



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
King Joash... Good Start, Bad Finish

Take Home Point:
Be faithful to God now and your whole life.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Questions: What happened today when you had a race to build a house of cards? Did yours fall?
How is that like your lesson today? *(It's important how we finish. King Joash didn't finish his life well because he stopped obeying God.)*

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: Using index cards or playing cards, see which family member can build the tallest card building in a set amount of time. Ask: "Whose card tower is not standing when time ran out? How could this be like someone at the end of his or her life?"

READ THE BIBLE: 2 Chronicles 21-24

KEY VERSE: Revelations 2:10, *"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."*

TALK ABOUT IT: Did Joash's father Ahaziah and grandmother Athaliah follow the true God? (2 Chronicles 22:2-4. *They were idol worshipers and did what the LORD considered evil.*) After Joash's father was killed, his grandmother Athaliah murdered the rest of his family. How did Joash escape and survive? (2 Chronicles 22:10-12. *Joash's aunt saved him from being killed. She hid Joash in God's temple where the priests took care of him while his evil grandmother ruled the country for six years.*) Describe how Joash became king at only seven years old. (2 Chronicles 23:1-3, 9-11. *Jehoiada, a priest and uncle of Joash convinced the people that Joash should be king because the Lord said King David's descendants should rule. He stationed many troops around the temple so no one would stop them from anointing Joash as king. The people rejoiced and said, "Long live the king!"*) How did King Joash undo all the evil Athaliah had caused? (2 Chronicles 24:2-5, 14. *Joash did what the Lord said was right. He rebuilt the Lord's temple and the people offered burnt sacrifices to God again.*) Who influenced Joash to remain faithful to God's ways? (2 Chronicles 24:2. *Joash's uncle, Jehoiada, was the priest. Jehoiada had been a good and godly example for Joash.*) Who influenced Joash to turn his back on God? (2 Chronicles 24:15-18. *After Jehoiada's death, Joash listened to officials who gave him bad advice. Joash turned his back on God and began worshiping idols.*)

Why do you think Joash was so easily influenced or persuaded by idol worshipers to turn from God? (*He did not follow God with his whole heart and wanted to please others more than he wanted to please God.*) How can we finish strong to the end when we live in a sinful world where others might influence or persuade us to go the wrong way?

PRAYER POWER: Thank God that he sent Jesus to die for our sins and to be a good example for us to follow. Pray that even when we mess up, we can remember to repent and ask for forgiveness. Thank God for Jesus living in our hearts and giving us the power to finish strong.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Have the kids write a short letter to themselves for the future. Have them write words of encouragement to remain faithful to God their whole life, especially when they are ready to leave home. Seal the letters and save them in your box of nostalgic memories to be retrieved during your child's senior year of high school.

"Good Kings – Bad Kings" - Lesson 19