

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 112: JOASH REPAIRS THE TEMPLE
2 KINGS 12:1-19

Joash began to rule during Jehu's seventh year as king of Israel. Joash ruled 40 years in Jerusalem. His mother was named Zibiah of Beersheba. For as long as he lived, Joash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days that Jehoiada the priest taught him. But he did not destroy the high places. The people still made sacrifices and burned incense at those places of worship. Joash said to the priests, "There is much money in the LORD'S Temple. People have given things to the Temple and have paid the Temple tax when they were counted. And they have given money simply because they wanted to. You priests should take that money and repair the LORD'S Temple. Each priest should use the money he gets from the people he serves. He should use that money to repair the damage to the Temple." In the 23rd year that Joash was king, the priests still had not repaired the Temple, so King Joash called for Jehoiada the priest and the other priests. Joash said to them, "Why haven't you repaired the Temple? Stop taking money from the people you serve. That money must be used to repair the Temple." The priests agreed to stop taking money from the people, but they also decided not to repair the Temple. So Jehoiada the priest took a box and made a hole in the top of it. Then he put the box on the south side of the altar. This box was by the door where people came into the LORD'S Temple. Some of the priests were there to guard this doorway. They took the money that people brought for the LORD'S temple and put it into this box. Whenever the king's secretary and the high priest saw that the box was full, they counted all the money that had been given for the LORD'S Temple and put it in bags. Then they paid the men who were in charge of the work on the LORD'S Temple. They paid the carpenters and other builders who worked on the LORD'S Temple. They used that money to pay the stoneworkers and stonecutters, and they used it to buy timber, cut stone, and everything else to repair the LORD'S Temple. People gave money for the LORD'S Temple, but the priests could not use this money to make silver cups, snuffers, basins, trumpets, or any of the gold and silver dishes that were to be used inside the LORD'S temple. This money was used only to pay the workers who repaired the LORD'S Temple. Those who were in charge of paying the workers did not have to give a report of how they spent the money, because they could be trusted. People gave money when they offered guilt offerings and sin offerings, but that money was

not used for the LORD'S temple. It belonged to the priests. Hazael was the king of Aram. He went to fight against the city of Gath and defeated it. Then he made plans to go fight against Jerusalem. Joash and his ancestors--Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, and Ahaziah--had all been kings of Judah. They had given many things to the LORD that were kept in his Temple. Joash gathered all these things and all the gold that was stored in the Temple and in his palace. He sent all this treasure to King Hazael of Aram, who then commanded his army to leave Jerusalem. All the great things that Joash did are written in the book, The History of the Kings of Judah.

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"Then they paid the men who were in charge of the work on the LORD'S Temple.
They paid the carpenters and other builders who worked on the LORD'S Temple."

2 Kings 12:11

112. JOASH REPAIRS THE TEMPLE

2 KINGS 12:1-19

MEMORY VERSE:

“Joash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days that Jehoiada the priest taught him.” **2 KINGS 12:2**

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Joash began to rule during the seventh year that Jehu was king of Israel.
TRUE or FALSE
2. Joash did what was evil in the sight of the LORD all the days that Jehoiada the priest taught him.
TRUE or FALSE
3. By the time King Joash ruled for twenty three years, the priests had not repaired the temple. TRUE or FALSE
4. King Joash called Jehoiada the priest and all the other priests, and said to them, “Why haven’t you repaired the damages of the temple?”
TRUE or FALSE
5. Joash told the priests to stop taking money from the people and that this money should be used to repair the temple. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Did the priests listen to Joash and use the money they were taking from the people to repair the temple?
2. What did Jehoiada the priest make? Was it a box with a hole in the top of it?
3. Did the priests who guarded the door put all the money that was brought into the LORD’s temple into that box?
4. What were they going to do with that money? Were they going to use it to repair the temple?
5. Did they give the money to those who were in charge of the workers who were repairing the temple? Could the priests use that money to buy silver and gold cups and things used for worship in the temple?
6. What did Hazael the king of Aram want to do? Did he want to come and attack Jerusalem?
7. What did Joash do when he found out that Hazael was going to attack? Did he take all the treasures he and his ancestors had given to the temple and give them to Hazael? Did it stop Hazael from attacking Jerusalem?

Lesson 112

Craft Idea

Build a Donation Box!

Take a cardboard box or shoe box, have the children color designs on papers, tape the papers around the outside of the box, cut a hole in the top of the box (You can glue buttons, beads, glitter, yarn pieces and put stickers on it too).

You can put a label on the box and keep it on the desk so they can see their handiwork every week! Label it "Money for God".

Tell the children that you are going to use this box of money to donate to the VBS Charity that will help buy Bibles for people in other countries!

Each week, see if they want to bring money to put into the boxes, have them ask their parents, and tell the children you're using the money to help "Rebuild God's Temple – His Church!!!"