



## Lesson Focus

Athaliah killed the royal family so she could be queen, but Joash was rescued by his aunt and hidden in the temple. After six years, Jehoiada the priest crowned Joash as king and had Athaliah executed. King Joash repaired the temple and did what was right as long as Jehoiada lived. When Jehoiada died, Joash turned to idolatry and was judged.

## **Key Passages**

**Grades 2–3:** 2 Kings 11:1–3, 11:12–14; 2 Chronicles 24:1–2 & 4, 24:17–20

**Grades 4–5:** 2 Kings 11:1–3, 11:12–14; 2 Chronicles 24:1–4, 24:17–22

## What You Heard in the Word

- God used Jehosheba to save Joash, the last royal descendant of David, by hiding him in the temple until he could become king of Judah at age seven.
- Joash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada, the priest. But after Jehoiada died, Joash turned from God, worshipped idols, and received judgment from God for his disobedience.

