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Unit 6-Lesson 4: Josiah and Reform (2 Kings 22-23:3)

brite* Idea: God is pleased with our obedience.

In the book of 2 Kings 22-23:3, we hear the story of Josiah and the reform he brought to God's people. Josiah became king at eight years old, but truly began leading as king in his mid-twenties. God helped Josiah be a great king, and Josiah honored God through his actions and words. Josiah rebuilt and repaired the temple, where they found a book with God's laws. Josiah was very concerned that the people were not following the laws listed. Josiah challenged all of the leaders to commit themselves to fully following God and His laws, (which they did). For the rest of Josiah's life, all of the people did not turn away from following God, and God was pleased with their obedience.

He We Me Questions

This story helps us address 3 kinds of questions that kids may have. They are our He (God question), our We (people question), and our Me (purpose question) for this week.

- Our **He** Question about God: How can we know how God wants us to live?
 - We learned that we can look in God's Word to discover how God wants us to live.
- Our **We** Question about people: How does our obedience to God help others?
 - We learned that our obedience to God reveals Him to others through our actions.
- Our **Me** Question about our purpose: Why should I obey God?
 - We learned that obeying God results in pleasing Him as well as showing others what God is like.

Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 10:12— *And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*

Discipleship Conversation Starters For Parents

1. Share a time you told someone you were sorry. Was it hard or easy to say you are sorry? Why?
2. What did you do or say for them to believe you? Why is it important for us to say we are sorry?
3. Josiah learned his family wasn't obeying God. He told God he was sorry and changed how they lived to obey God. Each day what can your family do together to help make God choices?

Encouragement for parents:

Parenting isn't a sprint, but a marathon.

Like marathon runners, parents must do what it takes to maximize endurance. What's the key to parenting endurance? Humbling yourself before God. When we exercise this muscle, we parent with wisdom; not reaction. God desires to give every parent the wisdom needed to have an understanding mind to distinguish between right and wrong parenting decisions with the courage to follow through. Making the persistent decision to ask God for wisdom in your parenting marathon will end with victory!