

Joash Wanted to Obey God (2 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 24)



Dear Alliance Kids families,

Judah's King Joash became king at age 7. He redirected all silver that was given at the temple to the workers rebuilding the temple rather than to the priests, and his servants conspired against him, ultimately killing him while traveling on a road trip. Over his 40-year reign, it seems that both Joash's experiences and influence were significant.

People who do significant things are often remembered for their accomplishments, their victories over powerful enemies, and other prominent moments recorded when people likely stood in awe of their wisdom or greatness. But one incredible detail about King Joash is how he is described in 2 Kings 12:2: "Throughout the time the priest Jehoiada instructed him, Joash did what was right in the LORD's sight."

Of all of his great feats and brilliant decisions, Joash was faithful when he listened to the counsel that God had put in his life.

Isn't this true of all of us? When we listen to the wisdom of the people God has strategically placed in our lives, we are equipped to make better decisions. When God gives us opportunities to lead, though there may be a temptation to lean on our own insight or abilities alone, we will be far better equipped when we use the peripheral resources that God knows we need and thus has provided.

Often, the only thing that would prevent us from listening to and receiving the counsel of those wise people that God has put around us is our own pride. It can be a real shot to our self-reliance to listen to the insight of others as we are navigating different situations in our lives. Especially those that we are seen as the leader. But God has placed those people in our lives for a particular purpose.

God doesn't ever put us in situations without the resources to walk through them. And often the form that those resources take is the wise counsel of those around us. So, look up, see the people whom God has placed around you, and seek their wisdom, trusting that God often speaks to us through other people.

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FAMILY TALKING POINTS

CHRIST CONNECTION

This is the big idea of how this week's Bible story points to Jesus.

- **2 & 3 year olds:** Joash wanted to obey God. He did what was right at first, but then he turned away from God because of sin. When we trust in Jesus, He helps us want to live for Him.
- **4 year olds & Kindergarten:** Joash wanted to obey God. He did what was right at first, but then he turned away from God because of the sin in his heart. Jesus wants to change our hearts. When we trust in Jesus, He gives us new hearts that want to live for Him.
- **Grade 1-6:** Joash wanted to obey God. He honored God at first, but in time, his actions showed that there was still sin in his heart. Jesus wants to change our hearts. When we trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, He gives us new hearts that want to live for His glory.

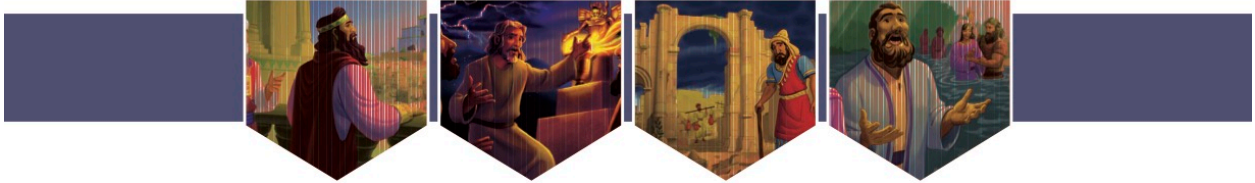
BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER

This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **2 & 3 year olds:** What is repentance? Repentance is choosing to stop making wrong choices and choosing Jesus.
- **4 year olds & Kindergarten:** What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.
- **Grade 1-6:** What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE

This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit. It's also our memory verse for the next three weeks! Check out our Facebook page for the songs that go along with the memory verse.



**“Therefore repent and turn back, so
that your sins may be wiped out.”**

Acts 3:19

**** Join us the next Sunday @ 9:30 am: Isaiah Warned of God's Judgment (Isaiah 22; 48)**

We Are to Worship God Alone (Isaiah 44)



Dear Alliance Kids families,

Many agree that sin is often, if not always, contrived from selfish ambitions. We can see how our actions, thoughts, and words that disregard God's instructions for our lives develop from our desire for more, better, or different than what we currently have. Our sin is a statement that we believe that our ways are better than God's and that we ultimately know better than Him.

The implications of our selfishness in sin don't stop there. They don't only disregard God's instruction, God's authority, and God's design for us. They don't only seek our own pleasure and comfort. Our sinful actions, thoughts, and words also tell a story to those around us of what we believe is most important and where we find direction for our lives.

Sin is always problematic and self-serving, but it also has an impact on others far greater than our circumstances often reflect.

When we build or follow an idol (something we put in the place of God), we are actually confusing the world around us. Our desire for something else to take the place of God in our lives.

Isaiah 44:9 reads, "All who make idols are nothing, and what they treasure benefits no one. Their witnesses do not see or know anything, so they will be put to shame."

Our love of things other than God testifies to the world around us that God is not good enough, that He does not satisfy, and that He won't do what He says He will do. For an ambassador of Christ, this is not the message the dying world should hear from us.

The next time you think that your love of something other than God is just a personal problem, reconsider how it may very well be proclaiming to those around you a gospel of hopelessness. And remember that God does satisfy, He is enough, and He always does what He says He will do.

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FAMILY TALKING POINTS

CHRIST CONNECTION

This is the big idea of how this week's Bible story points to Jesus.

- **2 & 3 year olds:** We are to worship only God. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and save us from our sins. We can turn from our sin and celebrate because God saves.
- **4 year olds & Kindergarten:** We are to worship only God. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and save us from our sins. We can turn from our sin and celebrate because God saves.
- **Grade 1-6:** God alone is worthy of our worship. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and save us from our sins. We can turn from our idolatry and evil ways to rejoice in the God who saves.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER

This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **2 & 3 year olds:** What is idolatry? Idolatry is loving something else more than God.
- **4 year olds & Kindergarten:** What is idolatry? Idolatry is loving something else more than God.
- **Grade 1-6:** What is idolatry? Idolatry is a sin of the heart in which we love and value something else above God.

KEY PASSAGE

*This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit.
It's also the verse we will be memorizing!*

This Sunday was the last day to say this verse for a prize.

*Congratulations to the **20 Alliance Kids** who memorized this verse!*

**** We are taking a break for Spring Break & Easter Sunday, so NO Alliance Kids March 17th, 24th & 31st**

***** Join us after the break on April 7th @ 9:30 am: Joash wanted to Obey God (2 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 24)**