

THE STORY @ HOME

KIDS 3RD-6TH NL

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-12
2 Kings 22:1-10, [11-20]; 23:1-3

LAST WEEK

Isaiah uses the image of God as a planter, while Israel and Judah are the vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5).

THIS WEEK

King Josiah's faithful reforms bring the people of Judah back to the worship of their God (2 Kings 22:1-10, [11-20]; 23:1-3).

STORY SUMMARY

Josiah was already a faithful king before he found the scroll. In fact, it is because he had ordered that the temple be restored that the scroll was recovered in the first place. Josiah is careful to validate the authenticity of the scroll and then is quick to read it to the nation of Judah. He seeks to renew Israel's promise to be faithful to God, also understanding that God will be faithful to God's promise to protect and increase Israel. Josiah shows himself not only to be a faithful follower of God but also an able leader of Israel.

PRACTICE: FELLOWSHIP

We live together in community. Sometimes that community sins and falls away from God; at other times, the community helps us to stay accountable and reminds us of our relationship with God. Reminding each other about God's promises during the dark times is an important benefit of being in fellowship with our church family.

THE POINT

We are called to repent when we discover our sin.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

What Is a Covenant?

Covenants occur throughout the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and in the New Testament. Covenants are agreements that can be between two people, two groups, or God and an individual or group. Many covenants are between someone who holds power over the other person or group. The powerful person usually offers protection and other things in exchange for loyalty. Covenants between God and an individual or group follow this pattern. God offers someone or a group a promise in exchange for following God's law.

NEXT WEEK

The prophet Jeremiah looks to the future with hope, even though the destruction and disaster prophesied by Huldah is about to happen (Jeremiah 33:14-18).

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Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- In what way does this text teach about the theme of Our Sin, God's Faithfulness?
- What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read 2 Kings 22:1-10 Josiah finds the scroll. Discuss Scripture passages that are particularly special to you, or those which have helped you in difficult times in your life.
Monday—Read 2 Kings 22:11-20 Huldah the prophetess. Talk about one person who has helped you understand God's word.
Tuesday—Read 2 Kings 23:1-3 A renewed covenant. What promise have you made that you may have forgotten about or not kept? Recommit to keeping that promise.
Wednesday—Read 2 Kings 23:4-6 Cleaning out the temple. Clean up the room as you read this story.
Thursday—Read 2 Kings 23:21-25 The Passover reinstated. Talk about your favorite family tradition.
Friday—Read 2 Kings 25:1-7 The city falls. Act out this story with stuffed animals.
Saturday—Read 2 Kings 25:8-17 The temple is destroyed. Build a temple with blocks and knock it down.

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