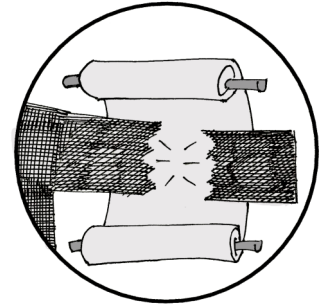


Lesson #2-12***Josiah Finds the Scroll***

2 Kings 22:1-10, [11-20]; 23:1-3

**Key Verse:**

[Josiah] did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

2 Kings 22:2

The Point:

We are called to repent when we discover our sin.

Unit Theme (November 10—November 24)

Our Sin, God's Faithfulness

Finding the Scroll

Josiah makes a surprising discovery.

You will need:

- † Bibles
- † Sensory table or dish pan
- † Sand
- † Small scroll
- † Spoons
- † Optional: drop cloth or sheet

Preparation:

1. Bury a small paper scroll tied with a ribbon in the sand of the sensory table or a dish pan. Position this such that everyone can see what is happening. You may place a drop cloth or sheet under this area to make cleanup easier.

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Instructions:

1. Invite children (or any age) forward. **I have a job I need some help with today. In this box of sand is a hidden item. I need you to take these spoons and carefully dig until you find what is buried here.** Distribute spoons and encourage students to work together to find the scroll. **What did you find?** [*A scroll.*]
2. **Today we have a story about an exciting discovery that was made during an excavation. The temple was being rebuilt, and a young king named Josiah discovered a scroll that had been lost and forgotten!**
3. Read 2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3 aloud to the group.
4. Have people turn to those near them and discuss:
 - **What condition do you think the temple was in?**
 - **Where do you think the scroll (or book) was found?**
 - **What do you think was in the scroll (book)?**
6. As a large group, discuss:
 - **What do you think was difficult for Josiah about becoming king when he was eight years old?** You may want to specifically ask the youngest participants.
 - **What do you think was a benefit of his youth?**
7. **2 Chronicles also tells this story and points out that Josiah began seeking the Lord's path right away in his young age.** Ask older participants: **How are young people role models of faith to you?**
8. **The verses between our two readings, Chapter 22:11-20, describe Josiah's reaction to reading the scroll. The scroll was most likely the Book of Deuteronomy, which is the Lord's instructions for how to keep the covenant. Josiah mourned and lamented because his ancestors did not obey the instructions and, as the prophetess Huldah explained, all of Judah would be sent into exile because of this long-lasting disobedience. But Josiah still made a commitment to begin following the commandments and, despite the fact that they would still be sent into exile, the people kept the laws as well.**
 - **Would you decide to start following the rules, even if you were going to be punished for earlier sins anyway?**
 - **If you were Josiah, how would you have reacted to the realization that your people had been sinning for so long?**