



Grades 4–5 • Unit 11 • Lesson 101

God Protects Joash

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

Match each statement to the correct person from the account of King Joash.
Some names will be used more than once!

**A. AHAZIAH, B. ZECHARIAH, C. JEZEBEL, D. JEHOSEBA,
E. ATHALIAH, F. JEHOIADA, G. JOASH**

- _____ 1. Tried to kill all the royal descendants of King David.
- _____ 2. Evil mother of Athaliah who introduced Baal worship in Israel.
- _____ 3. King of Judah who was killed after reigning only one year.
- _____ 4. Rescued one of the royal babies and hid him in the temple.
- _____ 5. Hidden in the temple for six years.
- _____ 6. Husband of Jehosheba and high priest in Judah.
- _____ 7. Became king at age seven.
- _____ 8. Taught and counseled Joash to follow the laws of God.
- _____ 9. Repaired the temple.
- _____ 10. Died at age 130 and was buried with the kings of Judah.
- _____ 11. Turned from the Lord and worshipped idols.
- _____ 12. Son of Jehoiada who was killed for delivering God's message to King Joash and the people.



Answers: 1) E; 2) C; 3) A; 4) D; 5) G; 6) F; 7) G; 8) F; 9) G; 10) F; 11) G; 12) B

Name _____

Memory Verse

Some vowels (A, E, I, O, U) are missing in the memory verse. Use the code to fill them in then practice saying the verse.

A E I O U
10 20 30 40 50

B__t God, being r__ch in
50 30

mercy, bec__use of the great
10

I__ve with which h__ loved us,
40 20

even wh__n we were de__d in
20 10

__ur trespasses, made __s alive
40 50

together with Chr__st—by gr__ce
30 10

y__u have be__n saved.
40 20

Ephes__ans 2:4–5
30

What You Heard *In the Word*

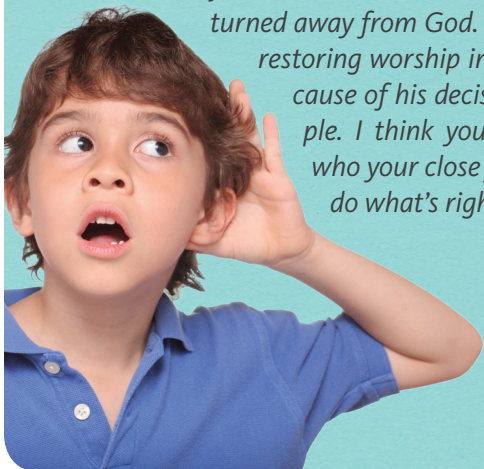
- God used Jehosheba to save Joash, the last royal descendant of David, by hiding him in the temple until he could become king of Judah at age seven.
- Joash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada, the priest. But after Jehoiada died, Joash turned from God, worshipped idols,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



OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if you and a friend are talking, and she says that it doesn't matter that she has best friends who don't love God? She's sure she would never turn away from him. **What could you say?**

It's great to have friends that you're trying to share the gospel with. But the people we listen to and spend time with will affect how we live and the decisions we make. An example of this is King Joash in the Bible. He followed God as long as he listened to the godly priest Jehoiada. But after Jehoiada died, he listened to the princes of Judah and turned away from God. All the good work he had done restoring worship in God's temple was undone because of his decision to listen to the wrong people. I think you should be very careful about who your close friends are so they can help you do what's right, like Jehoiada did for Joash.



HomeWord *For Parents*

Joash was one of the kings of Judah who started off faithfully but failed in the end. He was the son of Ahaziah, who reigned in Judah for one year and did what was evil in the sight of the Lord. In fact, Ahaziah walked in the ways of Ahab (2 Kings 8:27), the wicked king of Israel, and was killed during Jehu's purge in Israel (2 Kings 9:21-27).

When Ahaziah's mother, Athaliah, heard that her son was dead, she usurped the throne by killing the royal family. Jehosheba, Ahaziah's sister, took Joash and hid him from Queen Athaliah. She and her husband, Jehoiada the priest, hid him in the house of God (2 Kings 11:2-3).

After six years, Jehoiada gathered the royal guards, the Levites, and the heads of the fathers' houses of Israel. On a selected Sabbath, Jehoiada and his sons anointed Joash king. When Athaliah came out to see what the commotion was, she was seized, carried out of the temple, and executed.

Joash became king when he was seven years old, and he did what was right in the sight of the Lord as long as Jehoiada lived. The people gladly followed Joash's lead to see the temple restored, and the burnt offerings were performed regularly in the house of the Lord (2 Chronicles 24:14). But when Jehoiada died, Joash began to listen to the princes of Judah, and he abandoned the Lord to worship idols. Joash even ordered Jehoiada's son, a priest of God, to be stoned in the temple because he confronted the king's sin.

Joash was finally assassinated by his own servants and buried in dishonor after God delivered his army into the hands of the Syrians. Although Joash began as a godly king, he made poor decisions at the end. Still, God protected him for the sake of his promise to preserve the royal line of King David. Joash was saved from Athaliah and able to grow up and have children to continue David's family line.

