up the conversation](#).
2. Are you an "expert" at something your parents know nothing about? (science, TV show, legos, a sport) Have you tried to teach them? How did it go?
3. How can you use the Bible in your life?
4. Read [2 Timothy 3:16](#) Why is the Bible so important to people who love God? How does it help us?
5. **Takeaway:** Write a [personal action step](#) based on this conversation.