

# Unit 1. Children of the Bible - OT

## Lesson 1.8: Joash the Young King

### Teacher Preparation and Materials Needed:

#### Bible Story:

Please note that this story focuses on Joash's early life as found in 2 Kings 11-12 and 2 Chronicles 22-24.

#### Activities:

*\*Implement based on available time. Detailed instructions and materials list are provided in the lesson.*

Activity: Temple Repair Building Blocks

Coloring Craft Activity: Joash the Young King

#### Words of the Week:

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#### Objective

Children will understand that God protects His people and has good plans for them, even in difficult times.

When we listen to wise teachers and follow God's ways, He uses us to do important things.

#### Moral Character Focus:

**Knowledge:** Children will learn that Joash was hidden and protected as a baby, became king at age seven, and helped repair God's temple with the guidance of his priest-teacher, Jehoiada.

**Understanding:** Children will recognize that God watches over us, places people in our lives to guide us, and that even children can do important things for God when they listen and obey.

**Application:** Children will identify practical ways to listen to wise teachers (parents, Sunday School teachers, pastors), take care of God's house (church), and follow God even when they're young.

**Values:** Children will develop gratitude for those who protect and teach them, respect for God's house, and confidence that God can use them at any age.

#### Memory Verse:

**“Even a child is known by his actions.”**

**- Proverbs 20:11a**

# Lesson

Open with prayer:

**Wisdom of the Father, O Jesus, grant to me the wisdom to think, speak, and do that which is good in Your sight. Save me from all evil and distracting thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.**

## Lesson Body: Joash the Young King

Long ago in the land of Judah, there was great danger in the palace. A wicked queen named Athaliah wanted all the power for herself. When the king died, she did a terrible thing: she tried to hurt all the royal children so no one could become king except for her. It seemed like all hope was lost for God's people.

But God had a plan! And God had a helper, a brave aunt named Jehosheba.

Jehosheba was married to Jehoiada, the high priest who served in God's temple. When she heard what the wicked queen was planning, she acted quickly. She found baby Joash, who was only one year old, and his nurse. "Come with me!" she whispered urgently. "We must hide!"

Jehosheba took baby Joash and hid him in the temple of the Lord. For six whole years, while the wicked queen thought she had gotten rid of all the princes, little Joash was safely hidden in God's house. His aunt and uncle, Jehoiada the priest, took care of him, protected him, and most importantly, they taught him about God.

Can you imagine? While other children played in the streets, Joash grew up in the temple! He watched the priests worship God. He learned God's laws. He heard stories about how God loved His people. Jehoiada became like a father to him, teaching him everything he needed to know.

Every day, Joash's long hair grew, and so did his love for God. He learned to pray. He learned that God's house was special. He learned that God had saved him for a special reason.

When Joash turned seven years old, Jehoiada knew it was time. He gathered the guards and commanders and said, "The king's son is alive! God has protected him! It is time for the true king to rule!"

On an exciting day, Jehoiada brought young Joash out of hiding. He placed the royal crown on the boy's head and put a copy of God's laws in his hands. All the people clapped and shouted, "Long live the king! Long live King Joash!"

The wicked queen heard the noise and came running. When she saw the boy king with the crown, she was furious! But the people and the guards protected Joash. The wicked queen's rule was over. God's chosen king (a seven-year-old boy) now sat on the throne!

King Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord as long as Jehoiada the priest taught him. Even though he was young, he listened to his wise teacher and followed God's ways.

One day, King Joash looked around the temple where he had grown up. The walls were cracked. The doors were broken. For many years, no one had taken care of God's house. Joash's heart was sad.

"We must repair the temple!" young King Joash announced. "This is God's house, and it should be beautiful!"

Jehoiada helped him make a plan. They put a special box by the altar where people could give money to fix God's house. Do you know what happened? The people were so happy to have a good king who loved God! They gave and gave until the box was full!

The workers came with their hammers and tools. Carpenters sawed wood. Stone masons fitted stones. Metal workers polished bronze. Everyone worked together, and the temple became beautiful again! King Joash watched with joy. The house where God had protected him as a baby was now shining and strong.

The Bible tells us that Joash did what was right in God's eyes all the days that Jehoiada taught him. The young king showed everyone that you're never too young to serve God, to listen to wise teachers, and to care about the things God cares about.

God had protected Joash when he was a helpless baby. God had given him teachers to guide him. And when the time was right, God used this young boy to be king and to restore His holy temple. What an amazing story of God's protection and purpose!

# Bible Verse Game to Remember

*“Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.” (1 Samuel 3:9)*

*“Even a child” – point to self and friends*

*“is known” – tap head (people notice)*

*“by his actions” – make action movements*

*Connection: “King Joash was only seven but did great things! You can follow God right now, wherever you are!”*

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## Activity 1: Temple Repair Building Blocks

**Materials:** Wooden blocks or cardboard boxes, toy tools, pictures of churches

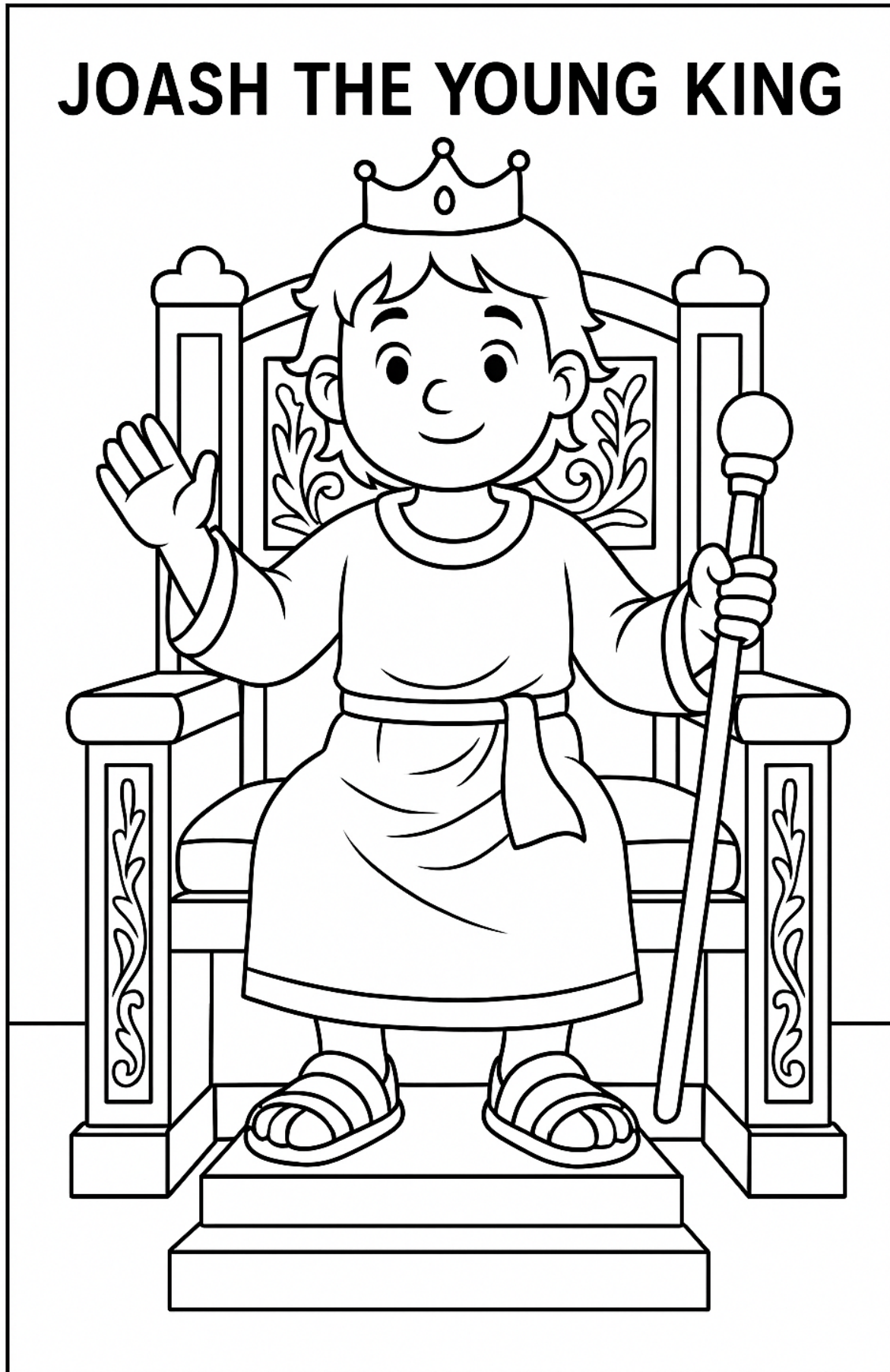
### Instructions:

1. Following King Joash’s example, build a “temple” together with blocks
2. Talk about what needs care in your church (keeping it clean, not running inside, treating it with respect)
3. Knock down some blocks and say, “Oh no! The temple needs repair!”
4. Work together to rebuild it, each child adding a block
5. As they build, name ways they can help at church (picking up toys, being quiet during prayer, bringing offerings)

**Connection:** “When we take care of God’s house and help at church, we’re doing what King Joash did!”



Coloring Craft Activity: Joash the Young King



# Review

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## Memory Verse Review:

*“Even a child is known by his actions.” (Proverbs 20:11a)*

## Lesson Review:

1. Who protected baby Joash and where did they hide him? *(His aunt Jehosheba and uncle Jehoiada hid him in God’s temple)*
2. How long was Joash hidden, and what did he learn during that time? *(Six years; he learned about God, His laws, and how to worship Him)*
3. How old was Joash when he became king? *(Seven years old, just a child)*
4. Who was Joash’s special teacher, and why was listening to him important? *(Jehoiada the priest and his uncle; when Joash listened to him, he did what was right and followed God)*
5. What did King Joash do to help God’s house? *(He organized repairs to fix the temple and made it beautiful again)*
6. What does this story teach us about being young and serving God? *(We’re never too young to serve God, listen to wise teachers, and do important things for Him)*

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## Life Application:

### What are we going to do with what we have learned today?

Just like God protected Joash and had a special plan for him, God watches over you too! Joash was hidden in the temple, where he learned about God from his teacher Jehoiada. You have people who teach you about God too: your parents, Sunday School teachers, and pastors. When you listen to them and follow God’s ways, amazing things can happen! King Joash was only seven years old when he became king, and he did such good things. He even helped fix God’s temple! You’re never too young to serve God. You can pray, be kind, help at church, and follow Jesus right now. Remember: God protected Joash for a purpose, and God has a purpose for your life too!

### Close with prayer:

**O Christ, guardian of all, let Your right hand guard and shelter me, by day and by night, at home and abroad, in sleeping and in waking, that I may never stumble. Have mercy upon Your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.**