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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 15 • Session 1

JUDAH'S GOOD KINGS

2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chronicles 14-24

WHAT IS GOD LIKE? GOD IS HOLY, GOOD, AND LOVING.

King Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of God. He commanded the people to worship God. When an enemy army came, Asa prayed, "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, 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. 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. 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. One of his first acts as king was to clean out the temple so the people could worship the Lord. Hezekiah invited Judah and Israel to celebrate the feast of the Passover.

After this, the same king of Assyria who had destroyed Israel came to attack Judah. King Hezekiah prayed to God, and God 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. Josiah and the people promised to keep the commands found in the law.

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.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!





Connect It | Draw a line from each king of Judah to what he did from today's Bible story.

He smashed down the places of idol worship and read the words of the law to the people.

He rebuilt the altar that was in front of the Lord's temple.

He invited the people to celebrate the feast of the Passover.

He tore down the temple of Baal.



• Asa



• Joash



• Hezekiah



• Josiah

The Southern Kingdom | Use the map and your Bible to answer the questions about the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

1. What are the coordinates for Bethlehem? _____
2. Look up Matthew 2:1. Who was born in Bethlehem? _____
3. What city is located at H5? _____
4. What important structure was located in Jerusalem? _____
5. What sea is located to the right of Judah? _____
6. Where is Beer-sheba located? _____
7. Look up 2 Kings 23:8. What king tore down the high places of idol worship in Beer-sheba? _____