

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

Be ready to give and receive godly wisdom.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Good leaders surround themselves with good advisors. The best leaders are those who do not think too highly of themselves and have a teachable spirit. This applies to all of us regardless of our role or position in life. At the same time, we should not be hesitant to offer wise principles to those who would benefit. Each one of us needs a mentor, and each one of us can serve as a mentor.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:1–23:3

Live It Out: Help your child look in the Bible to find favorite Bible stories. If you have a Bible with pictures, she can find a picture she likes and you can tell the story.

Josiah became king when he was 8 years old. He loved God and wanted to obey Him. Josiah grew to be a man and still wanted to obey God.

The temple needed to be cleaned and repaired. King Josiah told one of his helpers to give money to the workers to clean and repair the temple.

When the workers found a Bible scroll, one of the king's helpers read words from the scroll. When King Josiah heard the words, he was upset. He tore his clothes. "These words tell us what God wants us to do and we have not been obeying God," Josiah said.

King Josiah called the people to the temple. The people listened to the words from the Bible scroll. King Josiah and the people promised God they would do all the things in the Bible scroll.

KIDS

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:1–23:3

Live It Out: Read the Weekly Verse, Psalm 119:34, from different translations of the Bible. Help your child memorize his favorite translation of the verse.

Josiah became king of Judah when he was 8 years old, and he reigned for 31 years. King Josiah was a good king who made choices that honored God.

King Josiah told the Hilkiah, high priest, to organize workers to repair God's temple. While working, a Book of the Law was found. Hilkiah gave the book to the king's secretary. Then secretary brought the book to King Josiah and read it aloud to him.

When Josiah heard God's Word, he knew that the kingdom of Judah had not obeyed it and deserved God's judgment. King Josiah gathered all the people of Judah together, and he read God's Word to them. Then before all the people, he promised to obey the Word of God to the best of his ability. And all the people joined in the promise.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Exodus 18:9-11,14-21

- Who do you trust for insight or wisdom? (This can be any family member or simply someone who loves you like family.)
- How have you responded when others have given you honest feedback that wasn't necessarily easy to hear?
- When have good or important things distracted you from serving God well?

Live It Out: God calls us to belong to a church family so we can serve one another. One of the most powerful ways we serve is by sharing the lessons God is teaching us. What lessons can you share with your teen today? Be sure to pass on the things you are learning in your own Bible study. Consider setting aside a specific time each day to share what you're all learning in your walk with God together as a family.