

LESSON 3

KING JEHOSHAPHAT

OBJECTIVES

1. To learn about the life and deeds of King Jehoshaphat.
2. To learn the importance of choosing friends wisely.
3. To understand that bad choices bring bad consequences.

MEMORY VERSE

"Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits.'"

(1 Corinthians 15:33)

PRAYER

Thank You, heavenly Father for the abundant blessings You have given to us each day. One of the gifts You have bestowed upon us is our group of friends who loves us and is there for us in times of happiness and sadness. Today, we will learn that not all friends are the same. Please give us a discerning mind to choose our friends wisely so that we can be always protected in Your love and in Your truth.



Overview

1. Bible Story & Spiritual Teaching

A. King Jehoshaphat's Strengths and Good Deeds

- He delighted in the way of the Lord
- He fortified Judah
- He did not worship Baal
- The people were taught the laws of God
- He appointed fair judges
- He trusted God in battle

B. King Jehoshaphat's Weaknesses

- He made a marriage alliance with King Ahab
- He helped King Ahab in battle
- He partnered with King Ahaziah

2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—The Holy Bible

3. Life Application—The Keys to Choosing Friends

4. Activity—Friendship Wreath



Background Knowledge for Teachers

King Jehoshaphat reigned as king of Judah from 872 to 848 BC, which is about eighty years after Solomon's reign. His name means "Jehovah shall judge." King Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he ruled for twenty-five years. It was obvious to all that Jehoshaphat was a man who did what was right in God's eyes. He did not seek to worship Baal, a false god that the kings of Israel were worshipping; rather, he wanted the people to return to worshipping God instead.

In spite of his strengths, Jehoshaphat also made some foolish decisions, in that he allied with wicked kings, particularly the infamous King Ahab. It does not appear that Jehoshaphat made these decisions from a rebellious heart, but rather an inconsistent and undiscerning mind. Furthermore, throughout history, it was common practice for the sons and daughters of kings of different lands to be given to each other in marriage in order to secure peace between nations. Also, the fact that Judah and Israel shared a common history also created a unique relationship. Both of these reasons, as well as other factors, might have appeared good to Jehoshaphat. Despite his motives, the alliance was displeasing to God and caused tragic consequences.



Reaching Out to Your Students

Friendships are gifts from God and are very important to our emotional and social well being. This is certainly true of children. At this age, boys usually bond in larger groups through common interests, such as physical activities, games, and so on. Girls generally bond in smaller intimate groups based on common interests and similar personalities. This is a time when girls seem to be “joined at the hip.” They start to confide in each other about thoughts and feelings and do almost everything together.

In Elementary 2, your students have already formed a concept of fairness and reciprocity. So, if they do something nice for a friend, they most likely expect that friend to do something nice for them in return or when the occasion arises.

Moreover, your students may choose their friends based on what they hold as important, such as family values, or on common interests or goals. Although they are beginning to have the ability to make good judgments when choosing friends, they still need guidance and help from their parents and teachers.

To help the students understand why God was upset with King Jehoshaphat when he helped King Ahab, have students examine what would happen if they were to help a troublemaker in class. Though it may seem as if they are being loyal and loving to their friend, it would still be wrong and displeasing to the teacher. Such actions will not only get their friend in trouble; they, too, would be seen as being “a partner in crime.”



Opener

5 Minutes

Have you ever experienced drinking or eating something only to find that a fly has been feasting on it before you have? What would you do?

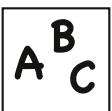
Although a fly seems small and harmless, we really shouldn't eat of food or drink that a fly has landed on. Flies often feed on anything they land on (e.g., garbage, manure, dead insects or animals, etc.) and when they hop onto our food, they will transmit bacteria onto it. This can potentially make us very sick.

Similarly, when a chemist or perfumer makes perfumed ointment, they skillfully mix precious spices, scents, herbs, and medicinal extracts into an olive oil base. The fragrance from these ointments naturally attracts flies. What do you think would happen to the ointment when flies get trapped in the ointment? Yes, it would spoil because the flies' decaying bodies will cause the ointment to spoil and stink, making it unable to be used.

In the same way that something as small as a fly can ruin our food or drink, or sweet-smelling perfume, likewise, a little weakness or error may cause us to go astray from God and sin against Him.

Let's turn to Ecclesiastes 10:1: “Dead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment, and cause it to give off a foul odor; so does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor.”

Today, we will learn how a good king called Jehoshaphat made seemingly small and insignificant mistakes, which led to major, negative consequences.



Vocabulary

alliance: an agreement or treaty between two or more nations



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet to the students. Ask the students to complete it as you go over the lesson. As you teach, pause to allow the students to complete the questions. Keep a copy of the worksheet for reference.

King Jehoshaphat was the fourth king of Judah. He lived at a time when the kingdom of Israel had split into two kingdoms: the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. The northern kingdom of Israel consistently had evil kings, while the southern kingdom of Judah enjoyed a few good kings.

Jehoshaphat was one such good king. He began his reign over Judah when he was thirty-five years old and he ruled Judah for twenty-five years. It was obvious to all that he wanted to walk in the ways of the Lord and brought some changes in the land.

2 Chronicles 20:32 says, "And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of the Lord."

Let's explore the Bible further to see what Jehoshaphat did that was right in God's eyes.

A. Jehoshaphat's Strengths and Good Deeds

1. He delighted in the ways of the Lord (2 Chron 17:6a).
2. Jehoshaphat placed garrisons and strengthened the cities of Judah and other places throughout the country and the cities that his father had conquered (2 Chron 17:2).
3. He did not seek to worship Baal, which the kings of Israel were worshipping. He took away all the idols that had again risen in the land, destroyed the altars that were used for idol worship, and called upon his people to worship the Lord (2 Chron 17:6b).
4. He sent the leaders and Levites to all the cities of Judah to teach and educate the people about the laws of God (2 Chron 17:7-9).
5. Jehoshaphat appointed judges to help with ruling and judging the people of the land. He warned the judges that they were to rely on God to be just: they were to be impartial; they were to be honest and act only out of fear of God (2 Chron 19:5-6).

What was the result of this? God blessed him with peace, power, and prosperity.

- a. The fear of the Lord fell on all the kingdoms of the land around Judah so that they did not make war with King Jehoshaphat. God blessed him with peace, power, and prosperity. From history, whenever a king obeyed God, God would bless them with peace in the land (cf. 1 Kgs 4:24). But when they disobeyed God, God would allow neighboring countries to trouble them.
- b. The Philistines brought him presents and annual tribute (2 Chron 17:11). The Arabs brought 7,700 rams and 7,700 male goats.
- c. Jehoshaphat had a huge army stationed in Jerusalem (2 Chron 17:12-19). Besides Jerusalem, Jehoshaphat also placed troops in the fortified cities throughout Judah. In Jerusalem alone, Jehoshaphat's army consisted of 1,160,000 men. His army was double the size of his father King Asa's army, which had only 580,000 men (2 Chron 14:8). In fact, God made Jehoshaphat's army almost as strong as King David's army, which had 1,300,000 men.

Other notable things about King Jehoshaphat:

6. He trusted in God in battle

During Jehoshaphat's reign, the armies of Moab, Ammon and the other nations came together and declared war on Jehoshaphat. If you were King Jehoshaphat how would you have felt? What would you have done? [Have students respond.] Let's read 2 Chronicles 20:3-12 to learn the good example King Jehoshaphat set for us for when we meet with problems and difficulties.

- Although King Jehoshaphat was scared by the news, he did not rely on the strength of his own army nor did he seek the help of other nations to deliver him.
- He was determined to ask God for help.
- He announced to the people of Judah to fast and pray to God.
- He led all the men and women, the young and the old, who had gathered to the temple in a prayer service.

How did God answer Jehoshaphat? Have students read 2 Chronicles 20:15-17.

Because Jehoshaphat completely trusted and depended on

God for deliverance, God reassured Jehoshaphat saying, "Do not be afraid for the battle is not yours, but God's!" God then instructed them to go down to the battleground the next day, where they would not need to fight. Instead, they would see God's miraculous deliverance.

The next morning, as Jehoshaphat prepared his army, what did he do that was very unusual? Let's turn to 2 Chronicles 20:21. If you saw an army going out to battle in this way, would you think the army would have a chance at winning? What happened as a result of such action?

Early the next morning, Jehoshaphat obeyed God by bringing his army out to the battlefield. But Jehoshaphat did a very strange thing. He appointed the singers to march before the army singing, "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever."

And when the singers who marched before the army began to sing and praise God, the Lord caused the armies of Ammon and Moab to fight amongst themselves and destroy one another.

So, when the army of Judah arrived at the place overlooking the wilderness, they saw dead bodies lying all over the battlefield—not a single one of the enemy soldiers had escaped.

The Bible does not mention what happened to cause Jehoshaphat's enemies to turn on each other. But this demonstrates how God has authority over all of His creation and over every event. God not only rescued Jehoshaphat from this great army, He also gave Jehoshaphat and his army a large amount of spoil left by their enemies. There was so much treasure that it took them three days to cart it all away. When Jehoshaphat and his men returned to Jerusalem and to the house of the Lord, there was great joy and praising on stringed instruments, harps, and trumpets.

How did God continue to bless Jehoshaphat?

Let's turn to Chronicles 20:29. "And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel." Jehoshaphat's kingdom was quiet and enjoyed peace, for God had given him rest.

Sometimes, situations seem overwhelming and it may appear that there is no way for good to come from them. When we turn to other people or things without looking to God first to help us in our difficulty, we miss the opportunity to see God's great power turn that difficult situation into a blessing.

B. King Jehoshaphat's Weaknesses

Jehoshaphat had a heart devoted to God. He did many things that showed he put God first in his life. Despite this, Jehoshaphat had weaknesses that caused him to make poor judgments and choices that, in turn, led to very grave consequences.

1. He allied himself with King Ahab through marriage.

Read 2 Chronicles 21:5-6.

Trouble started when Jehoshaphat made an alliance with one king in particular, an alliance that he should never have made. He allowed his son, Jehoram, to marry Athaliah, the daughter of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel.

King Ahab and Queen Jezebel reigned over the northern kingdom of Israel. The wicked king and queen led the people of Israel to worship Baal and disobey God's laws. Under Ahab's rule, the nation sunk into deep spiritual darkness.

Athaliah grew up under the wicked influence of her parents. So, when Jehoram married Athaliah, he, too, came under the influence of this wicked family. He did what was evil in God's sight, and he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as his father King Ahab had done. When Jehoram became king, he killed all six of his brothers, and he brought the worship of Baal into the land of Judah.

But Jehoshaphat's bad decision to ally with Ahab and its negative consequences did not just end there. Later, this Jehoram's wicked wife Athaliah attempted to kill her own sons and grandchildren so that she could make herself queen. But, God saved Joash, one of her grandsons, who grew up to rule Judah and did what was right in the eyes of God (2 Chron 24:2).

2. He helped King Ahab in battle.

A few years after King Jehoshaphat made the marriage alliance with King Ahab, King Jehoshaphat went to Samaria to visit King Ahab. While there, King Ahab tried to persuade King Jehoshaphat to join forces with him to fight against the Syrians who had taken over Ramoth-Gilead. Do you think it was right for King Jehoshaphat to help King Ahab? [Have students respond.]

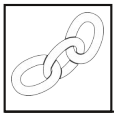
Let's read 2 Chronicles 18:3-5. King Jehoshaphat replied, "I am as you are, and my people as your people; we will be with you in the war." Jehoshaphat fully supported Ahab even though he was a wicked king. During the battle, King Ahab was killed, and Jehoshaphat narrowly escaped death.

Do you think such a friendship pleased God? Why or why not? Read 2 Chronicles 19:1-2. When King Jehoshaphat returned from the battle, the prophet Jehu came to tell him that God was angry and displeased with what he had done. Jehoshaphat had loved and helped a person who was wicked and who disobeyed and hated God. It was as if Jehoshaphat was helping a friend who was a troublemaker. God knew that it was dangerous for Jehoshaphat to join forces with the wicked King Ahab as this evil king could lead him astray. As a result, God's wrath was upon Jehoshaphat.

3. He partnered with King Ahaziah to build a fleet of ships

Read 2 Chronicles 20:35-37 and 1 Kings 22:49.

It appears that Jehoshaphat paid no attention to God's previous warning as, after the incident with King Ahab, Jehoshaphat made an alliance with King Ahaziah, Ahab's son who was also a very wicked man. The alliance seemed harmless. It was simply an agreement to build a fleet of trading ships together so that they could sail in search for gold. But God sent the prophet Eliezer to tell Jehoshaphat, "Because you have made an alliance with Ahaziah, the Lord will destroy what you have made." Consequently, God destroyed Jehoshaphat's ships before they could even set sail. Later, when Ahaziah again asked to partner with Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat learned his lesson and refused.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

The Holy Bible is the standard for living a life pleasing to God.

The life of King Jehoshaphat reminds us of the importance of placing the word of God as the standard of our lives. In spite of his weaknesses, Jehoshaphat was a man who sought to please God. Not only did he seek God personally, he encouraged his people to know God's words and carry out His will by implementing a nationwide religious education program.



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

True or False

- 1. When Jehoshaphat learned the dreadful news that the armies of three nations were planning to attack him, he recruited the armies of other nations to fight.** False.
- 2. When Jehoshaphat and his army arrived at the battlefield, they discovered that the entire enemy army was dead.** True.
- 3. The mistake that Jehoshaphat committed repeatedly was that he married Gentile women.** False; he repeatedly made alliances with wicked kings.
- 4. God was pleased about Jehoshaphat's alliance with Ahab. Because of Jehoshaphat's good influence, Ahab became a better person and there was peace in the land.** False; King Ahab died in battle and Jehoshaphat almost lost his life.
- 5. Jehoshaphat appointed the choir to lead the army to battle because it helped calm the nerves of the soldiers.** False; he wanted to praise God.

Questions to Think About

- 6. How did God rescue Jehoshaphat from his enemies?** God turned Jehoshaphat's enemies against each other and they ended up destroying each other.
- 7. What were Jehoshaphat and the soldiers' response to God's help?** They praised Him.
- 8. What did Jehoshaphat do to enable the people to obey God's teachings, and what good things happened as a result?** He sent Levites and leaders throughout Judah to teach and educate the people about the laws of God. God blessed the land with peace and prosperity.



Life Application

10 Minutes

THE KEYS TO CHOOSING FRIENDS

In today's story, we learned that King Jehoshaphat was a man who desired to please God, but in his daily life, he repeatedly made the same mistake. Jehoshaphat had a tendency of allying with wicked kings. The partnership between Jehoshaphat and Ahab was unsuitable because Jehoshaphat served God and Ahab worshipped idols. Jehoshaphat inquired after God in everything, while Ahab rejected God and listened to his evil wife. Jehoshaphat lived in the light of God's words, while Ahab rejected God and lived in darkness.

We all like to have friends. The friends we choose in life can have a big impact on our lives. Our friends help us to be better people and help us to grow. Our friends can influence the type of clothes we wear, the type of music we listen to, our interests and habits, the way we act and treat others and so on. In other words, friends have a powerful impact on our lives and our future.

However, not all friends are the same. As Christians, we need to be careful in choosing our friends because there are friends that can have a negative influence on us. Their beliefs and the way they behave and speak may lead us away from the teachings of God. They may tempt us to do evil and sin against God. The Bible gives us warning about such friends. 1 Corinthians 15:33 says, "Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits.'" If we surround ourselves with godly friends we will stay within God's words and be protected from turning away from God.

Knowing how to choose friends is therefore very important. On the poster paper, write the title "Keys to Choosing Friends". With a partner, brainstorm ideas on what you would look for when choosing friends. Write each idea on a key template. Then, look up the Bible verses to see what else the Bible says about choosing friends. Glue the key templates to the poster paper.

1. Prov 12:26 - Choose the right friends so that we will not be led astray.
2. Prov 13:20 - Choose wise friends.
3. Prov 16:28 – Don't choose a friend who shares your secrets.
4. Prov 17:17 – Choose a friend who loves at all times.
5. Prov 22:11 – Choose a friend who has a good heart and speaks kindly.
6. Prov 22:24-25 – Don't choose friends who are easily angered or we will learn to be like them.
7. Prov 27:6 – Choose a friend who will tell us when we have done wrong.
8. Prov 27:9 – Choose a friend who gives good advice when we face difficulties.

Skits

Instructions: Divide the class into groups of 2-3. Have students read the following skits, and then come up with an ending to the skit of choice. At the end, have each group present their entire skit before the class. Discuss the outcome of each skit.

Skit 1

Richard liked his new school, and very soon, he made some good friends. His friends liked to hang out together; they played basketball, video games, and read comic books. Over time, one of his friends started to use swear words to express himself. It wasn't often, but now and then, he would use them when he missed a basket during basketball or when he lost in a video game. Richard noticed that little by little, the others started making this same choice. Richard didn't like the swearing, but he liked his friends. He decided that he would continue to hang out with them, but he told himself that he wasn't going to get caught up in the same bad habit.

Come up with an ending to this scenario. Consider some possible results that might occur if Richard stayed or left his group of friends.

Skit 2

Brianna was a girl who liked when others did things for her, but she did not make much of an effort for others. On special occasions, such as birthdays, her friends gave her gifts, but seldom did she give gifts in return. When her friends were sick, she didn't take the time to make them a get-well card or ask after them. When her friends asked to borrow something, Brianna would tell them to ask someone else instead.

During National Friendship Day at school, everyone had to make three cards to give to their friends. Brianna enjoyed the task of choosing three from among all her classmates. However, when all the cards had been made and shared out among classmates, Brianna was the only one who did not receive a card! She felt terrible. How could it be that no one saw her as their friend? Returning home, Brianna cried and cried. She asked her mother why nobody liked her and why she did not have true friends.

Come up with a scenario where Brianna talks with her mother. What might Brianna's mother say to teach her about being a good friend?

Skit 3

Jill is having a sleepover at her best friend Shirley's house. Together with the other girls who were invited, they spent an entire day eating, watching movies, and playing games. During their chats, one of the friends mentioned something that Jill had told Shirley and nobody else. Shirley had promised that she would keep it a secret. At that time, Jill looked at Shirley, wondering how this other friend could know her secret, too. Shirley just acted as if she hadn't heard anything.

Come up with an ending to this scenario. How might Jill be feeling at this time? What would you choose to do if you were Jill?

**Activity****Friendship Wreath***10-15 Minutes*

Objective: To reinforce the importance of being a good friend.

Materials

- Construction paper
- Pencils
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers, colored pencil/crayons

Instructions

1. Have the students trace their own hand on a piece of colored construction paper, and then cut out the handprint.
2. Have the students write, "To be a better pal, I will..." in the palm of the handprint.
3. Then, on each finger, have students write or draw what they will do to be a better friend to others.
4. Have students share their ideas and thoughts.
5. Glue the handprints together in a circle to make a wreath, and display it on the classroom bulletin board or post it on the classroom wall.

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. False; he repeatedly allied with wicked kings.
2. False; he wanted to praise God.
3. True
4. C
5. A
6. D
7. Jehoshaphat sent the leaders and Levites to all the cities of Judah to teach and educate the people about the laws of God. The kingdoms around Judah feared them and there was peace and prosperity.
8. They praised God.
9. Jehoshaphat served God, inquired after God in everything, and lived in the light of God's word. Ahab, on the other hand, lived in darkness. He worshipped idols, rejected God's words, and listened to his evil wife.

King Jehoshaphat

A. What were Jehoshaphat's strengths and good deeds?

Read the following Bible verses and fill in the blanks.

1. 2 Chron 17:6a _____
2. 2 Chron 17:2 _____
3. 2 Chron 17:6b _____
4. 2 Chron 17:7-9 _____
5. 2 Chron 19:5-6 _____
6. 2 Chron 20:3-12 _____

Draw the different ways that God blessed Jehoshaphat.

A. The fear of the Lord fell on all the kingdoms of the land around Judah so that they did not make war with King Jehoshaphat. God blessed him with peace, power, and prosperity.

B. The Philistines brought him presents and annual tribute (2 Chron 17:11). The Arabs donated 7,700 rams and 7,700 male goats.

C. God made Jehoshaphat's army as strong as King David's army (2 Chron 17:12-19).



B. What were Jehoshaphat's weaknesses?

Read the following Bible verses and fill in the blanks.

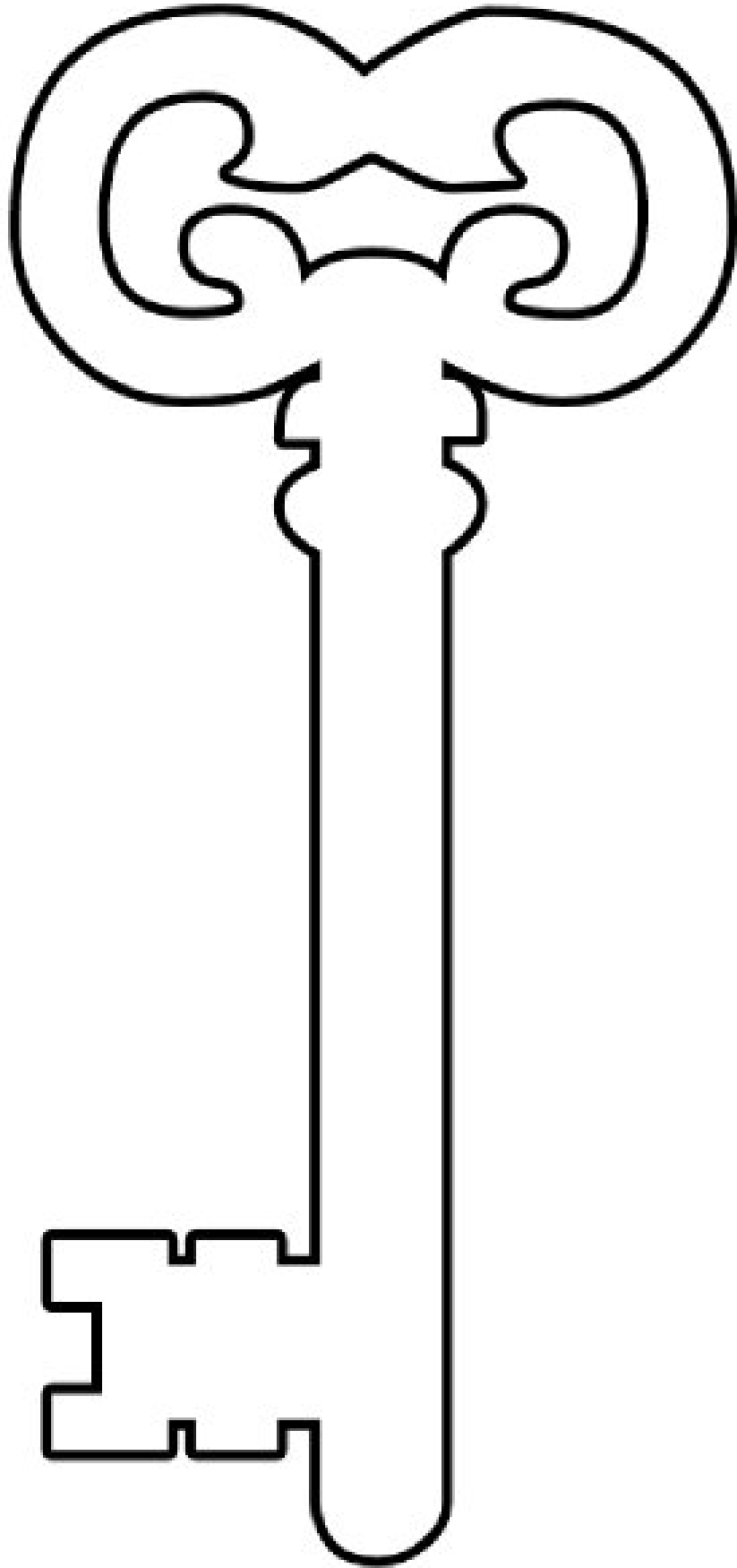
1. 2 Chron 21:5-6 _____
2. 2 Chron 18:2-3 _____
3. 2 Chron 20:35-37; 1 Kgs 22:49 _____



Draw how God showed his displeasure.

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- B. God destroyed Jehoshaphat's ships before they could even set sail.



Keys to Choosing Friends

Look up the Bible verses to find the keys to choosing the right kind of friends. Write your answers on the keys.

1. Prov 12:26 _____
2. Prov 13:20 _____
3. Prov 16:28 _____
4. Prov 17:17 _____
5. Prov 22:11 _____
6. Prov 22:24-25 _____
7. Prov 27:6 _____
8. Prov 27:9 _____

~Skits~

Read the following skits. Then, in your groups, discuss and think of a possible outcome to your skit. Act out your skit to the class.

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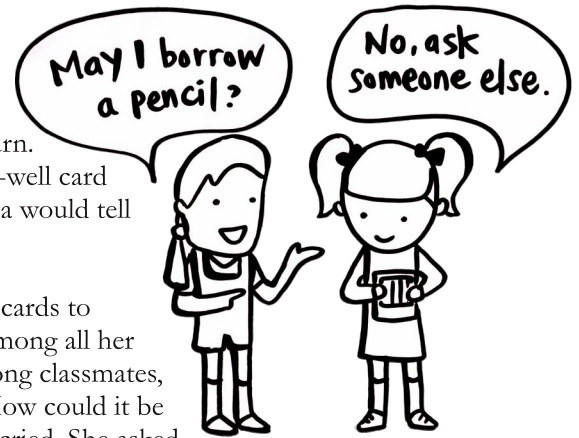
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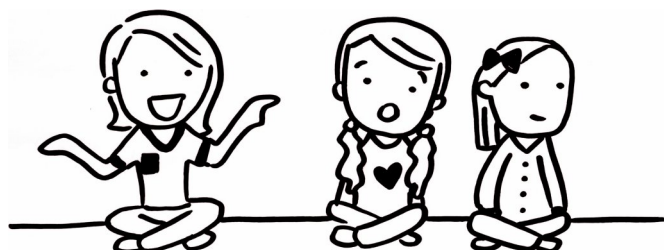


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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (1 Corinthians 15:33)

True or False

1. The mistake that Jehoshaphat committed repeatedly was that he married Gentile woman. _____
2. Jehoshaphat appointed the choir to lead the army to battle because it helped calm the nerves of the soldiers. _____
3. God rescued Jehoshaphat from his enemies by causing them to fight and kill each other. _____

Multiple Choice

4. _____ : When Jehoshaphat heard that the armies of Moab, Ammon, and Mount Seir were coming up against him, _____.
 - a. He was so afraid that he fled for his life.
 - b. He recruited the armies of other nations to fight.
 - c. He fasted and prayed to God for deliverance.
5. _____ : God told the army of Judah to _____.
 - a. Position themselves, stand still, and see the salvation of God.
 - b. Charge and fight hard against the enemy.
 - c. Flee, because they will be defeated.
6. _____ : What were the consequences of Jehoshaphat's alliance with Ahab?
 - a. God was very displeased.
 - b. The people of Judah and his own family did evil in the sight of God by following the ways of Ahab.
 - c. He suffered the loss of his ships and family members.
 - d. All of the above.

Short Answer

7. What did Jehoshaphat do to enable the people to obey God's teachings, and what good things happened as a result?
8. What were Jehoshaphat and the soldiers' response to God's help?
9. Why was God displeased with Jehoshaphat's alliance with Ahab?