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What I have Learned Term 4 – November 3, 2024

Lesson 2 Josiah Gets It Right – 2 Kings 22 and 2 Chronicles 34

Possible Points	My Points	Questions
5		1. How old was Josiah when he became king, and how long did he reign? (2 Kings 22:1)
5		2. What did King Josiah do when he found out the temple needed repairs? (2 Kings 22:4-7)
5		3. What important book did Hilkiah the high priest find in the temple? (2 Kings 22:8)
5		4. How was King Josiah different from his grandfather and father? (2 Kings 22:2)

Possible Points	My Points	Memory Verse
10		2 Chronicles 34:2 – “[Josiah] did what was right in the eyes of the Lord”.

Possible Points	My Points	Home Connection	Parent/Guardian Signature
5		<i>I have read the Scripture and story for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

Total Points	Teacher Use Only
	Teacher’s Signature _____ Date _____



Have you ever been in a situation where a friend tries to get you to do something you know is not right? How easy is it to say no? Josiah was surrounded by people doing bad things, but he learned to say no and changed a whole country.

King Josiah was not at all like his father, King Amon, or his grandfather, King Manasseh. His grandfather did a lot of evil things. He built places for people to worship false gods and to worship the stars in the sky. He even offered one of his sons as a burnt sacrifice to one of the gods. King Manasseh built strange idols and altars in God's temple. He hurt a lot of people who did not do anything wrong.

While Manasseh was king, the scroll with God's Book of the Law disappeared. The priests were supposed to read from this scroll to the people every day. Without the scroll, the people could not learn about God.

Josiah's father, King Amon, did even worse things. His officers hated him so much that they killed him in his own palace. And then the people killed those officers. And that's how Josiah became king when he was still just 8 years old.

King Josiah was not like his father and grandfather. He really loved God. He always tried to do the right thing. As a teenager he dedicated himself to God.

When King Josiah was 20, he began to get rid of all the idols and altars to false gods. He destroyed their worship places. He tore down their altars. He had men break up the idols and grind them into powder.

When King Josiah was 26, he decided to purify the land and repair the temple. He sent his royal assistant, Shaphan, to see Hilkiah, the high priest. Before Shaphan left, King Josiah gave him some instructions.

"Tell Hilkiah to gather all the money the gatekeeper-priests have collected from people at the temple," King Josiah said. "Tell him that this money is to be used to repair the temple. He is to give the money to the

builders. They are to pay workers and buy supplies with it."

Shaphan entered the temple and found Hilkiah. Hilkiah listened carefully to King Josiah's instructions. Immediately Hilkiah told the gatekeeper-priests to gather the money. The temple would be repaired! At this same time, Hilkiah had news for King Josiah. He said to Shaphan, "I have found the Book of the Law!"

"Look at this," he said, holding up a big scroll and smiling. "It was right here in the temple all along." Hilkiah handed the book to Shaphan. Shaphan read a few paragraphs. "The king needs to see this!" he exclaimed. "Please take it to him," said Hilkiah. And Shaphan did. Next week we will discover what happened when King Josiah received the long-lost book.

Extra Activity For The Week:

SHARE YOUR STORY: Ask your parents for help!

Share what you learned from our lesson to your family.

- Ask your parents to tell you about someone who has positively influenced their lives.
- Talk to them and ask for ideas on how you can be a positive influence to everyone that is close to you; to your siblings and to your friends, etc.