

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: Kate Carruthers, Andrew Kampman	
2 minutes	Leader: Some of Judah's kings chose to follow God and lead His people to worship Him. Kids: We want to follow God too! Leader: But even the best kings were not perfect. Kids: We need a perfect King! Leader: Who is the perfect King who rules over every king? Kids: Jesus! Leader: Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Kids: We worship Jesus, our King! All: Come, let us worship our great King, Jesus!	
10 minutes singing	King of Kings	Video
	King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Glory, Hallelujah: You could get kids to go in circles with their grades and do the actions like this video.	Video
	Tell the story: You can use the 4 printed off pictures about the different kings. Read out the papers of what they did and try to match them afterwards. There is also a map to show them	

	where Judah is. Last week we talked about how Israel was captured by the Assyrians because they had not been following God.	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions pg. 92 1. The Kingdom of Judah had both good and bad kings. Who were the good kings of Judah? 2. What plan did the priest Jehoida make 3. Can you think of another person who helps you learn more about God and follow Him? 4. What did King Hezekiah do 5. Does being young mean that you cannot understand God's law	
	Questions from kids video: 1. Is there anything we can do to be good enough for God? 2. How does trusting in Jesus help us want to turn away from sin?	Video
2 minutes	God, You call us to obey You because You love us. Help us turn away from sin and turn toward Jesus, who saves us from sin and death. Amen	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 2 Kings 18–19; 2 Chronicles 14–24. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Judah’s Good Kings.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

JUDAH’S GOOD KINGS

“The Southern Kingdom of Judah had several good kings that led the people to follow God, worship Him, and turn away from sin.

King Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of God. He removed the places that the people worshiped false gods. He commanded the people of Judah to worship God and obey His laws. Asa rebuilt the altar that was in front of the Lord’s temple. Asa and the people of Judah promised to seek the Lord with all their heart and all their soul.

When an enemy army came, Asa prayed, saying, “Lord, we are counting on you to help us. You can give us victory.” The Lord answered his prayer, and Asa was loyal to God his entire life.

Years later, a wicked king named Ahaziah (ay huh ZIGH uh) became king over Judah. When Ahaziah died, his mother, Athaliah (ath uh LIGH uh), made herself queen by force. One of Ahaziah’s young sons, Joash, was hidden from Athaliah by his sister. Athaliah ruled as queen for six years and did evil in God’s sight.

The priest Jehoiada (jih HOY uh duh) made a plan to overthrow Queen Athaliah. They captured her and placed a crown on Joash’s head, making him king. Under the leadership of Jehoiada the priest, Joash tore down the temple of Baal and brought back the proper worship of God in the temple. Throughout the time the priest Jehoiada instructed him, Joash did what was right in the Lord’s sight.

Many years after Joash, Hezekiah became king over Judah. He did what was right in the Lord’s sight just as his ancestor David had done. One of his first acts as king was to clean out the temple so the people could worship and make sacrifices to the Lord. The people brought so many sacrifices that the priests needed help to prepare all the offerings.

Hezekiah invited Judah and Israel to celebrate the feast of the Passover. They enjoyed praising God and feasting so much that they celebrated for two weeks! After the feast, everyone went back to their towns and tore down the altars and places of worship to false gods.

After this, the same king of Assyria who had destroyed Israel came to attack Judah. The Assyrians said, “Do you think your God will save you? All the other kingdoms we defeated thought so, too.” **King Hezekiah prayed to God, and God**

STORYTELLING TIPS

Active listening: Tell kids to cheer when they hear how the kings led the people to do what was right.

Review the kings: If you created the “Kings of Judah Spinner,” invite kids to spin to each king when you tell about them in the story.



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sent an angel to destroy the Assyrian army. Judah was saved!

The last good king of Judah was Josiah. Even though he was only eight years old when he became king, he did what was right in the eyes of God. He smashed and tore down the places of idol worship. As he was cleaning out the temple, he found the book of the law from Moses. When Josiah heard the words of the law, Josiah was sad, because the nation was not obeying God's commands. **Josiah read the words of the law to all the people at the temple. Then Josiah and the people promised to keep the commands found in the book of the law.** The people renewed the covenant with God and stayed faithful to God while Josiah was alive.

Christ Connection: Judah's good kings led the people to God and away from sin. Yet when they died, the people returned to their sinful ways. Jesus is our good King who died and rose again, and always leads us to God and away from sin. ”

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY ” The Kingdom of Judah had both good and bad kings. Who were the good kings of Judah? [Allow responses.] Asa, Joash, Hezekiah, and Josiah were good kings. **JUDAH'S GOOD KINGS WORSHIPED GOD.** But Judah also experienced the rule of the evil King Ahaziah and his mother Athaliah. What plan did the priest Jehoida make? [Allow responses.] Queen Athaliah was overthrown, and King Ahaziah's son, Joash, became the next king. King Joash made good decisions with the help of Jehoiada the priest. God also wants us to follow Him and obey His Word, but we don't have to do it alone. Can you think of another person who helps you learn more about God and follow Him?

Hezekiah was another good king over Judah who cleaned out the temple so the people could worship God. The King of Assyria came to attack Judah because he did not believe God would save them. What did King Hezekiah do? [Allow responses.] King Hezekiah prayed, and God sent an angel to destroy Assyria's army!

Then we learned that even though King Josiah was young, he wanted to follow God and obey Him. Does being young mean that you cannot understand God's law? [Allow responses.] We have been given God's Word, the Bible, and when we read it alone or with others, we can grow in our understanding of who He is and how He calls all people to obey Him. Even if you are very young or very old, you can know God and obey Him through the Holy Spirit. ”

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY ” Judah's good kings led the people to God and away from sin. Yet when they died, the people returned to their sinful ways. Like Judah, we are sinful. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to be the permanent solution for sin. We are forgiven of our sin when we place our faith in Jesus. I'd be happy to share more of what it means to trust in Jesus. ”

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)



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4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 15, Session 1” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Is there anything we can do to be good enough for God?
2. How does trusting in Jesus help us want to turn away from sin?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Point to Northern Africa and the Middle East on a world map.

SAY “In Northern Africa and the Middle East, there are more than 800 different people groups present. Many of the people groups are unreached people groups, where people have never heard about Jesus and there are no churches or missionaries to help the people hear about Him.”

Play the missions video. Note: There is no narration for this video. It is meant to show snapshot images of the people and cultures of North Africa and the Middle East. Ask kids to name some animals they saw in the video. Then ask kids what some of the people were doing in the video.

Tell kids that many countries in this part of the world have governments that are hostile to the gospel and will not allow missionaries to openly tell people about Jesus. Explain that missionaries have to be cautious and creative when trying to reach people for Jesus. Tell kids that missionaries have started sharing the gospel through digital and online platforms in these dangerous places. Pray for missionaries serving in Northern Africa and the Middle East, asking God to give them boldness, courage, and peace. Pray the people in this region will have curiosity about Christ and be open to hearing the gospel.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Psalm 145:9 together.

SAY “Our key passage reminds us that God is good and cares for us. We are His creation and are called to obey Him.”

Provide each kid with an index card and a Bible. Assist kids in finding Psalm 145:9. Lead kids to copy the verse onto their index card. Encourage kids to work with an adult to help them memorize this verse.

Lead kids to sing “The Lord is Good (Psalm 145:9).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “God, You call us to obey You because You love us. Help us turn away from sin and turn toward Jesus, who saves us from sin and death. Amen.”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



