

## Bible Hero Lesson Series

# Josiah

### What Josiah Did:

Josiah became king of Judah when he was only eight years old. He learned a lot about God and God's word and he wanted to live by the word of God. As a young king, he discovered that the temple was not being used properly. He wanted the temple cleaned out and restored. Everything that did not relate to God was taken out of the temple and burned. People began to use the temple to worship God again. Inside the temple, the Ten Commandments, as given to Moses, was discovered. This was very exciting to Josiah, but he was worried because his people had not lived by God's word. Josiah then sends word throughout the land about the laws that God had given the people. The young king promised that he would live by the laws and his people did, too. They made a promise and asked for forgiveness.

### Find it in the Bible:

There are several places where the bible mentions Josiah. The story about Josiah spreading the Law of God is found in Kings 22:1 - 23:30 and 2 Chronicles 34:1 - 35:27.

### Memory Verse:

We will obey. Exodus 24:7

### Game Ideas:

#### *Treasure Hunt*

Find several objects that relate to the story of Josiah. Some suggestions may be a copy of the Ten Commandments, a bible, a crown, and a small replica of a temple or church. Have the children go on a treasure hunt to find the hidden objects. You can even give simple clues for each one: Locate the thing that was found hidden in the temple.

### Snack Suggestion:

#### *Treasure Chest Snack Mix*

Make a fun snack mix by mixing together pretzel sticks, chocolate candies (such as M & Ms), goldfish crackers, raisins, marshmallows and dry cereal. Put the mix in flat-bottomed ice cream cones for a completely edible snack.

### Josiah Craft

#### *Treasure Box*

Finding the Ten Commandments in the temple was a lot like finding a treasure. It was something very valuable and precious. Collect enough small boxes with lids for the children in your class. Help the children decorate the box by covering it with tissue paper, foam shapes and glitter glue. Use your computer to print off the memory verse and let each child glue it to the top of his or her treasure box. Tell the children that they can use the box to store their treasures and favorite things.

**Suggested Prayer:**

Dear Lord, Josiah was young, and still followed your word. Please help me obey and follow your word.

Amen.