

Welcome to H2H Kids

A few introductory tips about Bible Study with Kids:

- *Remember how important it is to build relationships with the kids you are serving!*
- Bible Reading:
 - Please do not *make* kids read aloud if they don't want to
 - If you do have children read the Bible passages aloud, make sure everyone can hear and/or follow along. The Word should be clearly spoken.
 - A helpful tip: An adult can read but have kids following along in their own Bibles (if age appropriate) and you can stop on occasion and have kids say the word you paused at. This helps them stay engaged...and also allows the Word to be read with clarity and volume.
- Try to bring some type of visual to help illustrate the lesson. It goes a long way to capture kids' attention. It can be simple, while still giving them something to focus on and bringing abstract concepts to a concrete level.
- Try to get to these three levels: Observation, Interpretation, Application (as is age appropriate).
 - Observation: facts, clear understanding of what the passage is about
 - Interpretation: What does it mean? There is only one interpretation. What is the author and God saying? If it's abstract or maybe figurative, try to help kids discern the most simple and clear interpretation. If you are not certain, don't be afraid to say that!
 - Application: There will be many ways to apply scripture! Help the kids make it personal! What can we learn from this for our lives today?! How does this impact my life, my relationship with God, my understanding and knowledge of God?
- Less is More: Please never feel like you must cover everything in the lesson. Doing a good job on one concept is better than racing to "cover" everything. Feel free to simplify the lesson depending on the ages of the children in your group.
- During prayer time, do not make children pray aloud if they do not want to.
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Lesson 13 ~ 2 Kings 21-22

PREP Ahead:

- Print Coloring Page and Word Search (1 copy per student)
- Icebreaker: Dice
- Game: Jump rope

ICEBREAKER: D-ICEBREAKERS

Children will use dice to find out which icebreaker question they have to answer:

Roll 1: What's your favorite thing to do at recess?

Roll 2: What's your favorite subject in school?

Roll 3: What school subject is your least favorite?

Roll 4: Share your favorite school memory.

Roll 5: Who was your favorite teacher and why?

Roll 6: What is your favorite school lunch food?

BIBLE DISCUSSION: 2 Kings 21-22

- **Read 2 Kings 21:1-6**
 - Was Manasseh a righteous king like his father Hezekiah, or was he an evil king? (evil)
 - ☐ Once again, we see another king of Judah falling into idolatry and desecrating the Lord's temple with pagan rituals.
 - ☐ What were some of the bad things that Manasseh was doing? (rebuilt pagan shrines, set up a pagan Asherah pole, worshiped other gods, sacrificed his own son...)
- **Read 2 Kings 21:10-15**
 - How did the Lord feel about Manasseh's evil behavior? (He was angered)
 - Because Manasseh and the people of Judah had turned from the Lord, what would happen to Jerusalem? (Jerusalem would be judged and the people would be handed over to their enemies)
- Turn to **2 Chronicles 33:10-16** to learn more about King Manasseh:
 - Did the Lord warn Manasseh of what was to come if they continued to pursue evil? (Yes)
 - What happened to Manasseh that finally convinced him to seek the Lord? (he was taken prisoner with a hook in his nose and led away to Babylon)
 - ☐ Manasseh realized that the Lord is the one true God. He repented of his evil behavior and the Lord showed him grace and mercy.
 - ☐ What does it mean to repent? (to feel extreme remorse and regret about sin or wrongdoing)
 - ☐ The Lord brought Manasseh back to Jerusalem as king. What did Manasseh do to show his devotion to the Lord? (removed the foreign gods, idols, and altars from the Lord's temple, restored the altar of the Lord and worshiped to Him alone, encouraged the people of Judah to worship the Lord)

- Return to 2 Kings and continue reading about the next king, Amon:
- **Read 2 Kings 21:19-22**
 - Was Amon a king who tried to do what was right or did he do evil in the Lord's sight? (Amon did what was evil in the Lord's sight)
 - ☐ His reign began just as his father Manasseh's had... Amon was drawn to worldly ways and worshiped worldly idols. However, we see that Amon does not repent as his father had done.
- **Read 2 Kings 21:23-24**
 - What happened to King Amon? (His officials murdered him)
- **Read 2 Kings 22:1-7**
 - We can see that Josiah is different from his father, Amon. He does what is right in the sight of the Lord. What building project was King Josiah working on? (restoring the Temple of the Lord)
- **Read 2 Kings 22:8-13**
 - What did Hilkiah the high priest find while the temple was being restored? (a scroll)
 - How did King Josiah respond when he was read the contents of the scroll? (he tore his clothes in despair)
 - What did he want his officials to do? (Inquire of the Lord.. he knew that they had not done everything according to the words of the scroll and he wanted to make things right with the Lord)
- **Read 2 Kings 22:14-20**
 - Which prophet did Josiah's officials consult? (Huldah)
 - What was the Lord's message to Josiah? (that he would not send the promised disaster during Josiah's reign.)
 - ☐ The Lord saw that Josiah was sorry and humbled himself before the Lord. The Lord showed Josiah grace and mercy when Josiah repented that they had not done everything according to God's word in the scroll.
 - Repentance is very important to God. We saw that the Lord showed grace and kindness to Manasseh when he repented of his evil deeds and he showed that same grace and mercy toward Josiah when he discovered that they were not strictly adhering to the word of God.
 - As believers, we are blessed to be forgiven for our sins by Jesus Christ. God lovingly extends His mercy and grace to us through Jesus. When we sin or do something that we shouldn't, it's important that we confess our sins to the Lord so that we grow in our relationship with Jesus and turn from our mistakes and follow the path of righteousness.
- **Application Questions:**
 - As people, we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). Why is it important to ask Jesus for forgiveness when we have sinned? (our relationship with Jesus is able to grow when we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, our hearts can be renewed and transformed through the Holy Spirit when we are actively dealing with sin in our lives.. etc.)

- How does it make you feel to know that God extends His grace and mercy to you as He did for Manasseh and Josiah?
- Josiah was trying to follow the Lord and then realized he wasn't doing everything the word of the God said on the scroll. What is our resource for God's word? (the Bible)
 - ☐ What are some practical ways you can make sure you are spending enough time in God's Word daily? (get up a little earlier to read the bible, plan an evening time of bible reading before bed, begin with one verse a day and work your way up to a whole chapter a day, etc.)

PRAYER: Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

GAME: Helicopter

Materials needed: jump rope

One person stands in the center and spins the jump rope on the ground. The other players try to jump over the jump rope... if it hits someone, they are out. The last person standing is the next helicopter.



2 Kings 21-22

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JUDAH
MANASSEH
SCROLL
REPAIR
IDOLS
TEMPLE
AMON
JOSIAH
PLEASING

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