



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

### **BOTTOM LINE:**

By following God, kids can be leaders.

### **OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will learn that they can set a good example for other people.

### **KEY PASSAGE:**

2 Kings 22:1-2, 23:1-5. King Josiah renews the covenant.

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

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### **SUMMARY:**

Kids can do big things for God and with God's help. Josiah was only 8 years old when he became king of Judah. Despite his young age, Josiah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. During his thirty-one years as king, the people finally rejected the idols of their neighboring countries and they renewed their covenant with the Lord.

### **SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*With your help, every kid can do great things. Help us to be a good example for those who are watching us.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



## MEMORY VERSE

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*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live. Also set an example in how you love and in what you believe. Show the believers how to be pure. " - 1 Timothy 4:12 (NirV)*

### **LARGE GROUP:**

Divide the room in half. Pick one side to start and have them all shout the first word, then the other side shouts the second word, and so on until they finish the verse.

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Put each word of the memory verse on a card. Have the kids rearrange the cards and put the words in order.



## SKIT

### JUST KIDS CLUB, PART THREE

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Table  
Chairs

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 3M, 1F

#### CHARACTERS:

Billy – 10 year old  
Sally – 10 year old  
Timmy – 10 year old  
Mr. Horton – Timmy's dad

*Billy, Sally and Timmy are seated around the table.*

BILLY: As president of the Just Kids Club, I now call this meeting to order. Our first item of business is that my term as president of this club is coming to an end.

*Mr. Horton enters, unnoticed by the kids.*

BILLY: We need to elect a new president. I nominate Sally.

TIMMY: I second the nomination.

BILLY: All those in favor say "aye".

TIMMY: Aye.

SALLY: Aye.

BILLY: Aye. Motion passes. Our new president is-

# SKIT

HORTON: Hold on there a minute, kids.

TIMMY: What are you doing here, dad.

HORTON: Saving you guys from making a horrible mistake.

SALLY: Hey!

HORTON: No offense, Sally. But if you want this club to be all that it can be, you need to have a strong leader as your president.

*Mr. Horton places his hand on Timmy's shoulder.*

HORTON: You need a president with a good head on his shoulders. A thoughtful, compassionate leader who can see all sides of an issue and come up with wise solutions. Someone who always gives of himself – even letting you have meetings at his house – and someone people are happy to follow. And if I do say so myself, it doesn't hurt that he's awful handsome too.

TIMMY: Gee, thanks dad. Those are some really nice things you said. But the truth of the matter is, I just don't want to be president.

HORTON: What? I wasn't talking about you. I was talking about me.

SALLY/BILLY/TIMMY: You?!

HORTON: I think I should be the president of your club.

SALLY: But, sir. This is the Just Kids Club. And you're...well...

BILLY: Just an adult.

HORTON: Don't you think it's about time you had an adult be your president?

TIMMY: No.

HORTON: A president is a leader. A kid can't be a leader.

SALLY: What about Josiah?

*Horton turns to Billy.*

HORTON: Josiah? I thought your name was Billy.

# SKIT

SALLY: Not him. Josiah from the Bible.

HORTON: Who was that?

SALLY: He was the last of the great kings of Judah. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. He tore down the idols that the previous kings had put up. He renewed the covenant that God had made with Moses and Josiah helped bring the people back to God.

HORTON: Yes. That's exactly what I'm saying. You need a strong leader like that King Josiah.

SALLY: Josiah was only 8 years old when he became king.

HORTON: But how was a kid able to lead an entire nation?

SALLY: The same way that an adult is able to be a good leader. Josiah walked in the ways of the Lord. Josiah followed God. And with God leading Josiah, Josiah was able to lead the people.

HORTON: Wow. You really know your stuff. *(to Timmy)* I think you guys should make her your president.

TIMMY: Gee, dad. Why didn't we think of that?

*END.*



## OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Large magnet

Paper clips

*Drop a bunch of paper clips on the table or ground in front of you. (Don't put out more paper clips than the magnet can pick up.)*

I want you to use your imagination with me for just a few minutes. I want you to pretend that these paper clips are a group of people. As you can see, they are scattered all over. They are all doing their own thing, not concerned with each other.

Now let's suppose that there is a task that needed to get done. And it is a task that requires everyone working together. Well, then this arrangement wouldn't do at all. You need all of the people moving together in one direction. You need to unite them.

How do you get these people to work together toward a goal? You need a good leader for them to follow.

*Pull out the magnet. As you continue talking wave the magnet over the paper clips until they have all been picked up.*

A leader is someone who pulls other people together. A leader gives people a vision and a purpose. A leader is someone who is doing the right thing and whose example the people can follow. People are attracted to a good leader, like a paper clip to a magnet.

You can be a leader, setting a good example for your friends and family, by pointing them to God. That's something each of us can do, no matter if we're old or young, big or small.





## LARGE GROUP GAME

### L-E-A-D-E-R

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

6 - Sheets of paper  
Marker  
Clothes pins or fabric safe tape

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Beforehand, use a marker to write a large letter on each sheet of paper. The six letters will be L-E-A-D-E-R.

Choose one player and six pawns for this game. On the back of each pawn's shirt affix one of the six sheets of paper. (Don't let them see which letter they have.) Mix the kids up.

The goal of the game is to get the kids to line up on stage, backs to the audience, so that the audience can read the word "Leader." The player has sixty (60) seconds to get the pawns to line up in order on stage. The player can lead by talking to the pawns, but may not touch them.

#### VARIATION:

For young kids who are still learning to read, place numbers 1 through 6 on the sheets instead and have them arrange the pawns in numerical order. Eliminate the time limit.

#### WHAT'S THE POINT?

In order for people to know what they should do and how they should live, they need a leader to follow.



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### **INTRO**

Kids have to spend a lot of time following others. For example, you have to follow what your parents say. You have to follow your teachers' instructions. At practice, you have to follow whatever your coach tells you to do. Basically, any time an adult is speaking, you're expected to follow.

While it's important for kids to be respectful, humble, and obedient, did you know that kids aren't always followers? Many times kids are leaders too.

Josiah was a kid who became a leader. Josiah was only eight years old when he became the king of the entire kingdom of Judah. Josiah became king during a very difficult time in the history of the people of God.

The Bible tells us that two previous kings – Manasseh and Amon – both did evil in the eyes of the Lord. Neither Amon nor Manasseh worshiped God. Instead they had turned to the idols and false gods that were worshiped by the people in other countries.

These kings were not good leaders. The people of Judah were led astray and began worshiping the idols that Manasseh and Amon followed. People forgot the Ten Commandments and the Laws of God. They forgot about the one true God.

When Amon died, his son Josiah became king. Josiah was only 8 years old at that time. The big question was:



# LARGE GROUP LESSON

Would Josiah be a better leader than his father and grandfather had been? Let's find out the answer:

**READ 2 Kings 22:1-2, 23:1-5.**

## MAIN POINT

Josiah was the last great king of Judah. Unlike the two previous kings, Josiah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. He walked with the Lord. And he was a good leader for the people of Judah. He led them for thirty one years, through his childhood and into adulthood.

It was during Josiah's reign that the Book of Law containing the Ten Commandments was found in the Temple. By this time, the people had been worshiping false gods and idols for so long, they had forgotten what the Book of God's Law even said. Josiah decided that this would not do.

He led the people to the temple and had the Book of the Covenant read aloud for all to hear. Once again, the people heard about God's love and about how they could follow God and walk with God.

Josiah had pledged to serve God, and now the people did to. They renewed the covenant with God that had been established back when the Israelites were wandering in the desert. Josiah went on to order that all of the idols and any items devoted to false gods be removed from the temple and from the land.

The people had turned back to the one true God and it was all because of the great leadership of King Josiah. Josiah, the king who walked with God, even as a kid.

## DRIVE IT HOME:

Josiah proved that a king can be a good leader even if he's just a kid. But you don't have to be a king to be a leader. You are a leader. Right now.

Regardless of the circumstances of your life, there is someone who is watching your life and following your example. If you have younger brothers and sisters, they are learning many things from you – including how to treat each other with kindness and how to honor your parents. Even if you don't have siblings, you are a leader at school. Your friends and other students see how you live your life and they emulate you. Emulate means they try to look like you in actions and words. Here at church, you can be a leader who helps point other kids to Jesus.

What does it take to be a good leader? You have to be a good follower. Josiah was a good king because he walked with God. If you want to lead, you need to see where God is moving and follow him.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

When a person's life shows Jesus to other people, that's the mark of a good leader. And that's something you can do, because you're a kid!

## **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER**

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER

What would you do if you were president?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

1 Timothy 4:12

Put each word of the memory verse on a card. Have the kids rearrange the cards and put the words in order.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

The people of Josiah's time had forgotten the Book of Law. As a group see how many of the Ten Commandments your kids know. At the end, read the ten commandments together to remind the group of any commandments that were left out. It is good to find a kid-friendly explanation of the Ten Commandments prior to small group time. For example, a kid-friendly version may state "Love only your husband or wife" rather than saying "Do not commit adultery."

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Read 2 Kings 22:1-2, 23:1-5.**

How old was Josiah when he became king?

What kind of a king was Josiah?

Why did Josiah lead all of the people to the temple?

How did the people respond when they heard the Book of the Law read to them?

In what ways are you a leader in your life?

### SIMPLE PRAYER

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## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

### TRUE or FALSE

Josiah was only 11 years old when he became king.

FALSE (He was only 8)

Josiah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord.

TRUE

His father Amon and his grandfather Manasseh had also been good kings who followed God.

FALSE

Josiah only wanted the rich and important people to hear the word of God written in the Book of the Law.

FALSE (He assembled all the people from the least to the greatest)

Josiah served the one true God and rejected idols and false gods.

TRUE



# MAKE IT STICK

## 5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: A KID CAN LEAD



#### IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

This week, talk about what it means to set a good example for other people. Help your kids see the people in their lives who are influenced by their actions. Discuss how they can lead well.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- How old was Josiah when he became king?
- Why did Josiah have the Book of the Law read for all of the people to hear?
- What does it take to be a good leader?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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#### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

You are the leader in your household, but it's okay to follow sometimes too. Are there areas in life where your kids seem to have it more together than you? (Examples: Trusting, taking time to enjoy life, staying connected to friends) Take a look at your life, and where appropriate, follow your kids' lead.

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## CRAFT PROJECT

Have kids make a crown like Josiah might have worn. Cut the design out of construction paper (you may need two pieces of paper to make a crown large enough to fit the kids). Tape the ends of the crown together to make a circle. Kids can cut jewels out of different colored papers and glue them to the crown.