

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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*GOD IS RIGHTEOUS

2 Chronicles 34; 2 Kings 22

After many years of unrighteous rulers over the kingdom of Judah, young Josiah took the throne. At the age of 16, he made a commitment to follow the one true God and restore the temple. He led the Israelites to turn back to the Lord and follow His Word.

JUST FOR FUN

Gather your family and read **2 Chronicles 34:29-32** together. When you're finished, provide a dress-up crown or king's cloak for your children. Roll up a piece of paper for a "scroll." Encourage them to take turns recreating the reading of God's Word from the scroll that was found during the temple restoration.

Did You Know?

- Josiah took the throne when he was only eight years old!

- Though we don't know the details of how he started his walk with the Lord, Scripture tells us that at the age of 16, Josiah made a definite commitment to follow God.

- God is righteous. His judgment of the Israelites for their idolatry resulted in them losing their land and being taken captive in Babylon.

Remember Verse

*As for me, I call to God,
and the LORD saves me.*

Psalm 55:16

Your child is capable of sorting objects and cleaning up after himself. As you work together to put away toys, discuss how it feels when we take care of our belongings and keep our room clean. Talk about what would happen if we stopped doing these things in our home.

Teachable Moments

- How do you think the people of Israel felt after Josiah read the scroll?
- What do you think God did after the people repented?
- Pray together, thanking God that He always does what is right.

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness. May you sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.