

# **GOD GIVES US PURPOSE!**



## **Consider this breakdown:**

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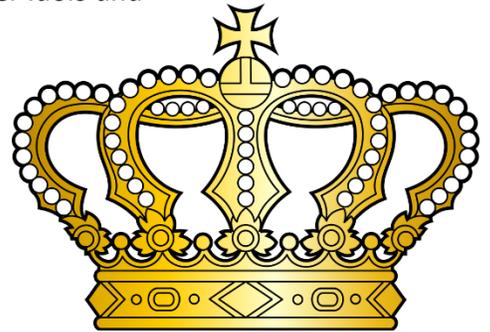
## Scripture Readings & Discussions

### **Day 1** – Josiah Becomes King and Follows God

Read: 2 Chronicles 34:1-7

Discuss:

- Can you imagine being a king over an entire country at only eight years old?!
- What would have been difficult for an eight-year-old to be king?
- Was it a part of God's plan to have such a young king?
- What were Josiah's first decisions as king (when he was only 16 and 20 years old)? *To serve God and to get rid of other idols and places of worship to other gods.*
- What we didn't read is that when Josiah became king, no one in Israel was serving God. In fact, there were more people worshipping other idols than there were people worshipping the one true God.
- Knowing that no one in the kingdom of Jerusalem was serving God, do you think it would have been easy to worship God as a leader? *Remember, the Bible doesn't tell us that it was hard for Josiah. But we can imagine how he may have felt.*
- What does this story teach us about God and ourselves? *God can use each one of us to do big things, even (ESPECIALLY) young people.*



## Day 2 – Josiah Rebuilds the Temple & Finds the Book of Law

Read: 2 Chronicles 34:8-21

Discuss:

- How old would Josiah be at this part of his story? *26 years old, believe it or not, this is still young!*
- What is Josiah's third big decision as king? *To rebuild the Temple that Solomon had built.*



- The Bible is clear to tell us how Josiah planned to rebuild the temple. Do you think that Josiah was wise in his planning? How did he get his wisdom?
- Does God still give people wisdom like He did with Solomon and Josiah? Will He give us wisdom?
- What did Hilkiah find while they were rebuilding and why was it important? *The Book of the Law of Moses. It would remind the Israelites of what God is desiring from them. If they forget the rules, how can they follow them?*
- How did Josiah respond to hearing the Law of God? Why?
- How would you feel if you found out you were following the rules completely wrong? What would you do? What will Josiah do?

## Day 3 – Josiah Repents, Follows God, and Leads People

Read: 2 Chronicles 34:22-33

Discuss:

- What does Josiah do after learning he and the Israelites hadn't quite been following God like he thought? *He sent the word to a prophet to find out what they should do.*
- Was this a wise thing to do?
- When we are doing wrong things that aren't pleasing to God what should we do? *Ask for forgiveness and ask God to help us to be like Jesus – blameless and perfect.*
- What did Josiah do? *Repented and turned from his sin.*
- What did God do? *Showed mercy on Josiah.*
- What did the people do? *Follow Josiah by serving the Lord.*
- Summarize how God used Josiah to turn the Israelites back to Him.

## Prayer Activities

To be done throughout the week.

- Take a Prayer Walk - Pray that God would help you to understand the story of Josiah and that He would help you to hear from Him while you study it this week!
- Pray in Color – Color or draw (anything – pictures, patterns, designs, doodles, etc.) while you pray. Pray that you would be ready whenever God calls you to be used by Him. Josiah was only EIGHT years old when He was called by God but he was quick to obey God’s Word. (How to Pray in Color: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfPFQVtI1yU> )
- Prayer Spaces - Find a cozy space, build a fort just for you, climb a tree, etc. Go somewhere quiet just for you and pray that God would use you and that you would be open to following and serving Him.



## Daily Activity Ideas

### Day 1 – Josiah Becomes King and Follows God

- Josiah Says – Play Josiah says. Talk about what it feels like to be in charge, even of the grown-ups. This could also work to play follow the leader. *Was it tempting to make mom give you a snack? You had to make decisions for them. Was it tempting to make them do or say silly things? Imagine if you were ACTUALLY in charge of a whole kingdom. Making real life decisions for a HUGE group of people!*
- Domino Effect – Line up dominoes to knock down, standing on the shortest end.
  - Discuss –
    - What will happen when we push down the first domino?
    - How is the first domino like King Josiah? *People (the rest of the dominoes) are going to follow what he does.*
    - Even though Josiah was very young, he had the ability to influence other people. Throughout the rest of his story, we will see how his actions influenced others and helped all of his people follow God.
    - WE CAN BE THE FIRST DOMINO! Because of the way God works, He is able to use us to influence others, just like Josiah. Our actions might influence the actions of our little siblings or friends around us! *Make them count!*

## Day 2 – Josiah Rebuilds the Temple & Finds the Book of Law

- Build a Temple – Use Legos, blocks, straws and marshmallows, paper and tape, etc. Work together to build a temple. Talk about what worked and try again. After you have built the temple twice, take some time to discuss what every person did well and contributed to the group. Be sure to point the discussion back to God. *“Carl, You did such a great job of sharing your ideas patiently with the group. God made you super patient!” “Sheila, you had really good ideas for how we could make it taller! God really gave you a LOT of wisdom!”*
- Build a Temple Relay Race – You can make this as active as you’d like. Set blocks out on the table. Start the timer (as long or short as you’d like) and build a temple. If you’d like to have a sit-down game, simply build the temple in your chairs. If you’d like to have a more active game, line up on one side of the room, take turns running to the table and adding a piece. Either way, choose one person to be in charge. They can only use their words to give advice as to how to build the temple. When the timer goes off, see how tall your temple is. Talk about what you could have done differently and try again! See if you can get a higher temple than before! Be sure to take time to talk about the leadership of the one in charge.

## Day 3 – Josiah Repents, Follows God, and Leads People

- “God’s Word is...” Wordsplash – Find a creative way to make a word splash. *I.e. sidewalk chalk, bath crayons, water guns on a sidewalk, paper and pencil, French fries or peas at dinner, string cheese letters, finger paint, fridge magnets, dry noodles, marshmallows, etc.*
  - DISCUSS: When Josiah found God’s Word, he knew he needed to make some changes. What about God’s Word makes it so that we should follow it? *It is true, it is a light, it cleanses us (Psalm 119:9-11), it is eternal (2 Kings 22:3-10), it never changes, it is instructive, it for us, etc.*
- Draw the Story – Each family member can make a comic of the story. Divide a piece of paper into boxes (as many as each person needs to draw the different parts of the story). Draw the story. Share your drawings with each other.

## Additional Resources & Worship

### Worship:

- Worship Folder - [https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/person/children\\_alliancechurch\\_com/EmHq-MZPu2hBo9\\_CkxloXAwB4-ARLozNem0W4FbZDPpb4Q?e=EAQFjP](https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/person/children_alliancechurch_com/EmHq-MZPu2hBo9_CkxloXAwB4-ARLozNem0W4FbZDPpb4Q?e=EAQFjP)
- This Little Light of Mine - [https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/person/children\\_alliancechurch\\_com/Ec\\_tMAM6gpBKmCmiAo-ACscBfepCOEuslh0amJrn-iUaAw](https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/person/children_alliancechurch_com/Ec_tMAM6gpBKmCmiAo-ACscBfepCOEuslh0amJrn-iUaAw)
- Plunge Right In - [https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/person/children\\_alliancechurch\\_com/Efoa1idvSnpPsplxuaMWDEYBQBYOoimWHZ5mQv9uc5xfRA?e=czUD4g](https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/person/children_alliancechurch_com/Efoa1idvSnpPsplxuaMWDEYBQBYOoimWHZ5mQv9uc5xfRA?e=czUD4g)

### Videos:

#### God's Story: Josiah



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C4MEXXbBmM&list=PLactlIEFMk\\_I0LqO5DebtTLDjFclajXGB&index=25](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C4MEXXbBmM&list=PLactlIEFMk_I0LqO5DebtTLDjFclajXGB&index=25)

#### Theo: Volume 4 – God's Truth Session 2 – Light Unto My Path

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/777?episode=2>



### Memory Verse:

(You can choose based on which fits best with your family discussions).

- 2 Chronicles 34:33b “As long as he lived, they did not fail to follow the Lord, the God of their Ancestors.”
- Psalms 119:105 “Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”