

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



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Manasseh

Last week we learned that King Uzziah did what was right in God's eyes because he loved God. God helped Uzziah. He became very powerful, but Uzziah also became very proud. He tried to burn incense in the temple. This was something only the priests could do. Because of his sin, God caused Uzziah to develop leprosy until he died.

II Chronicles 33

Read the Bible

READ: II Chronicles 33:1-20 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse:

But God is faithful and fair.
If we admit that we have sinned,
He will forgive us our sins.
He will forgive every wrong
thing we have done.
He will make us pure.
(I John 1:9 NIV)

Begin with Prayer

When Hezekiah was king, he did what was right in the eyes of God. He asked the priests to cleanse the temple. He brought sacrifices to God. He honored God before the people of Israel. (II Chronicles 29)

When Hezekiah died, his son Manasseh became the king. Manasseh did not follow God. In fact, he was one of the meanest kings that God's people had. He did very evil things that displeased God. (II Chronicles 33:1-2)

Goals

1. Understand that Manasseh worshipped idols.
2. Recognize that God allowed an enemy to take Manasseh prisoner.
3. Learn that Manasseh suffered the consequences of his sin.
4. Understand that when he asked for forgiveness, God forgave Manasseh.

God had told Israel not to worship idols. He told them that He was a jealous God. (Exodus 20) But after his father died, Manasseh set up false statue idols for people to worship. He put many idols and altars over the land. He put a false idol statue in God's temple church! The temple was the place where the people of Israel worshipped God. Putting idols in the temple was a horrible thing. Manasseh was the king of God's people. Although he was not a priest he was supposed to encourage them and lead them to worship God. Israel was God's chosen people. (II Chronicles 33:3-9)

God was very displeased with Manasseh. God spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention to God. So, God had a plan to get their attention. God brought an enemy army to raid Manasseh's kingdom. They found Manasseh and made him a prisoner. They put a hook in his nose (like an animal), put handcuffs on him, and took him away. Manasseh was probably treated just like an animal. (II Chronicles 33:10-11)

During that time, Manasseh had plenty of time to think and see how he

Manasseh – Bible Facts

1. Manasseh worshipped idols.
2. Manasseh profaned God's temple by bringing idols into the temple.
3. God allowed Manasseh to be taken prisoner by his enemies.
4. Manasseh repented and God forgave him.

had done wrong against God. He turned to God for help. He told God that he was sorry for all the wrongs that he had done. He asked God to forgive his wrongs and bring him back to his kingdom. (II Chronicles 33:12-13)

God forgave ALL his mistakes and restored him as king! Manasseh was a changed man. God will forgive our mistakes, too. The Bible says, "But God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will forgive us our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure." (I John 1:9 NIV)

He got rid of all the false idol statues in the land. He also took out the statue in God's temple church. He gave special offerings to God and asked the people to worship God only. He also rebuilt the city and the wall that was torn down. All the people could see how Manasseh had changed. Instead of doing evil, Manasseh was doing good things. Instead of worshipping idols, Manasseh worshipped the only true God. He also wanted others to follow God and believe in Him. (II Chronicles 33:14-20)

Review

1. **Who was Manasseh?** (Manasseh was the king of Israel)
2. **What did he do?** (Manasseh worshipped idols.)
3. **What else did Manasseh do?** (Manasseh profaned God's temple by bringing idols into the temple.)
4. **What did God do?** (God allowed Manasseh to be taken prisoner by his enemies.)
5. **What happened next?** (Manasseh repented and God forgave him.)

Do You Know Jesus?

Because of our wrongs, we are separated from God. (Romans 6:23) God loves us and made a way to remove the separation. (Romans 5:12) Jesus died on a cross for all the wrong sins that we have done. If we ask God to truly forgive our sin and if we believe in Jesus and know that He came back to life three days later, God will forgive us and clean out all our sin (the wrongs in our life). (John 3:16) The Bible says that God will not remember our sin anymore! (Hebrews 10:17) We are totally forgiven! That means we will one day go to heaven because we are clean before God. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross made a way for us to go to heaven. (John 14:6) If you want to ask for God's forgiveness, talk to your teacher.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus so that our sins can be forgiven.
3. Ask God to help you obey.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to obey God.

Application

Manasseh had a good example but he did wrong and worshipped idols. He even took the idols into God's temple. Because of his sin, God allowed an enemy to take Manasseh prisoner. Manasseh suffered the consequences of his sin. When he asked for forgiveness, God forgave Manasseh. "But God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will forgive us our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure." (I John 1:9 NIV)

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: II Chronicles 33:1-20 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Bring or make crowns for the kids to wear today!

Today's lesson is the last week we will talk about kings in the Bible. King Manasseh did some really bad things. God was disappointed in Manasseh. It hurt God to see how he was leading people away from Him.

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One day God told Manasseh to stop doing wrong. Manasseh did not pay attention to God. Can you believe it? Manasseh did not listen to God!!

God sent an army to invade Manasseh's kingdom. They took Manasseh back to their land and made him a prisoner.

Manasseh was so sorry for the wrong things that he had done. He told God that he was sorry and asked God to forgive his mistakes. God heard his prayer and forgave his mistakes. God also brought Manasseh back to his kingdom.

Manasseh was a changed person. He loved God and followed Him. He helped the people in his kingdom see that God was the only true God. Manasseh also got rid of all the bad things and rebuilt the city wall.

All the people could see that God had changed Manasseh's life. He loved and worshipped God.

Prayer Time

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Memory verse for younger children

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Learning Activities

- Memory verse activity** — Play musical chairs. The child left without a chair must say the Bible verse. As each child is left without a chair they must join the first child in saying the Bible verse.
- Test your memory** — Cut out pictures of small crowns and number them. Make a numbered list of key events in the life of Manasseh. As you tell the story have one child hold the crown with the number of the event in Manasseh's life. Have the children retell the story. Give everyone an opportunity to tell one part of Manasseh's life.
- Taste activity** — Bring grapes or other fruit. Arrange the fruit on a silver platter.
- Think about it** — Manasseh had a good example to follow. However, he did not follow the example of his father, Hezekiah. He sinned against God. Talk about the importance of following God.

Manasseh brought idols into God's temple. Talk about how God is a jealous God.

Manasseh repented and God forgave him. Talk about God's forgiveness.

- **Touch activity** — Color pictures of kings.

Make hand cuffs and nose rings out of aluminum foil.

Manasseh was a king. Bring costumes that can be used as royal robes.

Make crowns and scepters.

- Run and play** — Manasseh was treated like an animal. Have the children pretend to be animals (wolves, lions, tigers, bears, etc.) Have one group of animals chase another group.

- Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to worship Him only.

- Sing** — Sing "Worship Him," "Praise Him," or another song related to the story.

- Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

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Word Puzzle

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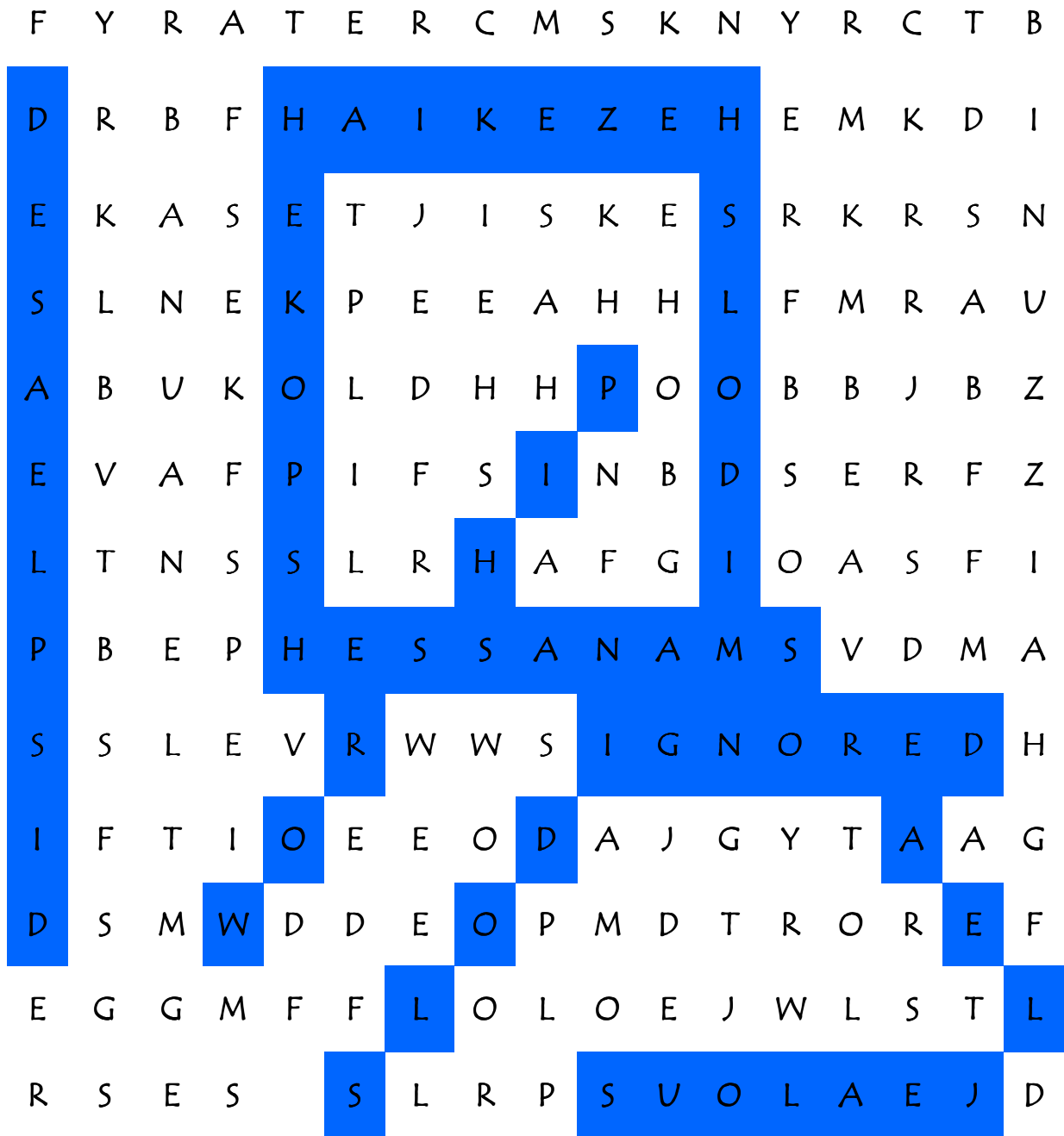
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