



Dear Teacher,

This week we study the story of King Uzziah. Perhaps one of the more successful and famous kings in Judah's history, but truly his pride was his downfall. The Lord gave great success to Uzziah because of his obedience, and this was evident in various areas of his life and the kingdom's life. However, all his success was a factor to his overreach in an area completely reserved for the Temple priests. Uzziah's obedience only lasted so long, and he paid a severe price when he chose to disobey. But Jesus is the King, who was completely obedient, and yet suffered the severe price for His people's disobedience.

We encourage all classrooms to engage with the story from the options provided in class. Teachers, tell the story using any of the provided helps (Vos, Jesus Story Book Bible, Gospel Story Book Bible or printed Handout). If you would like, read the selected Scripture passages aloud in class, discuss or explain what the passages mean, and use the questions below to help guide the discussion. Also, use time in class to teach the Scripture Memory and the Catechism Questions.

Morning Overview

Lesson: *Split:* King Uzziah

Lesson Objective: To communicate to children that God always keeps His promises despite circumstances and even our inability to trust Him. God wants us to trust Him and obey His commands.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 26

Story: Vos Children's Bible, Chapter 92 (Pages 213-214)

Teaching Summary:

- God's promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps His promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- Because of Solomon's disobedience, God tore the kingdom apart. There was the southern kingdom of Judah and the northern kingdom of Israel.
- King Uzziah was king of Judah. He was faithful in following the Lord for much of his life.
- King Uzziah was a well-known king throughout the ancient world. He was known for his great military feats, his inventions, his building campaigns and the overall prosperity of Judah. As long as Uzziah obeyed the Lord, God granted him success.
- However, King Uzziah became very proud from his success. He entered the Temple and performed a job only priests were to do.
- God punished Uzziah with leprosy because of his disobedience. Uzziah would have to rule from a distance because of his leprosy.

9:30am Sunday Schedule

For the Sunday Schedule, please see "Sunday Schedule for Preschool" found in Handbook on the teacher's table.

Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5's – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom's: 162, 163, 121, 123, 124)
- 3's/4's – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom's: 166, 165, 164)

Craft: Uzziah the Builder

Supplies: Cardstock tower, sticker, colored blocks, glue, crayons/markers

Instructions:

1. Place sticker on cardstock
2. Glue colored blocks to side towers
3. Color picture if desired.



Snack

11am Sunday Schedule

Craft: Uzziah in the Temple

Supplies: Cardstock temple, sticker, 2 figures (with and without spots), glue, crayons/markers

Instructions:

1. Place sticker on cardstock
2. Glue figure without spots to outside of left door
3. Glue figure with spots to inside of right door
4. Color if desired



Story: *Split:* King Uzziah

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the Transition Question: Boys and girls, if you could be a mighty warrior, a great builder, a great farmer, a mighty general or a great inventor, which one would you choose? [Allow children to answer] Well in our story today, we will hear about a man, a king in fact, who was all of these things! Let's find out more about King Uzziah...
3. **TELL** the Story. Use the Vos Children's Bible, the Jesus Storybook Bible, the Beginner's Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Questions for Review

Scripture Memory (Jeremiah 31:3)

Catechism Questions (1-15)

Hymn of the Month: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Free Play

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- What is the name of the king in our story?
- Who did King Uzziah rule over?
- Who was the enemy of the people of Judah?
- What things did King Uzziah do to make Judah a great kingdom?
- What did King Uzziah do that he was not supposed to?
- What caused King Uzziah to burn incense in the temple?
- How did God punish King Uzziah?

Questions for Older Children:

- What does the story tell us about God?
- What does this story tell us about pride?
- Who should we trust and put our confidence in?

Scripture Memory for March:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.” Jeremiah 31:3

Catechism Questions:

- Question 1 – Who made you? *God*
- Question 2 – What else did God make? *God made all things.*
- Question 3 – Why did God make you and all things? *For his own glory.*
- Question 4 – How can you glorify God? *By loving him and doing what he commands.*
- Question 5 – Why are you to glorify God? *Because he made me and takes care of me.*
- Question 6 – Is there more than one true God? *No. There is only one true God.*
- Question 7 – In how many persons does this One God exist? *In three persons.*
- Question 8 – Who are they? *Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*
- Question 9 – What is God? *God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.*
- Question 10 – Where is God? *God is everywhere.*
- Question 11 - Can you see God? *No; I cannot see God, but He can always see me.*
- Question 12 – Does God know all things? *Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.*
- Question 13 – Can God do all things? *Yes. God can do all His holy will.*
- Question 14 – Where do you learn how to love and obey God? *In the Bible alone.*
- Question 15 – Who wrote the Bible? *Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.*

Story

Transition

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A New King in Judah

All the people of Judah gathered together to choose a new king. King Amaziah [pronunciation: a-ma-zi-ah] had died and now the people needed a new king. The people of Judah decided that Uzziah [pronunciation: u-zi-ah] would be their new king. Uzziah was Amaziah’s son and was 16 years old. Uzziah was a great king for Judah, and the Bible tells

us that Uzziah was king for fifty-two (52) years. The Bible also tells us something especially important: Uzziah did what was right in God's eyes. Uzziah obeyed God just as his father had done. One of God's prophets, Zechariah, helped Uzziah follow the Lord. Zechariah taught Uzziah how to respect and obey God. The Bible says that as long as Uzziah obeyed the Lord, God gave him success.

Uzziah The Warrior

King Uzziah knew that Judah had many enemies. These enemies wanted to hurt God's people. Uzziah knew as king he had to protect God's people. Uzziah fought a war against the Philistine people. The Philistine people did not like God's people because they worshipped God. The Philistines tried to take cattle, land and possessions from God's people. Uzziah and the army of Judah fought the Philistine army and won. Once Uzziah won the battle, he had the walls of several towns torn down. Then Uzziah had new towns built near the torn down towns. Uzziah wanted to show the Philistines that God's people were powerful because God is powerful and with His people. Uzziah fought many of Judah's enemies and won many battles. One of Judah's enemies, the Ammonites, feared Uzziah so much they paid him! Uzziah was a very powerful warrior and king. His name became famous throughout the whole land. Uzziah obeyed the Lord, and God gave him success.

Uzziah The Builder

Uzziah was not only a great warrior and commander of Judah's army, he was a great builder. Uzziah designed and had towers built in Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the most important city in Judah and God's temple was in it. Uzziah wanted it to be well protected. Uzziah had great and tall towers built to help protect the city. The towers were very strong and built in very special places around the city to keep it well protected. Uzziah also dug wells in the desert to find water for the people of Judah. He put towers in the countryside to protect the people that lived there. Judah was a king who cared for all his people.

Uzziah The Farmer

Uzziah was also a great farmer. Uzziah had cattle spread throughout the western mountain slopes and throughout the plains. Uzziah had lots of fields and vineyards where many people worked and harvested fruits and vegetables. The Bible says Uzziah loved the land.

Uzziah The General

Uzziah also had a great army with thousands and thousands of trained soldiers; the fiercest and best soldiers in the land. There were 2,600 commanders who oversaw 307,500 men. The army was great and powerful. Every man helped the king fight against Judah's enemies. Uzziah made sure every soldier had shields, spears, helmets, armor, bows and stones for their slings.

Uzziah The Inventor

In Jerusalem Uzziah had very smart men, clever men make inventions. These clever men invented devices to help the city of Jerusalem. These devices were put on the towers and corners of the city walls and were used to shoot big arrows and throw large rocks. Today we call these things catapults. Uzziah became famous in faraway places. He had much help and became powerful.

Uzziah's Downfall

Uzziah was quite an accomplished man. But the Bible says Uzziah became strong and very prideful and his pride would lead to his downfall. Uzziah was disobedient towards the Lord. He did something he should not have done.

One day Uzziah went into the Temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar for incense. This job was only for priests, but Uzziah thought he could do it too. Eighty (80) brave priests who served the Lord told Uzziah he should not do it. They tried to stop him, but Uzziah would not listen. The brave priests pleaded with the proud king, "You don't have the right to burn incense to the Lord. Only the priests, Aaron's descendants, should burn the incense."

The priests continued to tell Uzziah, "They have been made holy for the Lord to do this special duty. Leave this holy place. You have been unfaithful to God. The Lord God will not honor you for this."

But Uzziah did not listen to the eighty brave priests; he did not care what they had to say. Uzziah stood beside the altar for incense in the Temple of the Lord and held in his hand a pan for burning the incense. Uzziah heard the priests pleading and was angry with them. He stood in front of the priests looking at each one, and as he held the burning pan of incense, white spots appeared on his forehead. The head priest and all the other priests could not believe what they saw. Leprosy was breaking out all over Uzziah's skin. The priests became scared and ran out of the Temple. Uzziah looked down at his arms and saw the white spots. Uzziah became very scared and ran out of the temple and to his palace. The Bible tells us the Lord punished Uzziah with leprosy because of his disobedience. Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died. He continued to rule the kingdom of Judah but could not be around people. Uzziah had a separate house built near the palace for him to live in. Uzziah could never again enter the Temple of the Lord and he put his son in charge of the palace.

The other things Uzziah did as king were written down by the prophet Isaiah. Uzziah died and was buried near his ancestors in a graveyard that belonged to the kings.