

**2 Kings 21; 22; 23:1-30;
2 Chronicles 33; 34; 35**

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart: do not let me stray from your commands.


Psalm 119:9-10

Readings for this week:

- S 2 Kings 21
- M 2 Kings 22
- T 2 Kings 23:1-30
- W 2 Chronicles 35:20-27
- Th Psalm 119:1-16
- F Psalm 119:17-32
- S Psalm 119:33-48


Use the Bible references to help you to complete this imaginary diary of king Josiah.

Age 6
I talked to my grandfather today. He told me about




2 Chron 33:1-13

Age 8
My father died last week




2 Chron 33:21-25

Age 20
Today I decided to get rid of the false gods in the country.



2 Chron 34:1-7

Age 26
Today we cleared the temple



2 Chron 34:8-32

Reading God's word completely revolutionised Josiah's life.

When you read the Bible does it have that effect on you? Should it?

Discuss with your group and make a list of the ways that you can make what the Bible says change what you do in your life.

Digging Deeper

The book of the Law that Josiah's men found was written by Moses (It may have been the first 5 books of our Bible or it may have just been the things that Moses learnt on the mountain). Look at Deuteronomy 31:24-26 to read about Moses giving the book of the Law to the Israelites.

Why was Josiah so worried when he read it? Deuteronomy 28:58-61.

Look through Deuteronomy 28 after verse 15 to see some of the curses that God was saying would happen to the people.

What should Josiah have been made to do when he became king and throughout his life? Deuteronomy 17:18-20

What do we know about the Bible we have? 2 Peter 1:20-21

Do you think we should read it regularly like the kings were expected to? 2 Timothy 3:16

God doesn't tell us to copy the Bible out but perhaps learning verses occasionally would be a good way of keeping it in our minds.

Do your friends know that you think the Bible makes a difference to your life?

If they don't, make sure you tell them this week all about it.

Look in 2 Chronicles 35:23-37 to find out who attended Josiah's funeral. What do you think they would have said to pay tribute to him?

Pray that even as a young person you can still work for God