



God's Word has Power (Part 1)

Josiah

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Bible Passage: 2 Kings 22–23:23

The Big God Story

There once was a king named Josiah who was only eight years old when he became king. Can you help me count to eight? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. Good job! Josiah was a very good king. He loved God and obeyed God's words.

One day, when King Josiah was older, he decided to clean and fix up the temple, the place where the people of Israel used to worship God.

After the work began, one of King Josiah's special helpers came to him with something important someone had found in the temple. It was a book—a very special book. This book was God's Word. Friends, what do we call the book that's God's Word? You're right. It's called the Bible. God's people had forgotten about God's Word for a very long time. That's so sad! Can you show me your sad face?

It had been so long since the people had read from the Bible that they didn't even know where it was! When the king's helper found it, he went straight to King Josiah and read God's Word to him. God's Word was filled with His promises to His people. It told the people how to live and how to take care of each other. It also told them how to love God and how to worship Him. It's a very important book.

King Josiah looked around the kingdom and saw that the people weren't obeying God. This made him very sad. So he gathered the people together and read to them from God's Word. He wanted them to know all about God. The people listened closely. When the king was finished reading, he promised God that he would follow Him with all of his heart. He was going to help the people obey God's words.

The people promised to obey God too. King Josiah wanted to live his life by obeying God's Word and loving God. He knew God's Word is powerful. God gave us His Word too. We can read it to learn about God and how to love and obey Him.

Family Fun

Parents,

King Amon was not a kind king. Amon's father, Manasseh, would, also, not go down in history as a kindly king. But when Josiah took over the throne at the age of 8 after his father's untimely demise, he changed that family legacy. As he grew up, he had pagan idols knocked down and chose to rebuild the temple. Inside lay the forgotten scrolls that held God's words.

Bible Verse

"Josiah was eight years old (*hold up 8 fingers*) when he became king (*pretend to place a crown on your head with both hands*) and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years (*hold up a three fingers on one hand and 1 on the other*). His mother's name (*pretend to hold a baby*) was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. (*do the sign for B in ASL is four fingers up and the thumb across the palm*)

² He did what was right in the eyes (*point to your eyes*) of the Lord and followed completely the ways (*point out, both arms*) of his father David, not turning aside to the right (*point right*) or to the left (*point left*)." 2 Kings 22:1-2

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