



Unit 15, Session 2

Hezekiah and Josiah

2 Chronicles 29; 34–35

Story Point: Hezekiah and Josiah led the people back to God.

The Southern Kingdom of Judah had many kings. Most of the kings were evil; they did not follow God. Kings like Ahaz set up places to worship idols, and the people forgot about God. When King Ahaz died, his son Hezekiah became king. Hezekiah was not like his father. Hezekiah did what was right. Hezekiah led the people to worship God again, and God blessed him.

After Hezekiah died, his son Manasseh became king. Manasseh was the most evil king of Judah. Then his son Amon became king. He was evil too. Then his son Josiah became king.

Josiah was just eight years old when he became king. Josiah lived in a way that pleased God. When Josiah was a teenager, he got rid of idols and the places where people worshiped false gods.

When Josiah was a young man, he wanted to repair the Lord's temple. As the temple was being repaired, the high priest found the book of the law. When King Josiah heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes! "God is very angry with us!" Josiah said. "Our ancestors did not obey God!"

Josiah went to the temple and read the words of the law to the people. Then Josiah promised to follow God and obey Him like the book of the law said to do. The people at the temple also agreed to follow God and obey Him. As long as Josiah was king, the people followed God and obeyed Him.

Christ Connection: Hezekiah and Josiah loved God and wanted to follow His commands. They wanted God's people to love God and obey the law too. When Jesus came to earth, He fulfilled the law by obeying it perfectly.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- If you were king over a country, what laws would you make? List them here:

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How did Josiah lead Judah back to God?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Why is the Bible important for knowing God?
- How can we show we treasure God's Word?
- Why is it good news that Jesus obeyed God perfectly?

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APPLY the Story

- Find 2 Chronicles 7:14 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His love for us. Pray that God would reveal Himself to you through His Word.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:9-11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 2:8-10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:103 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 12:33-34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 2:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 5:20-21 |