

<u>God in the Spiral: Humbling Yourself - (2 Chronicles 26)</u> July 24, 2022

One Story Resources – Day 204

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Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. **2 Chronicles 26:3 NKJV**

And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. **2 Chronicles 26:4 NKJV**

He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper. **2 Chronicles 26:5 NKJV**

Now he went out and made war against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities around Ashdod and among the Philistines. **2 Chronicles 26:6 NKJV**

God helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and against the Meunites. **2 Chronicles 26:7 NKJV**

Also the Ammonites brought tribute to Uzziah. His fame spread as far as the entrance of Egypt, for he became exceedingly strong. **2 Chronicles 26:8 NKJV**

And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the corner buttress of the wall; then he fortified them. **2 Chronicles 26:9 NKJV**

Also he built towers in the desert. He dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains; he also had farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in Carmel, for he loved the soil. **2 Chronicles 26:10 NKJV**

And he made devices in Jerusalem, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and large stones. So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvelously helped till he became strong. **2 Chronicles 26:15 NKJV**

But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. **2 Chronicles 26:16 NKJV**

So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD—valiant men. **2 Chronicles 26:17 NKJV**

And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God." **2 Chronicles 26:18 NKJV**

Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar. (it goes on to say...he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the LORD had struck him. **2 Chronicles 26:19 NKJV**

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." **1 Peter 5:5 NKJV**

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, **1 Peter 5:6 NKJV**

GOD Resists The Proud

King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. Then Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. **2 Chronicles 26:21 NKJV**

So Uzziah rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." Then Jotham his son reigned in his place. **2 Chronicles 26:23 NKJV**

Do You Have The SON That Is Perfect?

Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Return to Me," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. **Zechariah 1:3 NKJV**

This Week's <u>One Story Bible Readings</u>:

- 204. 2 Kings 24:1-7, Jeremiah 25:1-14, Jeremiah 36
- 205. 2 Kings 24:8-20, Jeremiah 37, Jeremiah 38
- 206. 2 Kings 25:1-21, Jeremiah 39, Lamentations 2:5-19
- 207. 2 Kings 25: 22-26, Jeremiah 42, Jeremiah 43
- 208. Daniel 1, Proverbs 23:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:13
- 209. Daniel 2, Amos 3:7, Ezekiel 28:1-10
- 210. Reflection and Prayer

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For the next few weeks we're going to be learning about how strong God is! We will learn the story of crossing the Red Sea and how God showed the Israelite people and Egypt just how strong he can be. Our big strong God loves us, hears our prayers, and takes care of us all the time.

Memory Verse: God is strong and always ready to help us. Psalm 46:1 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God is Strong and Can Do Anything

Parent Connect: Today we made a "Red Sea Sensory Bag". Ask your toddler to show you how to "part the Red Sea" just like in our Bible story. As you play together with the "Red Sea Sensory Bag" discuss the story with your toddler. Don't forget to remind your toddler that "God is strong and can do anything"



This month we will be exploring more of the kings and prophets of Israel and Judah. Some kings followed God; most did not. God used the prophets to encourage the people to turn back to God.

Memory Verse: "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." Psalm 46:10

Heart of the Lesson: Uzziah was good and then he was bad: King Uzziah - 2 Chronicles 26

Parent Connect: Read 2 Chronicles 26 out loud to your kid. As you read, have your kid show you the pictures that he/she put in order in class today. Can you find all of the pictures in the story?



In this series, we see God allowing trials and enemies to attack disobedient Israel to try to bring them back to Him. As Israel spirals downward and heads to exile, God shows He is still God and powerful to save and heal when people choose to rely on Him.

Memory Verse: And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28

Heart of the Lesson: The Lord is the One True God - Elijah on Mt. Carmel 1 Kings 18

Parent Connect: Talk together about how you decide something is true. How do you know God is the one true God?





You Asked For It is back and better than ever! We're putting a fun twist on our classic You Asked For It series by watching videos of Tim answering the questions that YOU, the students of G56, have asked!

Memory Verse: Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

Heart of the Lesson: Why didn't God just make Heaven? - Isaiah 9:6-7, Matthew 25:41, Luke 16, Ezekiel 20:49, Romans 3:22-26

Parent Connect: How would you answer a friend who asked you "Why didn't God just make Heaven?" Have you ever created a "universe" you wanted to expand, like in Minecraft?

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GOD IN THE SPIRAL

Following Jesus No Matter What

The further we get into the Old Testament, the more clear it is that people needed help to follow God. Just like the people of Israel needed to follow God to stay on track, we need to follow God to stay on track too!

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:133 (NIRV) "Teach me how to live as you have promised. Don't let any sin be my master."

Heart of the Lesson: Pride Separates us from God's Love (King Uzziah - 2 Chronicles 26)

Connect:

- How did Uzziah experience God's blessing?
- How did Uzziah lose God's blessing?
- What is pride?
- What can I do if I believe I have been prideful?

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