

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: The Bible shows us how to honor God.

Key Question: What can I do with God's Word?

Memory Verse: *Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105*

Overview: Josiah was a super cool kid. That's right, he was a kid who also happened to be the king of Judah. He was only eight years old when he became king. What were you doing when you were eight? Probably playing with legos and Star Wars figures. The way it worked back then, the son took over the kingdom when the dad died. Josiah's dad died when Josiah was only a child. So, Josiah had to step up and lead the people like a king is supposed to. Imagine how hard it would be to tell adults what to do, or even worse, tell them what they are doing wrong. Do your parents respond well if you tell them they are doing something wrong? Not mine! But, that's what Josiah had to do as king. The people were worshipping other gods and had totally forgotten about the real God. One day, when some people were doing their chores at church, they found an old scroll (like a notebook today) with the laws of God written on it all the way back from the days of Moses. They brought it to Josiah for him to read. Josiah was sad to see how far they had gone from God and how they weren't being obedient to God's rules at all. Even though Josiah was just a young kid, he stood on God's word and encouraged all the people to start living in obedience to God.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** 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?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Draw the bubbles on a whiteboard and fill in the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question. (If applicable, have kids fill in their bubbles on the Kids Activity Page.)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide and then answer the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [2 Timothy 3:16](#) Why is the Bible so important to people who love God? How can it help you?

10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- What will you do with the Bible this week?
- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Allow each kid to share. The point: get kids thinking about an area where they may know more than an adult and if it's hard to teach them because they're a kid.

Answer: God's word is the Bible. There are three things you need to do with the Bible:

1. Read
2. Obey
3. Share

That's what Josiah did. He read God's word and realized how disobedient all the people had become. He understood that he needed to start obeying God's word and lead his people to do the same by sharing the word with others.

Bonus Questions:

Do you have a Bible in your house? Where do you keep it?
Do you ever read it as a family?

We can have confidence in the Bible because it's the inspired word of God. It is God -breathed. Meaning, God told people what to write and they wrote it. The Bible is God's actual words written down for us to follow. That is why the Bible is our guide, the tool God has given us to know how to live in a way that honors Him.

Option #1

The Crown Target Game

Challenge the kids to hit their target, a bucket, that is meant to be Josiah's crown. Have kids stand in two lines behind a strip of tape on the floor. Place 2 buckets at the other end of the room (not too far, we want some kids to make it). Have kids take turns throwing a paper wad, trying to get it in the bucket. If they do, they get to answer a question. If they get it right, they get to go to the end of the line. If they get it wrong, they have to sit down.

Questions:

1. Who is our Bible hero today? (Josiah)
2. Was he a king or a commander? (king)
3. How old was he when he became king? (8 yrs.)
4. What did the people bring to Josiah? (scroll with God's law/Bible)
5. How did Josiah respond to God's word? (pledged obedience)
6. What is our Big Idea today? (The Bible shows us how to honor God)
7. What is the Key Question today? (What can I do with God's word?)
8. What is the answer? (Read, obey, share)
9. What book does our Memory Verse come from? (Psalms)
10. What is our Memory Verse? (Your word is a lamp to guide...light for my path)

Supplies needed

- 2 buckets
- tape
- 2 paper wads

Bonus Activity:

Play Bible Hangman

Words:

scroll

Josiah

Bible

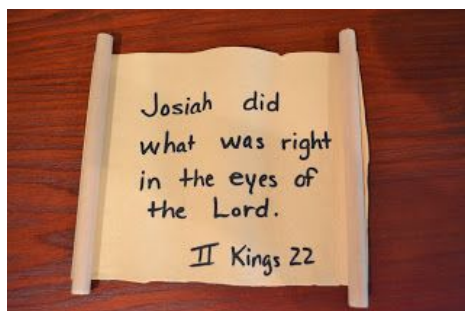
Option #2

The Scroll

Recreate the scroll Josiah read with God's laws written on it. Use brown #2 pencils as the wooden rods. Use pre cut squares of tan or brown construction paper for the scroll. Give each kid 2 pencils and a square piece of paper. Then have the kids tape the paper to the pencils.(see image below.) Give each kid a pre cut missing letters memory verse (**template 5B**). Have them fill in the missing letters, first, then glue the memory verse to the scroll. Have them decorate around the verse with crayons/markers and stickers.

Supplies needed

- pre- cut squares of tan or brown construction paper (1 per kid)
- markers/crayons
- stickers
- brown #2 pencils (2 per kid)
- tape
- pre- cut memory verse (template 5B) 1 per kid



1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Josiah was only _____ years old when he became king.
2. Idols are _____ that are not God.
3. Josiah read God's _____ and _____ it.
4. The Bible has God's _____ written on it.
5. You can _____, _____ and _____ the Word of God which is the Bible.

2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. 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?
2. How can you use the Bible in your life?
3. Read [2 Timothy 3:16](#) Why is the Bible so important to people who love God? How does it help us?

3 Live it out

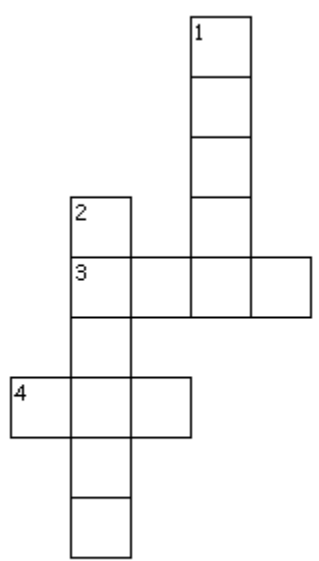
Memorize this week's Bible verse:

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a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105



PUZZLE #1



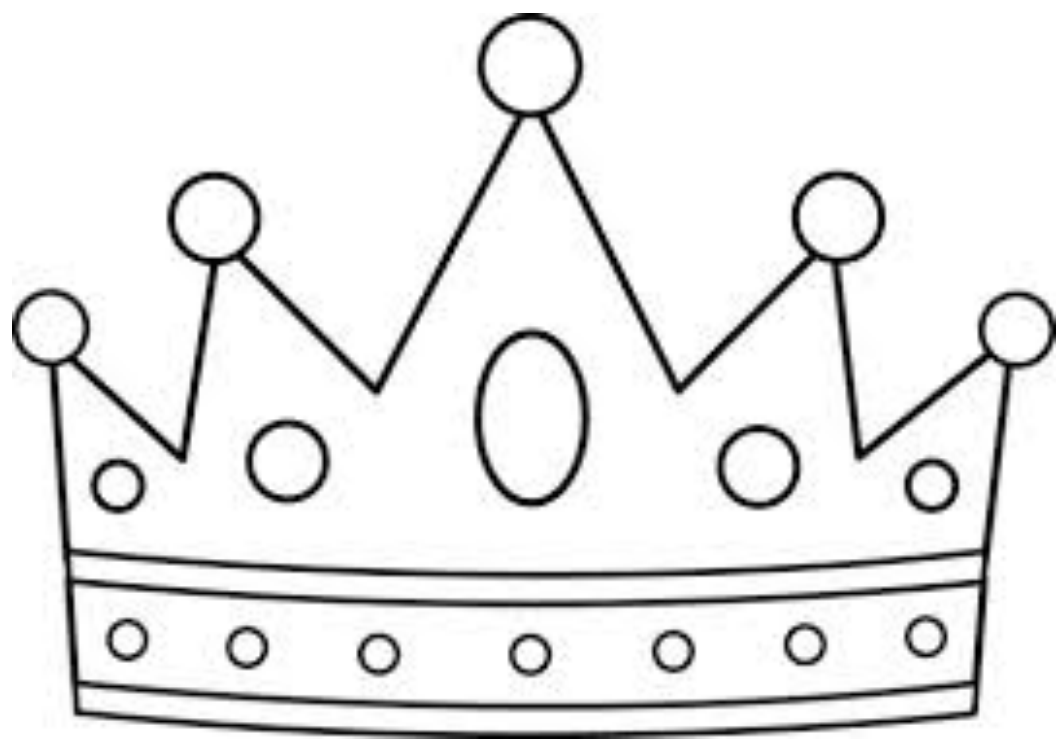
- Across
 3. doing what you're told
 4. opposite of an adult
- Down
 1. God's word
 2. the name of our Bible hero today

BIG IDEA:

MEMORY VERSE:

KEY QUESTION:

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