JOSIAH hears the Law of Moses

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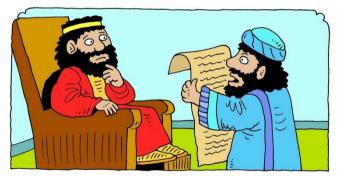
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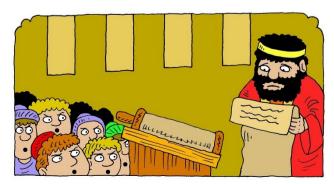
King Manasseh was a very bad king. He and the people of Judah worshiped idols and forgot the Laws God gave to Moses. In time, Josiah his grandson became king.



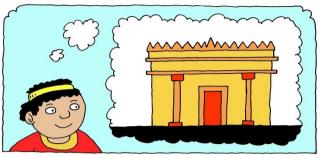
He sent his servant to Hilkiah the High Priest to collect the donation money people gave the priests at the Temple door. The King needed the money to pay workmen to fix the Temple.



Hilkanah the high priest gave the old scroll to King Josiah's servant and he read the Laws of Moses and the Ten Commandments, to Josiah.



King Josiah gathered all the people into the Temple and read the Laws of Moses to them. King Josiah made a promise to God to rid his kingdom of idols and evil and to follow God's Laws.



Josiah was only eight years old when he became the King of Judah. He was a good king. Eighteen years passed and he decided to repair the Temple in Jerusalem.



While Hilkiah was counting the money for king Josiah, he found an old scroll. On it was written all the Laws which God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai.



King Josiah was very upset when he heard God's Laws and prayed for forgiveness. His people had forgotten the One True God. They prayed to idols and behaved badly.



He went throughout the whole kingdom and destroyed all the evil places and idols. Josiah did what was good and right all his life. There was no other king like Josiah.