

Adventures with GOD!

JOSIAH, THE CHILD KING (A.2.FALL.12)

Biblical Reference	2 Kings 22:1-23:3
Key Verse	Psalm 119:33
Key Concept	I can do what God asks of me because I trust him
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Say the name of the boy who became king of Israel. 2. Count what Josiah did when he found the book of the law of God. 3. Recite today's verse.

LIFE APPLICATION

Sometimes God puts a child in a position of great responsibility. Children trust in God, so they can do what God asks of them. One of the children of God's most important friends in the Bible was named Josiah. After many years of bad kings who did not obey God, Josiah, an eight year old boy came to the throne. When he was very young, he found the scroll of the law of God which had been lost. For many years people had not obeyed God because they did not know God's laws. Josiah, the king decided to start doing the things written in the scroll and to reject the things that God did not accept. It was a precious child of God in power. This week the children can think about how they can follow the ways of God.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Activity	Scrolls	10 minutes
Craft	Books, sheet, crayons	10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Bible illustration scroll	10 minutes
Verse	Illustration	10 minutes
Craft	Sheets, crayons	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Activity: Before class, go around the room and his scrolls with God's laws. When children come into the classroom, they can start looking for hidden scrolls. They look alone or in pairs. The activity is to reinforce the fact that Josiah had to find the scroll of the laws of God that were hidden for many years.

Craft: They can finish the booklets that they have been creating this quarter. Today the symbol is a scroll with the illustration found in the Introduction to the quarter. If there are children who are late in making the booklets, give them time to catch up on their work.

Bible Exploration: Read the story and count (some details only) in an easy to understand way. The interesting thing about this story is that God used a child to bring the people the laws, which were lost for many years. Children come to understand that God wants to use us and even when we think we are not old enough. Josiah was willing and able to help an entire country, even though he was only a child. (You can find this story in picture books for children). You can make a cape and a crown and put them on one of the children. He will represent Josiah, the boy king. People were very sad because he had no Bible. They did not know how to do things that pleased God. They fought, lied, and lived bad because they did not have the Bible. But one day God asked a boy named Josiah to help. God told him that he had to search for the Bible because it was hidden. (Bibles back then were the scrolls of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, etc.) So Josiah sent a friend to get the scroll of the Bible. Have the children act out this scenario. Children can see one child hide the roll just as it was done in history. Once the other children find it, they must give it to the child who is acting like King Josiah. (If there is - enough time- do the drama several times). Then the King can "read" the scroll. Finally, tell them how they can be a friend of God.

Verse: Using illustration, repeat the verse several times. It's simple and can be easily memorized. If you want to tell every child to recite the verse, they can receive a sweet (or other prize).

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Craft: Attached is an illustration which is should be colored as shown on the sheet instructions. Remember to help them especially the smaller children by indicating the colors, because they fail to recognize numbers at a certain age.

Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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CRAFT

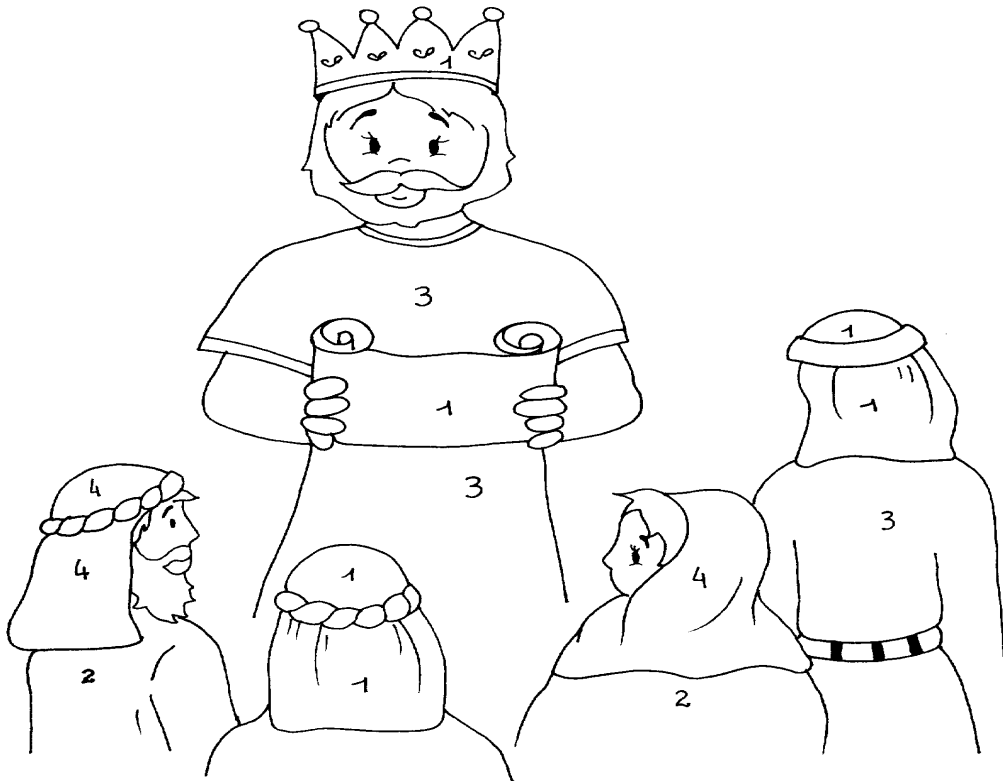
HIDING THE ROLL

The roll of the law of God had been lost for many years. One day someone found it and gave it to King Josiah. Josiah read the Word of God to the people. "From now on we will obey what it tells us," he said. "Let us love God and do his will! Let's do what He wants us to do!" God was pleased with King Josiah.

The Bible is the Word of God for us. God wants us to read and obey Him.

Color the picture.

- 1 = yellow
- 2 = blue
- 3 = red
- 4 = green



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ILLUSTRATION

In ancient times they did not have books like we have now. Instead of books they made rolls of leather. They wrote from the far right to the far left, and then rolled when done. They had people called scribes who copied books. The Bible was the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. No one wrote five books on a single roll. They kept each roll separately many times in clay pots to protect them.

