



Unit 9, Lesson 36

TODAY'S EPIC STORY: JOSIAH

2 KINGS 22:1—23:3;
2 CHRONICLES 34

THE STORY HOME

Today, we learned about the Epic story of King Josiah, who followed the Lord unlike his father Amon. He arranged for repairs of the Temple and other buildings in Jerusalem that had been neglected while his father had been worshiping other gods. While the men were working on the Temple, they found the Book of the Law of the Lord that had been given through Moses. When Josiah heard the law and learned all of the ways the Israelites were not obeying God's commands, he tore his robes and prayed to God. Huldah, the prophetess, sent a message saying that God had heard Josiah's prayers and the consequences for the Israelite people would not come during his lifetime. Then Josiah and all of the people of Israel restored their covenant with the Lord.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- How do you think Josiah felt when he heard the Law of the Lord for the first time and learn about all the things they had been doing wrong?
- How did Josiah respond when he learned what God expected of His people?
- Why are the Israelite people still going to experience consequences for their actions?
- What is surprising or interesting to you about this Epic story?

TOGETHER HOME

God definitely uses young people, not just grown-ups. Josiah was only eight years old when he became king. Talk with your children about a way that they feel God might be wanting to use them right now. Perhaps there's someone that they'd like to help or a person they can commit to pray for. Or, perhaps there's another great idea. Help your children get started actively serving God.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (*Psalms 119:105*)

Help each other trace your feet on a piece of paper and cut out about 12 of your foot patterns. Write a word or a couple of words of the verse on each paper foot. Then, hang them in order on the wall so you can read the verse as you walk by.