

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 117: THE BOOK OF THE LAW IS FOUND
2 KINGS 22:3-20

During the 18th year that Josiah was king, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah son of Meshullam, the scribe (which is like a secretary), to the LORD'S Temple. Josiah said, "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest. Tell him that he must get the money that people brought to the LORD'S Temple. The gatekeepers collected that money from the people. The priests must use that money to pay the workers to repair the LORD'S Temple. They must give that money to the men who supervise the work on the LORD'S Temple. Use that money for the carpenters, stonemasons, and stonecutters. Also use that money to buy the timber and cut stones that are needed to repair the Temple. Don't count the money that you give to the workers. They can be trusted." Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "Look, I found the Book of the Law in the LORD'S Temple!" Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and Shaphan read it. He went to King Josiah and told him what happened. Shaphan said, "Your servants have gathered all the money that was in the Temple. They gave it to the men who supervise the work on the LORD'S Temple." Then he told the king, "And Hilkiah the priest also gave this book to me." Then Shaphan read the book to the king. When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes to show he was sad and upset. Then he gave a command to Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Acbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the king's servant. King Josiah said, "Go and ask the LORD what we should do. Ask for me, for the people, and for all of Judah. Ask about the words of this book that was found. The LORD is angry with us, because our ancestors did not listen to the words of this book. They did not obey all the commands that were written for us." So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Acbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the woman prophet. Huldah was the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, son of Harhas. He took care of the priests' clothes. Huldah was living in the second quarter in Jerusalem. They went and talked with Huldah. Then Huldah said to them, "The LORD, the God of Israel, says: Tell the man who sent you to me: 'The LORD says this: I am bringing trouble on this place and on the people who live here. These are the troubles that are mentioned in the book that the king of Judah read. The people of Judah have left me and have burned incense to other gods. They made me very angry. They made many idols. That is why I will show my anger against this place. My anger will be like a fire that

cannot be stopped!" "King Josiah of Judah sent you to ask advice from the LORD. Tell Josiah that this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'You heard the words I spoke against this place and those who live here. And when you heard those things, your heart was soft, and you showed your sorrow before the LORD. I said that terrible things would happen to this place. So you tore your clothes to show your sadness, and you began to cry. That is why I heard you.' This is what the LORD says. 'I will bring you to be with your ancestors. You will die and be buried in peace. So your eyes will not see all the trouble that I am bringing upon this place.'" Then Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Acbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah gave that message to the king.

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“And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.” **2 KINGS 22:8**

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the LORD." 2 KINGS 22:18-19

TRUE OR FALSE

1. King Josiah sent Shaphan to the Temple to tell Hilkiah the Priest to get the money the gatekeepers collected from the people. TRUE or FALSE
2. Hilkiah the Priest told Shaphan, "Look! I found the idols the people made!". TRUE or FALSE
3. Hilkiah gave the Book to Shaphan and he read it. TRUE or FALSE
4. When King Josiah heard the words of the Book of the Law, he was sad and tore his clothes. TRUE or FALSE
5. The King was sad because the Book of the Law said that God was happy with His people. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Why was King Josiah sad when he heard the words in the Book of the Law? Was it because he knew God was angry with His people?
2. What did King Josiah tell Hilkiah the priest to do? Did he tell him to go and ask the LORD what they should do?
3. Where did Hilkiah go? Did they go to a woman named Huldah, and was she a woman prophet?
4. What did Huldah tell them to say to King Josiah? Did she tell them that the LORD said He was going to bring a lot of trouble upon Judah?
5. Why was the LORD angry with the people of Judah?
6. Did the LORD say He was going to bring trouble to King Josiah?

Lesson 117

Make a Book!

Materials needed:

Book template below (cut in half horizontally)

Construction paper (cut in half horizontally)

Glue

Crayons

Glue the white paper to the construction paper.

Now fold the 'book' in half. Write on the front of it:

Book Of The Law

Let the children color their 'books'.

OPTIONAL GAME:

Race of Confusion

It is hard to get to where you are going without knowing how to get there! It is that way in our lives. We cannot do the things that God would have us to do without knowing His will and plans for us.

How can we know His will and plan? Through the Word of God! Here is a game to help us to understand that we can get much more accomplished when we listen to God's instructions. Set up a goal line with masking tape at the end of the room. Form two teams of children and have them line up in two separate lines. To start the race, they must listen for your instructions and try to reach the finish line following your instructions.

Have the first two children in line go first. Make up instructions for them to follow, with them ultimately reaching the finish line.

(Example instructions: "Take 2 steps to the left and stop, hop one hop, turn around and take two steps to the right and stop, hop on 1 foot backwards and stop.") Keep them turning toward and away from the goal of the finish line several times. After they have struggled their way to the finish line, allow the next children in line to go and so on until everyone gets a turn. This is a lesson in listening to instructions. When everyone has had their turn, you can take the opportunity to share with the children how important it is to first have instructions and then to follow those instructions.

God gave us instructions to follow! [God's Word should have an important place in our hearts.](#)

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to know and obey God's Word. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

LOVE THE LORD

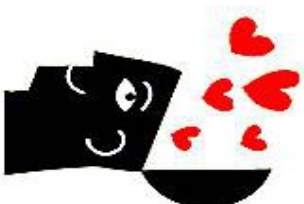
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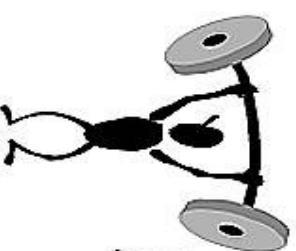
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