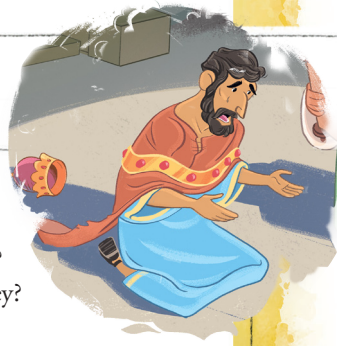


Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Share a favorite story or verse from the Bible.
- Make a list of things you want to pray about. Then pray together as a family.
- Identify someone who has encouraged you to follow Jesus. Thank him or her this week.

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.

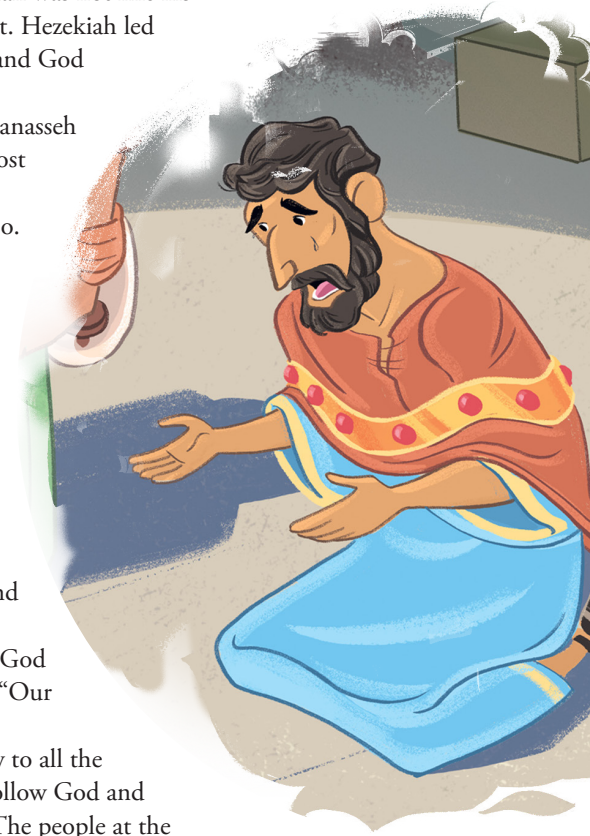
After Hezekiah died, his son Manasseh became king. Manasseh was the most evil king of Judah. Then his son Amon became king. He was evil too. Then his son Josiah became king.

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 Josiah heard the law, he tore his clothes! "God is very angry with us!" Josiah said. "Our ancestors did not obey God!"

Josiah read the words of the law to all the people. Then Josiah promised to follow God and obey Him like 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.



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