

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

2 CHRONICLES

Seek the Lord With All Your Heart

Student Handouts

Thirteen one-page handouts for Middle School Youth
Heroes God admires · Leaders God warns about · Jesus in every session

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A Heart That Asks for Wisdom

Big idea: When a leader asks God for wisdom so he can serve other people, God is delighted and gives far more than he asked.

Key Verse

“Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?”

2 Chronicles 1:10 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. Solomon asked for _____ so he could serve God’s people.
2. God gave him that and much _____.
3. The temple was built on Mount _____.

God admires

Solomon (at his best) – Humility and a servant’s heart
Huram of Tyre – Generosity
The craftsmen – Faithful work

God warns about

Solomon’s horses from Egypt – Small compromises

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 1:7–12. What did God say to Solomon’s answer?

- Read James 1:5. How can you ask for wisdom today?

Think · Feel · Do

THINK: What did Solomon ask God for, and what does it show about his heart?

FEEL: When you face a hard choice, do you feel more worried or more trusting? Why?

DO: What is one decision this week where you will stop and ask God for wisdom first?

This week’s challenge: Before every big choice this week (a friend, a screen, a test, a conflict), whisper a one-sentence prayer: “Lord, give me wisdom.” Notice what happens.

The Glory Fills the House

Big idea: God wants to live with His people, and He promises to hear and heal when His people humble themselves, pray, seek Him, and turn from sin.

Key Verse

“if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. The glory of the _____ filled the house.
2. Solomon prayed for the _____ too.
3. 2 Chr. 7:14: humble, _____, seek, turn.

God admires

Solomon in prayer – Humility before God

The Levite singers and priests – Unity and praise

The foreigner (6:32–33) – A seeker welcomed

God warns about

The people who would later turn away – Forgetting God’s mercy

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 7:12–14. What does God promise to do?

- Read John 1:14. Who is God’s “dwelling” among us now?

Think • Feel • Do

THINK: What are the four things God asks of His people in 2 Chronicles 7:14?

FEEL: How does it feel to know God wants to forgive and heal, not just to punish?

DO: Whom can you invite to church or youth group this month who feels like an outsider?

This week’s challenge: Pick one of the four actions in 7:14 and practice it daily. Tell your leader or a friend how it went.

Listen to the Wise

Big idea: *Wise people listen and humble themselves; foolish people ignore good counsel and harden their hearts.*

Key Verse

“And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the Lord.”

2 Chronicles 12:14 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. The Queen of _____ praised the Lord.
2. Rehoboam ignored the _____.
3. The kingdom split into Israel and _____.

God admires

The Queen of Sheba – Humble curiosity

The elders – Wise counsel

The faithful priests and Levites (11:13–16) – Costly loyalty

Shemaiah the prophet – Courage to speak truth

God warns about

Rehoboam – Pride and ignoring good advice

Jeroboam – Making a counterfeit religion

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 10:6–11. What two kinds of advice did Rehoboam hear?

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- Read Proverbs 12:15. What does a wise person do?

Think • Feel • Do

THINK: What was the difference between the advice of the elders and the advice of the young men?

FEEL: Is it easy or hard for you to take advice? What makes it hard?

DO: Who is one wise person you can ask for advice this week?

This week’s challenge: Ask one trusted adult for advice on a problem this week, and listen without arguing.

Trusting God When Outnumbered

Big idea: *God strengthens those whose hearts are fully His, so keep trusting Him in the easy days and the hard ones.*

Key Verse

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. Asa prayed, “Lord, it is nothing for You to _____.”
2. “The Lord is with you while you are with _____.”
3. God looks for hearts that are _____ to Him.

God admires

Abijah (in battle) – Faith in numbers-defying odds

Asa (early) – Prayerful courage

Azariah son of Oded – Encouraging the leader

Hanani the seer – Faithful truth-teller

God warns about

Asa (late) – Trusting people instead of God

Jeroboam – Leading God’s people into false worship

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 14:11 and 16:7–9. What changed in Asa?

- Read Proverbs 3:5–6. How does it apply?

Think • Feel • Do

THINK: What did Asa do when the Ethiopians attacked, and what did he do when Baasha attacked?

FEEL: When you feel outnumbered or helpless, what do you do first?

DO: What problem will you bring to God in prayer before you try to fix it yourself?

This week’s challenge: Write a short prayer like Asa’s about a real problem, tape it where you will see it, and pray it daily.

The King Who Taught, Judged Fairly, and Sang

Big idea: A godly leader teaches God’s Word, treats everyone fairly, and when trouble comes, turns to God with prayer and praise.

Key Verse

“Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.”

2 Chronicles 20:15 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. Jehoshaphat sent _____ to teach God’s Word.
2. Judges must not take _____.
3. “The battle is not yours, but _____.”

God admires

Jehoshaphat (at his best) – Teaching and justice

The traveling teachers – Servant teachers

Micaiah – Truth with courage

Jahaziel the Levite – Encouragement

God warns about

Ahab and Jezebel’s family – Spreading evil

Jehoshaphat’s alliances – Making deals with ungodly people

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 20:12. What three things did Jehoshaphat admit?

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- Read Philippians 4:6–7. What can we do instead of worrying?

Think • Feel • Do

THINK: What three things did Jehoshaphat do when he heard a great army was coming?

FEEL: When you are afraid, are you more likely to panic, hide, or pray?

DO: Who is one person you will treat fairly or defend this week, even when it is not popular?

This week’s challenge: This week, when you feel afraid, stop and pray 20:12 out loud: “I do not know what to do, but my eyes are on You.”

A Brave Aunt and a Faithful Priest

Big idea: *God always keeps His promises, and He uses brave, loving people to protect the weak and keep His plan on track.*

Key Verse

“But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king’s sons who were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom.”

2 Chronicles 22:11 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. Jehoshabeath hid baby _____ in the temple.
2. Joash became king at age _____.
3. God kept His promise to _____’s family.

God admires

Jehoshabeath (Jehosheba) – Brave, protective love
Jehoiada the priest – Faithful, strategic courage
The captains and Levites – Loyalty to God’s promise
Joash’s nurse – Quiet faithfulness

God warns about

Jehoram – Cruelty and idolatry
Ahaziah – Following bad counselors
Athaliah – Hunger for power, killing family

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 22:10–12. What did Athaliah do, and what did Jehosheba do?

- Read Psalm 82:3–4. What does God tell us to do for the weak?

Think · Feel · Do

THINK: Who saved baby Joash, and why did it matter for God’s plan?

FEEL: How do you feel when you see someone being picked on or hurt?

DO: What is one practical way you can stand up for or protect someone this week?

This week’s challenge: Find one person who is being left out or treated badly and be their friend this week. Tell your leader what happened.

Finishing Well

Big idea: *Starting well is not enough. God wants leaders who keep a humble, whole heart to the very end.*

Key Verse

“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)

Fill in the blanks

1. Joash did right only while _____ lived.
2. Amaziah’s heart was not _____.
3. Uzziah’s _____ led to his downfall.

God admires

Jehoiada (finishing well) – Lifelong faithfulness

The giving people – Joyful generosity

Zechariah son of Jehoiada – Courageous truth-telling

The man of God who told Amaziah to obey – Trust in God’s provision

God warns about

Joash (late) – Forgetting kindness and following flatterers

Amaziah – A half-hearted, divided heart

Uzziah – Pride after success

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 26:15–16. What happened when Uzziah got strong?

- Read Proverbs 16:18. How does it fit?

Think • Feel • Do

THINK: What did Joash, Amaziah, and Uzziah each have in common at the end of their lives?

FEEL: Is it easier for you to be humble when things go well or badly? Why?

DO: What is one daily habit (prayer, Bible, church, a godly friend) that will help you finish well?

This week’s challenge: Ask a mature Christian how they have kept following God for many years, and write down one thing they say.

Mercy for the Captives

Big idea: *God admires those who show mercy to hurting people, even enemies, and He despises leaders who turn from Him when they are in trouble.*

Key Verse

“So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the Lord his God.”

2 Chronicles 27:6 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. Jotham became mighty because he _____ his ways.
2. The prophet _____ spoke up for the captives.
3. The men took them to Jericho, the city of _____.

God admires

Jotham – Steady preparation

Oded the prophet – Courage to speak to a winning army

Azariah, Berechiah, Jehizkiah, and Amasa – Mercy and compassion

The soldiers who listened – A humble response

God warns about

Ahaz – Idolatry and cruelty, hardening in hardship

The people under Jotham – Corruption despite good leaders

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 28:12–15. List every kind thing they did.

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- Read Luke 6:35–36. What does Jesus say about loving enemies?

Think · Feel · Do

THINK: What did the leaders of Ephraim do for their enemies after they set them free?

FEEL: How do you feel about showing kindness to someone who has hurt you?

DO: What is one act of mercy you will do for someone who is hard to love this week?

This week’s challenge: Do something kind for someone who has been unkind to you this week, and pray for them by name.

Open the Doors: Hezekiah's Revival

Big idea: A leader who encourages others and welcomes everyone back to God can bring a whole nation joy.

Key Verse

“And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered.”

2 Chronicles 31:21 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. Hezekiah opened the _____ of the temple.
2. He invited _____ to the Passover.
3. Passover points to Jesus, the _____ of God.

God admires

Hezekiah – Encouraging leadership

The Levites – Willing, careful service

The people who humbled themselves (30:11) – Humility

The generous givers – Joyful generosity

God warns about

The people who mocked the couriers (30:10) – Scorn and a hard heart

Ahaz (before Hezekiah) – Leaving the temple shut

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 30:18–20. What did Hezekiah ask God to do?

- Read Hebrews 10:24–25. How do we encourage one another?

Think • Feel • Do

THINK: How did Hezekiah treat the Levites, the people, and the northern tribes?

FEEL: How does it feel to be encouraged? Who has encouraged you?

DO: Whom will you encourage or invite this week?

This week's challenge: Write a short note of encouragement to someone who serves at your church, and deliver it this week.

More With Us Than With Them

Big idea: Real courage comes from knowing God is with us, and we must guard our hearts against pride after a victory.

Key Verse

“Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him.”

2 Chronicles 32:7 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. “There are more with _____ than with him.”
2. Hezekiah and Isaiah _____ to heaven.
3. After victory, Hezekiah’s heart was lifted up with _____.

God admires

Hezekiah (leading) – Prepared and encouraging
Isaiah the prophet – Prayer and faith
The people on the wall – Quiet trust
The workers who dug the tunnel – Perseverance

God warns about

Sennacherib – Pride and mockery of God
Hezekiah (after the victory) – A heart lifted up

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 32:7–8. What is the “arm of flesh”?

- Read 1 Peter 5:5–7. What do we do with our anxieties?

Think • Feel • Do

THINK: What did Hezekiah mean when he said, “there are more with us than with him”?

FEEL: What fears are the biggest for you right now?

DO: Whom will you encourage this week with a verse or kind words?

This week’s challenge: Memorize 2 Chronicles 32:7–8 and share it with someone who is afraid this week.

The Worst King and the God of Mercy

Big idea: Sin has real consequences, but God’s mercy is bigger than the worst sin when a person truly humbles himself.

Key Verse

“Now when he was in affliction, he implored the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.”

2 Chronicles 33:12–13 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. Manasseh was king for _____ years.
2. He humbled himself in _____.
3. Then Manasseh knew that the _____ was God.

God admires

Manasseh (in prison) – Humble repentance

The God of mercy – Compassion that goes looking for the lost

The prophets who warned – Persistent faithfulness

God warns about

Manasseh (early) – Leading others into evil

Amon – Refusing to learn from his father’s humbling

The people of Judah – Following the crowd

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 33:12–13. List what Manasseh did and what God did.

- Read 1 John 1:9. What does God promise?

Think • Feel • Do

THINK: What did God do when Manasseh humbled himself and prayed?

FEEL: How does it feel to know God forgives even the worst sins?

DO: What is one thing you will confess and turn away from this week?

This week’s challenge: Pray honestly about one thing you are sorry for, and ask God’s forgiveness. If you hurt someone, say sorry to them too.

The Tender Heart: Josiah Finds the Book

Big idea: God values a tender heart that listens to His Word and responds, and He uses humble leaders, both men and women, to lead others back to Him.

Key Verse

“because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you, says the Lord.”

2 Chronicles 34:27 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. Josiah became king at age _____.
2. Hilkiah found the Book of the _____.
3. Huldah said, “Because your heart was _____.”

God admires

Josiah – Seeking God young and responding to His Word
Huldah the prophetess – Fearless, truthful woman of God
Hilkiah the high priest – Faithful service
Shaphan the scribe – Honest reporting

God warns about

The people of Judah – Outward change without inner change
Josiah’s last decision – Ignoring a warning
Amon – Following the sins of a father

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 34:19–21. What did Josiah do?

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- Read Psalm 119:11. Why hide God’s Word in your heart?

Think • Feel • Do

THINK: What did Josiah do when he heard the words of the Book of the Law?

FEEL: Does God’s Word make your heart tender or hard? Why?

DO: What is one Bible passage you will read slowly this week and obey?

This week’s challenge: Read one chapter of the Bible each day this week, and write down one thing God’s Word tells you to do.

Go Up! From Exile to a New Beginning

Big idea: God patiently warns because He loves His people, and even after judgment, He keeps His promises and opens a way home.

Key Verse

“And the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place.”

2 Chronicles 36:15 (NKJV)

Fill in the blanks

1. God sent warnings because He had _____.
2. The people had to live in _____ for seventy years.
3. King _____ told the people, “Let him go up!”

God admires

The messengers (prophets) – Persistence in love

Jeremiah – Faithful prophet

Cyrus (a surprising instrument) – God can use anyone

The God of compassion – Patience

God warns about

Zedekiah – Refusing to humble himself and breaking his promise

The leaders, priests, and people – Mocking and despising God’s words

Jehoiakim – Evil and defiance

Dig in

- Read 2 Chronicles 36:15–16. How did the people respond to God’s warnings?

- Read Jeremiah 29:10–11. What is God’s plan for His people?

Think • Feel • Do

THINK: Why did God keep sending messengers to His people before the exile?

FEEL: How do you feel about God’s patience and compassion toward you?

DO: What is one quality from this study that you will practice daily?

This week’s challenge: Choose one godly quality from our study, humility, courage, mercy, or encouragement, and put it into practice every day this week.