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2 KINGS 11

## TAKE A STEP OF FAITH

When Ahaziah, the king of Judah, died, his mother Athaliah killed all the royal heirs out of her ambition to reign as a queen. However, Athaliah missed out someone, her one-year-old grandson named Joash. He was saved, hidden in the temple of God and taken care secretly by a priest named Jehoiada.

Jehoiada was a man of God and wanted Joash to be protected and safe, although he knew that should Athaliah find out about it, he would be killed. Jehoiada took a big step of faith, knowing that it was what God wanted him to do. He stood up for God's way. Six years later, Jehoiada's effort and courage really paid off. Joash finally reigned as the king of Judah at the age of 7.

In life, there are times when you need to be brave and take a step of faith. If you decide to just stay in your comfort zone without doing what God calls you to do, you might lose the chance of witnessing God's wonderful work.

When God calls you to take a step of faith, you can trust Him. Be courageous. Remember, He is in control.

### Key verse:

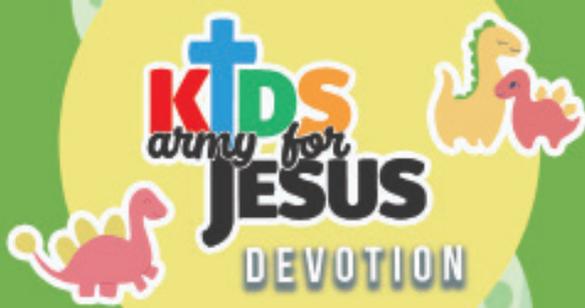
*1 Thessalonians 5:24*

*The One who calls you will do that for you. You can trust Him.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, give me courage and faith to follow Your calling in my life. I want to go where You ask me to go and I will do what You ask me to do. Amen.*





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2 KINGS 12:2-16

## HOUSE OF GOD

Although king Joash was an orphan, he was so blessed with a wise man, Jehoiada, as the priest who gave him instructions. Just like Jehoiada, Joash loved God and followed all His commandments. One day he noticed that the temple of God needed to be repaired. He wanted to make it beautiful like Solomon did.

Then, people began to bring their offering of money to the temple. They were so glad to be able to contribute for the repair of God's temple.

King Joash and his people understood the importance of looking after the house of God. We have to keep the house of God clean because this is where God meets with His people, where people praise and worship God and listen to His words. The house of God is a holy place.

Let's keep our church clean and respectable so that all of us can come and worship God with so much joy.

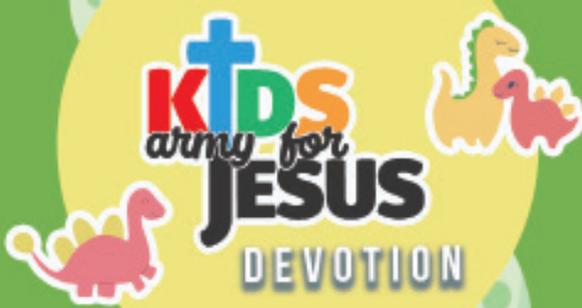
### Key verse:

*Psalm 69:9a  
My strong love  
for Your temple  
completely  
controls me.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, help  
me to learn to  
take care of my  
church because  
it is Your holy  
house where You  
dwell. Amen.*





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2 KINGS 13:14-19

## WHOLE-HEARTED FAITH

Jehoash, king of Israel, visited Elisha. Elisha knew that the king was about to face the Syrians. Elisha asked him to take a bow and some arrows, face the east window and shoot his arrows towards the east, where the location of Syria was. The arrows represented Israel's victory over Syria.

Once done, Elisha asked him to take the arrows again and hit them to the ground. He hit for 3 times only and it made Elisha angry. Elisha said Jehoash should have hit for 5 or 6 times so that he would strike the Syrians for 5 or 6 times and destroy them.

Due to this, King Jehoash would only manage to strike Syria for 3 times. It demonstrated that Jehoash had half-hearted faith in God. Had he used this opportunity to practise a whole-hearted faith, he would have conquered Syria completely.

Just like to Jehoash, God also gives you many arrows of help when problems arise. Through the Holy Spirit and His word, God will guide you on how to have a powerful prayer. Don't just pray three times and stop. Keep praying with a whole-hearted faith till you get a complete victory over your problems.

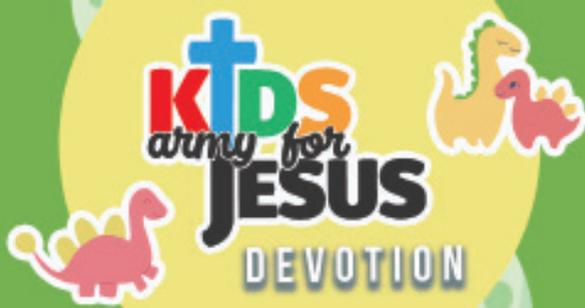
### Key verse:

*1 Corinthians 2:5  
I did this so that  
your faith would  
be in God's  
power, not in  
the wisdom of a  
man.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, give  
me faith to  
believe in You  
wholeheartedly  
and have zero  
doubt in Your  
power. Amen.*





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2 KINGS 16:7-18

## TO IMPRESS GOD

Ahaz the king of Judah asked for help from the King of Assyria to save him from the King of Aram and the King of Israel. He took the gold and silver from the temple of God and gave it to the Assyrian King as a present. The king of Assyria helped King Ahaz win the battle.

When Ahaz went to see the Assyrian king, he saw the altar of the Assyrian temple and he liked it. He instructed Urijah the priest to make a similar altar and then he burned offerings on it.

King Ahaz would rather come to the king of Assyria than to God, the King of kings. He tried to please the king of Assyria whom he felt indebted to for helping him win the battle.

There are many people who like to impress certain people more than they want to impress God. They even forsake God in order to please those people. Do live a life that impresses your Creator. It is better to have God's approval than the whole world's applaud.

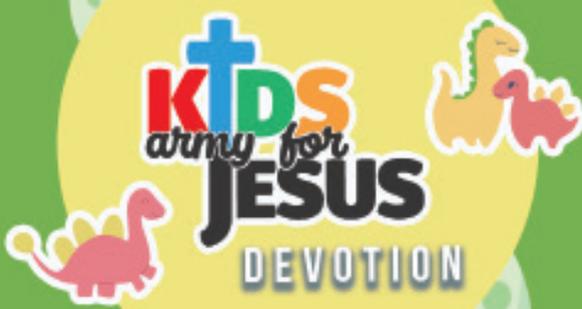
### Key verse:

*Galatians 1:10a  
Do you think I am trying to make people accept me? No! God is the One I am trying to please.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, forgive me when I at times choose to follow the world instead of You. Help me to live a life that impresses You. Amen.*





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2 KINGS 19:14-19

## HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER

Hezekiah became the king of Judah. He was different from his father, Ahaz. Hezekiah loved God and removed all the false idols.

One day, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria sent a message to Hezekiah. The message said that he would destroy Judah. The Assyrian king also mockingly said that God would not be able to help and if they wanted to be saved, they had to surrender to him. Sennacherib was insulting God.

Hezekiah was scared and his first reaction was to pray to God. God was on Hezekiah's mind and thoughts. He began his prayer by acknowledging God's greatness and majesty. Then he continued to ask for God's help with a humble heart. The prayer was ended with his desire that God's name be known to all the kingdoms of the earth.

When praying, do not only focus on God's help to solve your problem. Just like Hezekiah, start your prayer by acknowledging His awesomeness and end it with a sincere desire that God's name be glorified. God is bigger than all of your problems.

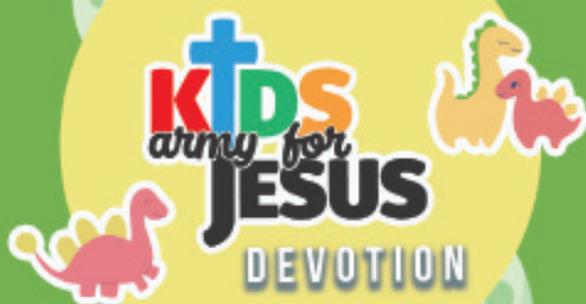
### Key verse:

*2 Kings 19:15b  
Only You are  
God of all the  
kingdoms of the  
earth. You made  
the heavens and  
the earth.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, You  
are bigger than  
my problems and  
Your promises are  
stronger than my  
worries. I praise  
You for who You  
are. Amen.*





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2 KINGS 23:1-3 & 21-25

## READ THE BIBLE

Josiah reigned as the king of Judah. Just like his great grandfather, Hezekiah, he did what was right in God's eyes. He had the heart to repair the temple of God. During the repair, Hilkiah the high priest found something. It was the Book of the Law given by Moses many years before about God's commands and laws.

Because of this, Josiah made a covenant with God that he would walk in God's ways with all his heart and would perform all the things that were written in this book. Not only did he influence his people to be faithful to God, he also kept the Passover and instructed all the priests to do everything exactly like what was said in the Book of the Law.

Josiah understood how valuable God's word was. Unlike during those days, everyone can now easily access their Bible on their phone, anytime and anywhere. Let's have the habit of reading the Bible and meditating on God's word every single day. When you fill your heart and mind with God's word, there will be no space for evil.

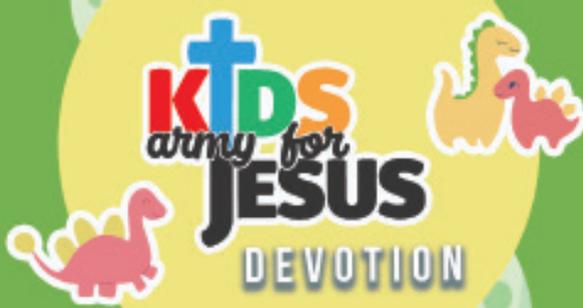
### Key verse:

*Proverbs 30:5  
Every word of  
God can be  
trusted.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, thank  
You for the  
freedom that I  
have that I can  
read Your word  
anytime and  
anywhere. Give  
me a heart to  
always hunger  
and thirst for  
Your words every  
day. Amen.*





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## 1 CHRONICLES 1:1-3

# FAITHFUL

Adam and Eve had a great-great-great-great-grandson named Enoch. Enoch lived for 365 years and he walked faithfully with God for his whole life (Genesis 5:24). Just like when you walk with your best friend, walking with God means you focus on Him and talk to Him frequently. That way, you will be able to understand what God likes and dislikes. You will know God's heart.

Enoch had a son. His name was Methuselah. Methuselah was the longest-lived person on earth. He lived for 969 years (Genesis 5:27). It demonstrates that God faithfully took care of Methuselah for 969 years that he lacked nothing.

We can learn an important lesson from Enoch and Methuselah. We should live like Enoch who walked faithfully with God as his best friend. Moreover, seeing that God had perfectly taken care of Methuselah for 969 years, you can certainly have confidence that God will take care of you in your whole life. Keep walking faithfully with God till the last breath of your life because He faithfully takes care of you.

### Key verse:

*2 Thessalonians 3:3*

*But the Lord is faithful. He will give you strength and protect you from the evil one.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I want to walk with You faithfully and I am assured that You will take care of me and that I will lack nothing. Amen.*

