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“He Trusted in the Lord God of Israel”

1. Favorite Scripture Stories – Explain that for this week’s lesson, we get to study the story that one of our past prophets (President Spencer W. Kimball) called “one of the finest stories in all of the scriptures”! But before we study “one of the finest stories in all of the scriptures,” we’re going to review some of our favorites. Give them a few minutes to share their favorite scripture stories.
 - We’re planning on throwing in a review of some of the Old Testament stories we’ve learned this year. Let them choose [scripture figures from the church’s website](#) and use those to retell the story of that person (if you scroll down, there’s a section with just the Old Testament stories). It could also be fun to just print up 2 or 3 beforehand and let each kid choose one page that they like best and use those figures to retell the story and explain what we can learn from it.
 - This [“Who Am I?” quiz from The Friend](#) could also be a fun way to review some Book of Mormon stories.
2. Story of Josiah – The story that President Kimball said was one of the finest scripture stories is one that lots of people don’t know very well! It’s about a King named Josiah. Summarize the story of King Josiah found in 2 Kings 22:8-11, 19; 23:2-3.
 - Josiah Story Summary: Josiah became a king when he was only 8 years old! He was a really good person. Lots of his people had forgotten the Lord and were making bad choices, but he was righteous. When he was older, he asked people to repair the temple. Scriptures that had been lost (the book of law) were found in the temple and read to him. He loved the words that were in them, but he was sad that his people hadn’t kept the commandments that the scriptures teach us. He was so sad that he even ripped his clothes! He read the scriptures to his people and helped them follow the commandments again.
 - Why is this story so important? What might our lives be like if we didn’t have scriptures? Discuss how lucky we are that we have so many scriptures to help us remember the Lord and His commandments so that we can be happy.
 - [This page in The Friend](#) has paper figures you could use to tell the story of Josiah.
 - Read and discuss 2 Kings 23:25.
3. Songs (Search, Ponder, and Pray/As I Search the Holy Scriptures) – Sing and discuss [“Search, Ponder, and Pray”](#)/[“As I Search the Holy Scriptures.”](#)
4. Friend Stories/Video – Read one or more stories from The Friend about studying the scriptures. [This website](#) has a list of a bunch to choose from. We’ll probably read [“A New Feeling”](#) and talk about how we can be better at feeling the Holy Ghost while we read scriptures.
 - [“The Scriptures Turn My Heart to Christ”](#) video from Latter-Day Kids could be good to watch as well.

5. Applying the Scriptures to Ourselves Game – I came across [this sharing time lesson](#) on the church’s website that talked about applying the scriptures to our every day situations. I LOVED the craft in it that had different scenarios with specific scripture verses that could help you know how you could act in those situations. We changed it around to make it a game instead of a craft because that tends to keep our kids’ attention better, but if you want to do the craft, go to the [sharing time lesson](#) and print it from there.
 - Game Instructions: Print up pages 4-5 below and cut the cards apart (images and wording taken from the church’s website). Scatter them around the room and play music to a song, such as “[Search, Ponder, and Pray](#)” while the kids walk/dance around the room. Pause the music at random times and have them pick up the card they are the closest to. Have them read the situation on the card and ask them if the scriptures could help them out with that situation. Read the scripture verses at the bottom of each card to see how they can help guide us with decisions we make. Encourage them to read their scriptures each day and to pay attention to how the verses they read apply to their own lives.
 - Remind them that it’s okay if it feels hard to understand the scriptures right now. The more they study them, the easier it will start to become. Just keep being patient and doing your best. 😊
6. Scripture Draw – Have them do the scripture draw on page 3 below.
7. Treat – Make cookies with Kisses or some kind of caramel/chocolate/other treat hidden in the middle of them while discussing how King Josiah’s people found the book of law hidden in the temple. Super good recipe on page 6 below.

Family Plan – *If you’re doing this with your own family, it could be a good idea to talk as a family and come up with ways we can make our family scripture study more meaningful. Some ideas include: drawing quick pictures of what we read each night after we’ve read, placing stickers on a chart to show when we’ve had meaningful scripture study time, placing small stickers in our scriptures by verses that stand out to us, or assigning one person to be in charge of gathering everyone and handing out Book of Mormons each day. I’m sure the kids will have some good ideas as well. This “[Family Scripture Fun](#)” article has some more ideas from The Friend. I’m thinking our kids will like the idea of having special scripture marking tools in a special can or container.*

Additional Ideas:

More Great Free Ideas at www.theredcrystal.org

[Old Testament Cartoon Videos from the Church Website](#)

[Scripture Cards with verses to read when you’re happy/lonely/afraid/need courage \(from The Friend\)](#)

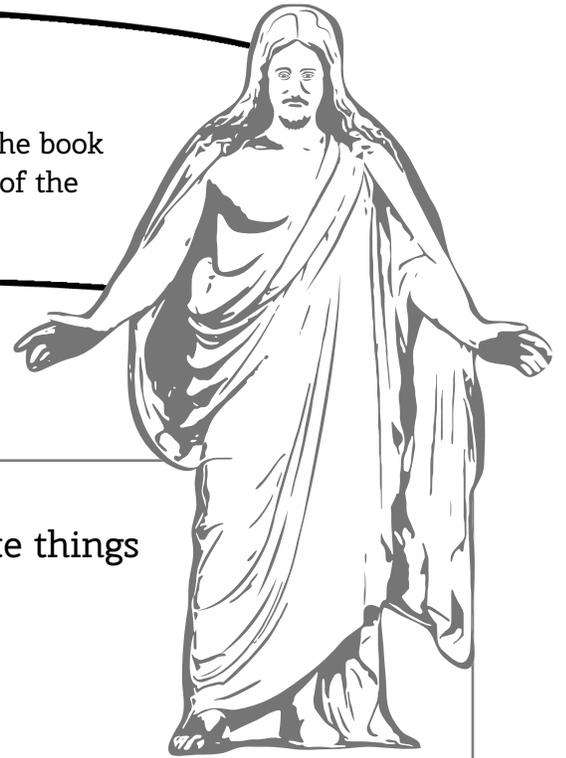
[Scripture Reading Charts from the Church’s Website](#)

[“Josiah and the Book of Law”](#) video from the church for older people

[Fun Decoding Message with Ways to Learn from the Scriptures \(For Older Kids\) from The Friend](#)

2 Kings 23:2

King Josiah “read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord.”



Write or draw a picture of some of your favorite things you've read about in the scriptures.



Your brother tells you that he took some money from your drawer and that he is sorry.

3 Nephi 13:14



You borrowed a game from a friend a long time ago and have not returned it.

Mosiah 4:28



Your parents won't let you see a TV show you want to see.

Colossians 3:20



You have two pieces of candy left, and you see someone with none.

2 Corinthians 9:7



You want to bear your testimony but are afraid.

2 Timothy 1:7-8



You want to know if the Book of Mormon is true.

Moroni 10:4-5



You feel like yelling at your little brothers and sisters.

Proverbs 21:23



You want to have the Holy Ghost with you.

D&C 121:45-46



You want to know what Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost are like.

D&C 130:22



Someone you love is very sick. You wish that you could help.

James 5:15



Some one teases you because you go to church and keep the commandments.

Matthew 5:10



On your way to school you see a little child fall down.

Matthew 25:40



KISS COOKIES



INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter softened
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup light brown sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups flour
1 cup mini chocolate chips
1 bag Hershey's Kisses

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Beat butter, sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla. Blend well. Add flour and blend. Add chocolate chips. Mold dough around Hershey's Kiss. Cook 10-12 minutes.

When cooled completely, drizzle chocolate over cookies (1/4 cup mini chocolate chips with 1 tsp. shortening melted in the microwave).

