

Old Testament

King Uzziah

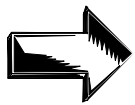
2 Chronicles 26 1-21

Younger Verse

Stand firm in what you believe. Isaiah 7:9

Older Verse

If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all. Isaiah 7:9



Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament.

PLEASE remember always to include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Have you ever known someone who was very proud and bragged about things? It really doesn’t feel good to be around them. King Uzziah became proud. Let’s see what God does.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

We have talked about many different kings that God’s people had. Some were great kings that loved God. Others were very evil and only did what they wanted not what God wanted.

Uzziah became king when he was 16 years old. Uzziah loved God and did what was right in God’s eyes.

One of God’s messengers at that time was Zechariah. The Bible tells us that Zechariah helped King Uzziah learn about God and follow Him. As long as King Uzziah followed God, he was successful.

The king noticed that parts of the city needed to be repaired. He wanted to make sure the kingdom was safe from enemies. He built towers to watch for enemies and strengthened areas of the city. He took care of the people too. He gave them good food to eat and supplies for battle. King Uzziah made sure God’s army was ready for any attack. Every person had armor to wear. He even had people invent a machine that shot arrows!

God blessed all Uzziah’s efforts because Uzziah loved God. The kingdom enlarged greatly under Uzziah’s leadership.

King Uzziah became very powerful. He had done many good things to help God’s people and he became proud of it. Instead of giving God the credit for winning battles. He began to praise himself for the good jobs done. He began to see himself as very great and wonderful.

Lesson Goals

Share how God will help when you trust in Him
Explain why Uzziah failed (he became prideful)

Uzziah's pride in himself began to show in many areas. He thought he was the most important person in the whole world. He probably bragged to many people about his successes and achievements. Unfortunately, He forgot that God was the one who helped him.

Then, King Uzziah did something that was very wrong in God's eyes.

Back in that time, only a special priest from God could go into a special inner room in the church. That priest would burn sweet smelling incense to God to show how much God's people loved him. The priest would also ask forgiveness for things that God's people did wrong.

King Uzziah took the censer (used to burn incense) and walked into the inner room. He wanted to burn incense instead of the important priests that God had chosen.

The priests saw what Uzziah was about to do. They gathered 80 priests to follow him into the inner room and talk to him about his mistake. They told Uzziah that it was not right for him to burn incense in the temple church. They explained that God had already chosen people to do that. They told him that he had sinned against the Lord.

King Uzziah became angry. While he was yelling at the priests something happened. Suddenly, all the priests gasped! Uzziah's forehead had leprosy on it! The priests quickly left as did Uzziah.

King Uzziah had leprosy until he died. He lived in a separate house and could not go into the temple church ever again.

What can we learn from Uzziah? When he followed God, God took care of the people and the kingdom. When Uzziah started doing things "his" way, God was not pleased. Uzziah became proud of himself and forgot to honor God. It was then that God showed Uzziah who was really in charge of things!

We need to realize that we are not in charge of things; God is. We must follow Him and not become proud and think that we did everything ourselves. We must always know that it is God who is in charge.

When Uzziah did wrong, he did not ask God to forgive his mistake. God desires for us to come to Him with a heart that is sorry for the things that we have done wrong. He wants us to love Him with ALL our heart and serve Him.

Back in Uzziah's time, priests came to God for us. Now, we can come to God on our own. God made a way for us to do this through His Son, Jesus. Jesus died on a cross for all the mistakes that we have made. If we believe Jesus died and came back to life and ask Jesus to come into our life, He will clean out all our mistakes and make us pure before God. Jesus will help us do things God's way and take us to heaven one day. If you want to know more about trusting Jesus, talk to us about it.

Learning Activities

See how we must follow God with all our heart and not become proud.

Memory Verse Activities

Make "human dominos." Each person stand and say one word of the verse. As they said the verse, they must lean over to touch the next person as they gracefully fall to the ground. Talk about what it means to stand firm.

Prayer Time

Ask God to help us trust Him and give Him the credit for everything in our lives.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Share snacks together!

Planning for Lesson 76
King Manasseh changes his ways
2 Chronicles 33:1-20

Preschool Lesson
For
King Uzziah

King Uzziah was a king of God's people many, many years ago. He loved God and tried to do what God said. One of God's messengers, Zechariah, helped him follow God and learn more about Him.

King Uzziah did many good things. He built big towers and helped the people in the kingdom. He gave people good food to eat and gave them armor to protect themselves when enemies tried to invade the land. He was a very good king.

Then, something happened. King Uzziah stopped thanking God for His help. He started to believe that HE was the one who was the best. He started bragging about all the things that he did instead of thanking God for what GOD did.

God was very sad at Uzziah.

Then, Uzziah did something that was awful. He went into the special inner room of the church. Only God's special messengers were allowed to go in to the room. The messengers saw what Uzziah was doing and followed him into the room. They told Uzziah that he was not supposed to be in the room. They told him that he was not to burn sweet smelling incense in the room. Only God's messengers were allowed to do that.

Uzziah got very angry. He began to yell at the messengers when something happened.

All the messengers gasped! Uzziah suddenly had a bad disease called leprosy. It was on the top of his head! The priests ran out of the temple and so did Uzziah.

Uzziah lived with leprosy the rest of his life. He lived in a house alone and could never go back to the temple church again.

God wants us to follow Him and do what He says. God loves us and wants to help us be His best friend.

Sing, "My best friend is Jesus."

Hands-On Activities
For
King Uzziah

Try this object lesson to help the kids see how they must get rid of pride. Bring a hard-boiled egg to class. Share how pride is hard like the shell. It is tough and selfish. Now peel the shell off to discover the soft center. Share how we must peel away our pride to reveal our soft heart that is kind to others.

Bring Incense or sweet smelling perfume to help the kids remember the story.

King Uzziah became a leper because of his sin. Put baby powder on the kids' foreheads to remind them of the story.

Just as Uzziah built towers, have fun using blocks or boxes to make/construct towers.

Bring a rope and play tug-of-war. Talk about how the two sides can represent following God's ways or following our way. Share how pride pulls against God's way to try to make us do things our way. Share how God's ways are best and He always wants to help us and give us the best.
