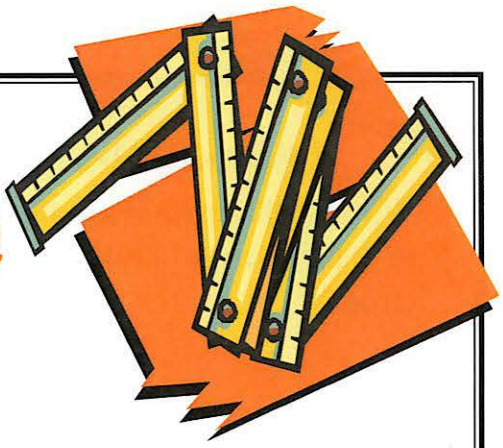
Measuring By God's Rule



Lesson 6

Kings of Judah

Theme: Faith — Serving God faithfully

Memory Verses

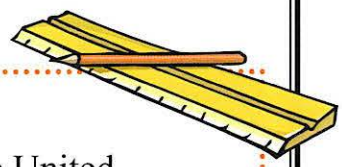
"And the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them until the Lord removed Israel from His sight, as He spoke through all His servants the prophets."

2 Kings 17:22-23

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	1 Kings 12:1-5, 12-17
Friday	1 Kings 14:21-27; 15:1-6
Saturday	2 Chronicles 16:11-13; 17:1-10
Monday	2 Chronicles 20:35-37; 2 Kings 8:16-18, 25-27
Tuesday	2 Kings 11:1-3, 11-21

God wants all people to know and follow Him. He gives people a chance to do His will. King Solomon sinned, and God took most of the kingdom away him. But God left a small part of the kingdom to be ruled by David's sons — the tribes of Judah, and Benjamin. God gave David's family another chance! What would they do?



1 Kings 12:1-5, 12-17

What did the people of the United Kingdom of Israel ask Rehoboam to do when he became king?

- Take them to Egypt
- Give them more wives
- Make their burden easier

Whose advice did Rehoboam take in deciding how to rule?

- Elders
- Young men
- His father

Which tribes stayed with Rehoboam?

1 Kings 14:21-27; 15:1-6

While Rehoboam was king, what happened to the treasures in his house and in the temple?

David did what was right in the sight of the Lord except in the case of:

Kings of Judah

The southern kingdom of Judah was ruled first by Solomon's son Rehoboam. Rehoboam could have been a great king, but he did not lead Judah in God's way. He did not trust God for help, but gave gold from the temple to the king of Egypt. Rehoboam did not teach his sons to obey God.

When Rehoboam died, his son, Abijam, became king. Abijam was measured according to the standard of David, but he was not a king like David. God continued to give His people a chance and allowed David's sons to reign as kings in Judah. Would any of them be good kings?

Yes! Abijam's son, Asa, became king. He removed the idols his father made and led the nation to honor God. We can be like Asa and obey the Lord, even if our parents don't do so. Asa taught and encouraged his son Jehoshaphat to follow God. Jehoshaphat listened to his father and followed the Lord. King Jehoshaphat had men teach God's law to the people of Judah. By teaching them, Jehoshaphat brought people back to the Lord and encouraged them to live for Him.

Kings' Mistakes and Sins

Jehoshaphat was a good king who led Judah in God's way, but he made some mistakes. One time, Jehoshaphat joined with Israel to make ships with them. God did not want Judah to be connected with Israel because Israel was so sinful. Working with Israel would make it easier for Judah to act like Israel. In fact, this is what happened. Jehoshaphat's son, Jehoram (also spelled Joram), married Ahab's daughter and became wicked.

Jehoshphat's son, Jehoram married the daughter of Israel's wicked King Ahab, and Jehoram did evil in God's

2 Chronicles 16:11-13; 17:1-10

Matching:

Jehoshaphat	did not fight against Jehoshaphat
Officials and priests	did not serve Baals
Other nations	taught the people to obey God
All Judah	paid tribute to Jehoshaphat

sight. Jehoram was king for eight years, and his son Ahaziah became king. Ahaziah also was related by marriage to Ahab's family; Ahaziah was wicked and reigned only one year before he was killed. When Ahaziah's mother, Athaliah, saw her son was dead, she made herself queen of Judah. Athaliah was extremely wicked and had the royal family killed so none of them could become king, but one grandson, Joash, was protected. Jehoiada the priest wanted to lead the nation back to God, and he did this through helping young Joash become Judah's king.

2 Chronicles 20:35-37;
2 Kings 8:16-18, 25-27

Jehoshaphat worked with Israel and this was:

- Difficult
- Wrong
- Good

Jehoshaphat's son, Jehoram, and his grandson, Ahaziah, both married daughters of:

A few people wanted to do right even when the king and the nation were doing wrong. One of Ahaziah's daughters, Jehosheba, protected one of Ahaziah's sons, Joash, from Athaliah. Jehoiada, the priest, also protected Joash, and in time made him king of Judah. Jehoiada wanted to lead the nation back to God, and he planned to do this through Joash.

God gave His people many opportunities to know and serve Him. God gives us a great chance, too. Make sure you live so you don't miss this great opportunity!

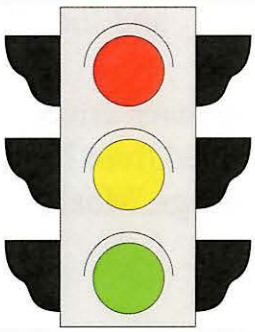
2 Kings 11:1-3, 11-21

Wicked queen Athaliah killed all of the royal sons except:

What happened to Joash when he was 7 years old?

Jehoiada the priest made a covenant between the Lord, the king, and the people that they would be:

I don't have time for God today. I'll fit Him in tomorrow.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

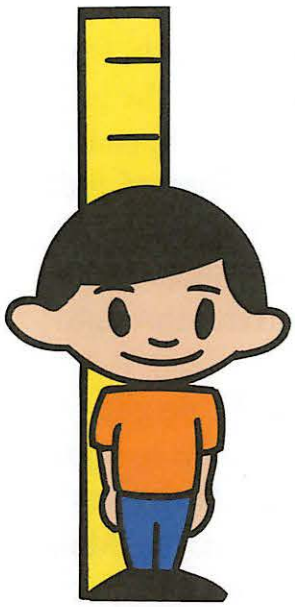
Red — usually

Yellow — sometimes

Green — never

Think About It...

Think of a time you needed to obey God when some of your friends were not obeying Him. How did you feel? What can help you obey God even when others do not obey Him?



Measure What You Know!

Which book in the Bible is about people returning to Jerusalem and rebuilding the temple?

Write the names of the twelve apostles:

Peter, _____, James, John, _____,

_____, Matthew, _____,

_____the son of _____, Simon,

_____, and Judas.

On a map inside the back cover, use your pencil to lightly trace the way Israel escaped from Egypt including Mount Sinai, the Wilderness wanderings, Moab, and Mount Nebo.