



Unit 14 | Session 1

JOASH WANTED TO OBEY GOD

2 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 24

Joash (JOH ash) was seven years old when he became the king of Judah. For years, King Joash did what was right in the sight of the Lord.

Joash really wanted to renovate the Lord's temple.

Joash commanded that a chest be placed outside the gate of the temple. The people filled the chest with silver.

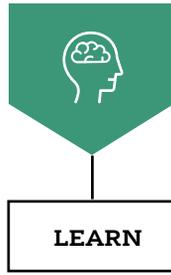
Then Joash and the high priest gave the silver to the workers in charge of fixing up the temple. The workers restored God's temple and made it stronger.

The priests gave burnt offerings in the Lord's temple every day while Jehoiada the high priest was alive.

After he died, the rulers of Judah came and talked to King Joash. Joash abandoned the Lord's temple. Joash set up objects and idols for the people to

worship. God sent prophets to warn Joash and the people, but they didn't listen. Because Joash turned away from God, God turned away from him.

Christ Connection: Joash wanted to obey God. He honored God at first, but in time, his actions showed that there was still sin in his heart. Jesus wants to change our hearts. When we trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, He gives us new hearts that want to live for His glory.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Read each statement and circle the sentences that are true about the Bible story.

Joash was seven years old when he became king of Judah.

Joash really wanted to renovate the Lord's temple.

The people refused to bring silver to repair the temple.

Stonecutters, carpenters, blacksmiths, and coppersmiths helped make the temple stronger.

Silver was used to repair the temple.

The people spent the leftover money on buying nice gifts for the king.

Joash abandoned the Lord's temple.

God sent prophets to warn the people about turning away from Him.

The people listened to the prophets.

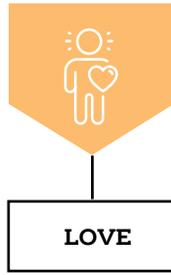
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» What does this story teach us about God?

» How did Jehoiada lead the people rightly?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

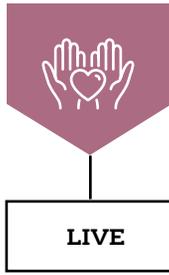
» Why is repentance important?

» Why should we never be afraid to come to God in repentance?

» Why should we encourage other people to repent of their sin and turn to Jesus?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Acts 3:19 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God He sent Jesus to die for your sin.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Ezekiel 18:30-32

Mark 1:14-15

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Luke 5:31-32

Psalm 32:5

Acts 2:38