



NEED TO KNOW

• **Today is all about relying on God's word as a source of truth and wisdom!** We want to emphasize that we can always trust what God says in the Bible, no matter what we're facing.

LARGE GROUP | 20 Minutes

- Big Idea: We can follow God's word
- Story: Josiah

GAME TIME | 10 Minutes

• Play a fun scroll game as one large group!

COOL DOWN | 10 Minutes

• Identify and "knock" down idols in our own life!

LARGE GROUP | 15 Minutes

- Respond to today's big idea through worship and prayer.
- Practice this month's memory verse: Matthew 22:37: Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

SMALL GROUP | 15+ Minutes

• Create a scroll pouch!

CONNECT QUESTION | 5 Minutes



- Break into small groups and put up today's **Connect Question slide** on the screen. Go around the group and let each kid say their **name** and their **favorite color.** Then discuss the connect question, and gather for Large Group when the time is up.
- **Connect Question:** What's a rule you follow at home?

THE BIG IDEA | 5 Minutes



- **Say:** Welcome to Kids' Club, we're so glad you're here! We want this to be a <u>safe</u> and <u>fun</u> place for you. To do that, let's all commit to doing a few things:
 - Show respect to each other
 - Listen when someone else is speaking
 - Have fun!
- **Say:** Today, we're going to hear about a king of Israel and how he followed the most important rules any of us can follow: GOD'S rules. That leads to today's big idea.
- Slide: We can follow God's word
- Ask: How do rules actually help us? (Let a few kids respond and share examples of situations in which rules help, or just have them list some rules that they have to follow in their daily lives.) Yes, they keep us safe, or make sure that things stay fair.
- Ask: But what happens if you *don't* follow the rules or—worse—if there are no rules at all? (Let kids respond.) It may sound fun at first, but it would be pretty chaotic and unsafe! Let's check out a movie clip from Despicable Me, and see why the girls have to follow some pretty funny rules.
- Video: Despicable Me / No Annoying Sounds

THE BIG IDEA | 5 Minutes





- **Say:** The kid in today's story is named Josiah, and he became a king while he was very young, at *8 years old*! And he was a really REALLY great king! Here's what the Bible tells us about him.
 - Slide: 2 Kings 23:25 Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.
- **Say:** Whoa, he loved the Lord with all his heart and soul and strength. And he cared deeply about following God's laws. When the Bible says the words "God's laws", it's a way of saying the rules that God gives us to help us follow him.
- **Say:** Today's story involves some rules that are a little different than those! Let's watch a video about Josiah, and see how he followed God's word, even when others didn't want to!
- Video: God's Story / Josiah
- Say: So what are some good things that happened because Josiah obeyed God and followed his laws? (Let kids respond.) Yep, and because Josiah loved and followed God, the whole kingdom of Israel followed his example, and they loved and followed God too!
- **Say:** By following God, we can set an example for others too. Even when it's unpopular or when others don't do it, God wants us to stand up and do what's right.



SUPPLIES

- Verse page (3 per room)
- Rubber band (3 per room)

PREPARE



Start the 10 Minute Countdown Timer

Stay as one whole group, or split into smaller groups.

STEAL THE SCROLL | 10 Minutes

•

Say: In Josiah's story, it was SO important when they found God's laws written down. Let's play a game with a scroll of our own!

- This game can be played a few different ways, based on size:
 - Option #1: Split the room into two or three separate groups, and play the game using the instructions below.
 - Option #2: Keep the room as one whole group, and play the game using the instructions below.
- To play:
 - Each group will need one **verse page.** Roll it up, then secure it with a **rubber band** (don't read it to kids yet, but tell them there's a special message in it.)
 - Form two equal lines of players, and number the players on each team.
 - The leader places the scroll midway between the lines, and calls out numbers at random.
 - The players whose number is called must try to take the scroll and return to their lines without being tagged by the other.
 - A player may not be tagged if she or he is not holding the scroll.
 - When a player has delivered the scroll, their team gets a point.
 - Re-number the teams occasionally so that players face different people.
 - Once you're done with the game, choose a player from the winning team to open the scroll and read it out loud to the group. (Throw away the scroll when you're done, or let a kid keep it.)



CUP KNOCK DOWN | 10 Minutes

Say: We're going to pretend to knock down idols just like Josiah did!

- Set up the activity first:
 - Say: After finding God's laws, Josiah realized that his people were focusing on things OTHER than God. That's called an **idol**, when we focus ALL our attention on something other than God!
- Do the activity:
 - First, have kids list some different things that represent "idols". Things that they focus on instead of God. The leader should write all of those things on **one** of the plastic cups with a sharpie. (Write all responses on the same cup)
 - Let kids take turns building a castle (or some sort of simple tower structure) out of the plastic cups. These cups represent the fake idols that people in israel were worshipping. Put the cup with the words on it on top!
 - Let them roll the ball and try to knock down the cups! (Make sure kids are not throwing the ball elsewhere, they can only roll it to knock down the cups).

THE BIG IDEA | 5 Minutes



Play the 10-Second Countdown to redirect kids attention to Large Group.

- Ask: So....where can we look to find all of God's laws? (Let kids respond.) That's right, the Bible! The Bible tells us all of God's story, and it is FULL of God's words to each of us. It's a living, breathing book that's full of life, and shows us how to live.
- **Say:** Josiah knew that God had the best possible plan for him, and that's why he should follow God's word and rules. The rules weren't meant to make life harder...they were meant to make life better!
- **Ask:** Remember, Josiah was an 8-year-old boy. A *KID*, just like you guys! And even though he was young, he followed God with all his heart, and he became a great leader. Even as a kid, God used him for incredible things.
- **Say:** God wants to use you guys for incredible things too! He has amazing plans in store for you, and when you live by God's word, just like Josiah did, you can accomplish big things too.

WORSHIP AND RESPOND | 5 Minutes







- **Say:** What do you all think is the most *important* rule in the Bible? The best way we can follow God? (Let kids share.) Jesus actually told his friends, the disciples, that there was one law that's more important than ALL the rest! Let's check it out.
- Slide: Matthew 22:37: Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
- **Say:** We're going to be learning this verse all month. No matter who you are, where you are, or what situation you're in, Jesus wanted us to remember this! It's THAT important! We'll talk a little bit more about that in small groups.
- **Say:** Let's respond to what we've heard today by worshipping. Worship is when we spend time with God, and focus on him in a special way. We can worship God in SO many ways, so let's do it today by watching a music video, and thinking about how WE can love God with all our heart, soul and minds. *(Choose from one of the following)*
- Music Video: What a Beautiful Name (older, no motions)
- <u>Music Video: Real Love</u> (younger, motions)
- (Close in prayer) God, help us to live by your words, and follow you as best as we can. Amen!

SUPPLIES

- Pouch template (1 per kid)
- Markers/scissors (1 set per group)
- Staplers (2 per group)
- Verse strip (1 per kid)
- Example page (1 per group, reused)

CONNECT | 5 minutes

Take time to connect with kids through some personal life questions.

- What was surprising about today's story? What do you think of King Josiah?
- What would you be feeling if you were in Josiah's shoes, and became king at 8 years old? •
- What does it mean to follow God's word, or law? •
- What happened when Josiah read God's word and began to follow it? (the whole country of Israel began to follow God)
- When we follow God's word, do you think it affects other people? How/why? •
- Tell me about a time you obeyed, even when it wasn't fun. (Or, if kids are stumped, they could share a time they disobeyed because it didn't sound fun to obey.)

DO IT | 5 Minutes

Kids will make "pockets" containing God's laws.

- Say: In King Josiah's time, God's family understood how important it was to remember the laws God gave them to follow. They wore small leather pouches containing special words from the Bible strapped to their arm or above their forehead!
- Give each kid a pouch template. Set out markers, scissors and staplers.
 - 0 Color and decorate the designs on the template.
 - Use the instructions on the template to show kids how to fold the paper and make a small 0 cut using the scissors.
 - Fold the pouch into place, staple the sides and fold the top over to form a "pouch". 0
- Next, give each kid a **verse strip** to fold up and put in the pouch.

EXTRA TIME?

Give kids a maze, or a word-search activity sheet to work on until their parents pick them up.

LESSON NeedS **3rd-5th** Nov 2-3, 2019

connect questions

Big Idea: We can trust God's word, Tell me about Josiah.

lesson supplies

LARGE GROUP										
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by							
Adventure Bible	1 per large group, reused	Biblesbythe Case.com	site							

GAME TIME Played in one large group or as small groups									
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by site						
Verse page	3 per service	8.5x11 cardstock, black & white, Page 13							
Rubber band	3 per service	<u>Staples</u>	KC Site Support						

COOL DOWN TIME Played in small groups										
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by							
Plastic cups (set of 9)	9 per small group, reused	Amazon	KC Site Support							
Plastic cup (1)	1 per small group (not reused)	SAME cup as above	KC Site Support							
Sharpie	1 per small group, reused		site							
Sponge Ball	1 per small group, reused	Oriental Trading	KC Site Support							

SMALL GROUP

Item	Usage	Details	Provided by	
Maze/Word search sheet - Josiah	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 8/9	site	
Markers/scissors	Quantity determined by site.		site	
Pouch template	1 per kid	Printed on 8.5x11 colored cardstock, black & white, Page 10 <u>Staples</u>	KC Site Support to provide cardstock, sites to print	
Example page	1 per kid	8.5x11 cardstock, print in color, Page 11	site	
Staplers	About 1 per group of 4-6 kids, reused		site	
Verse strip	1 per kid	8.5x11 paper, black & white, cut into halves, Page 12	site	

name



W	V	L	V	V	M	Y	1	Е	1	\vee	Ζ	Y	K	Q
A	L	5	Ρ	Q	A	5	С	R	0	L	L	Y	Y	0
т	Q	W	I	V	R	V	С	С	L	Н	R	A	Y	Ρ
Ρ	K	Μ	Η	A	1	5	0	J	M	Y	R	Q	R	A
L	Ε	A	R	5	T	F	M	В	0	0	J	Н	Т	Q
Е	Η	Н	В	I	Y	F	Ζ	Ν	Ρ	K	С	Е	Q	×
L	Q	×	5	R	×	R	W	Ν	В	Ζ	G	Ρ	X	0
Т	L	Q	Е	J	D	W	G	Ν	5	Y	Ζ	0	K	Ν
Ζ	G	0	۷	A	×	L	Ρ	С	W	0	R	D	D	Y
L	5	Ζ	С	G	Ε	L	D	A	W	E	0	M	В	5
K	G	С	Ε	Ν	Ε	\vee	L	0	т	L	Z	В	K	1
K	K	Ρ	V	u	В	M	0	R	L	Ρ	5	Ν	X	5
1	R	В	0	Y	0	Т	Q	5	W	M	Ε	W	5	Q
Ν	Ρ	D	Η	Ρ	F	С	Т	Ε	F	E	M	×	G	1
G	Н	Ν	X	Η	Ρ	u	Μ	X	С	Т	Ν	L	С	Ρ

JOSIAH LAW GODS WORD SCROLL TEMPLE KING BOY ISRAEL













Lord your God with all your heart and with Matthew 22:37: Jesus replied: "Love the all your soul and with all your mind."

Lord your God with all your heart and with Matthew 22:37: Jesus replied: "Love the all your soul and with all your mind."

the Lord your God with all your heart Matthew 22:37: Jesus replied: "Love and with all your soul and with all your mind."

A/V 3rd-5th Needs

- 1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
- 2. Slide: Connect Question: what's one rule you follow at home?
- 3. Slide: We can follow God's word
- 4. Video: Despicable Me / No Annoying Sounds
- 5. Slide: 2 Kings 23:25 Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.
- 6. Video: God's Story / Josiah
- 7. Video: 10 Minute Countdown Timer
- 8. Video: 10 Minute Countdown Timer
- 9. Video: 10 Second Countdown Timer
- 10. Slide: Matthew 22:37: Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
- 11. Music Video: What a Beautiful Name
- 12. <u>Music Video: Real Love</u>