



Grades 4–5 • Unit 11 • Lesson 104

Josiah Follows God

2 Chronicles 34–35

King Josiah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord! Find and circle the words from the lesson in the puzzle below.

Name

- BOOK

CLEANSE

DESTROY

DISASTER

EIGHT

FAITHFUL

GOD

IDOLS
- JOSIAH

JUDAH

KING

LAW

PROMISE

REPENT

SEEK

TEMPLE

G X I E L V C L Q I J I D O L S J P L F
 P F I L U Y L T N E P E R P L Z I P E I
 H V C P F R E T S A S I D O C L D O G I
 K D E M H V A Y H A I S O J F B E P A G
 Z Q B E T P N V P Y Q F Y W U G N L E Q
 K A L T I I S V F U Z J V E I D S R A P
 I O G B A Q E Y O R T S E D I J A X K W
 N O O U F L M D X T P R O M I S E H E X
 G P J B E I G H T N C A X D P I G S E J
 S A V L Q W Y A J B E N L E A L T C S E

Memory Verse

Answer the questions based on the memory verse. Use the colors for help!

But God, being rich in **mercy**, because of
 the great **love** with which he loved us, even
 when we were dead in **our trespasses**, made
 us alive together with **Christ—by grace** you
 have been saved. *Ephesians 2:4–5*

God is rich in what attribute?

God feels great what toward us?

We are spiritually dead because of what?

How can we be saved from our sins?

What You Heard *In the Word*

- King Josiah decided to seek the Lord at an early age, and he obeyed the Lord faithfully for his whole life.
- Josiah rid the land of idolatry, restored the temple, and discovered the Book of the Law, which proclaimed disaster on Judah. Because Josiah was humble and repentant, God promised to spare him from the disaster that would come later because of the people's sin.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend says she thinks she'll go to heaven because her parents are Christians and she goes to church with them? **What could you say?**

That's wonderful that your parents are saved and you attend church together, but YOU have to make the decision to repent of your sins and trust in Jesus. That's not something your parents or anyone else can do for you. The Bible says we're saved by faith in Jesus, not by going to church or obeying our parents. If you understand that your sins separate you from God and you believe that Jesus died to take your punishment for breaking God's laws, you need to pray and tell that to God. When you do, God will make you his child! He promises to never leave you and to give you a home in heaven with him when you die.



HomeWord *For Parents*

At just eight years old, Josiah inherited the rule of the spiritually corrupt nation of Judah. But Josiah did what was right in the sight of the Lord and walked according to the ways of David (2 Chronicles 34:2). The Bible attributed his righteousness to the fact that he began to seek the Lord while he was still a boy (2 Chronicles 34:3). By the time he was 20, he began purging the land of idolatry.



After six years of cleansing the land, Josiah turned his attention to repairing the temple (2 Chronicles 34:8). During the restoration, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law (2 Chronicles 34:14). Josiah's secretary read him the book, and Josiah was deeply grieved. He tore his clothes and immediately inquired of the Lord. The prophetess Huldah confirmed that disaster was imminent. All the curses written in the Book of the Law, which had grieved the king, would come on Judah. However, because of his tender and humble heart, Josiah would receive mercy and would not witness the judgment (2 Chronicles 34:23–28).



In response, Josiah gathered the people and read to them the Word of God, detailing the law and the covenant given through Moses. Then Josiah made a public covenant along with the people of Judah to follow the Lord. As a result of his devotion and actions, the people did not turn away from following the Lord as long as Josiah lived (2 Chronicles 34:31–33).

Josiah died from an arrow wound after a battle with King Neco of Egypt. Josiah was mourned by all of Judah and his death lamented by Jeremiah and all the singers. He was buried with honor in Jerusalem. Josiah was the last of the good kings of Judah, and the four who reigned after him were mere puppets and pawns, serving Egypt and then Babylon. During the reign of this one king, the nation of Judah was once again unified in repentance and worship to the one true God.

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