

# Jehoshaphat

Session 31



**TWEEN MINSITRY**  
5TH - 6TH GRADE

Hi Tweens,

Opening Prayer



**GOD,  
I WANT TO BE A PERSON WHO  
STANDS FIRM AND TRUSTS YOU  
WHOLEHEARTEDLY. I WANT TO  
BE UNSHAKABLE AND RESILIENT,  
BUT THAT CAN ONLY HAPPEN BY  
DEPENDING ON YOU AND  
TRUSTING YOU. DEVELOP THAT  
DEEPER TRUST IN ME, GOD I  
DESPERATELY NEED IT AND  
WANT TO TRUST YOU MORE.  
AMEN.**

This week in our lesson “**Jehoshaphat**”, we learn about one king of Judah—Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat came to the throne following his father, Asa’s, 41 year reign as king.



**POOL PARTY**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**  
**3:00 - 8:00PM**  
Join us at the Defer's pool for a day of fun!  
Girls bring a snack and boys bring a drink.

Your 3 random questions for today:

1. **Question 410:** How independent are you? (*Somewhat!!!*)
2. **Question 491:** Do you think Barbie is a negative role model for young girls? (*IDK!*)
3. **Question 648:** What is your favorite party game? (*Euchre, it's a card game!*)

**Bible Passage:** 2 Chronicles 17:1-9; 20:1-30

**Memory Verse:** Nahum 1:7

*The Lord is good,  
a refuge in times of trouble.  
He cares for those who trust in him,*

**Bible Verse:** 2 Chronicles 20:9

*'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.'*

**Text Truth:** We should pray when we need help, then trust God's answer.

**Bible Skills Spotlight:** Use other resources to enrich Bible skills and knowledge (Bible dictionary, commentary, concordance, atlas, and digital sources). Understand that the Bible teaches people how to live in a way that brings glory to God.

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- “Think about the hardest thing you’ve ever had to do. Then think about what you did or who you went to for help with that hard thing.”
- “The main person in our Bible story is King Jehoshaphat. And he faced a really hard situation. As we explore this story, think about what his reaction was to this hard thing, and compare it to your own reaction when you were in a difficult situation.”

*Jehoshaphat became the king of Judah. Jehoshaphat worshiped God, and he removed the altars that had been built to false gods throughout Judah. Jehoshaphat sent leaders and priests to travel through the towns in Judah and teach the people from the Law.*

*The Moabites, the Ammonites, and the Meunites decided to fight against Jehoshaphat and the kingdom of Judah. People told Jehoshaphat that a huge number of soldiers were coming to fight. Jehoshaphat was afraid, but he decided to seek God. He announced that the people should fast. People all around Judah came together to fast and seek God.*

*Then Jehoshaphat stood in front of all the people who had gathered in Jerusalem. Jehoshaphat prayed, “LORD, You are God, and You rule over all the kingdoms and nations. Power and might are in Your hand. No one can stand against You. We cry out to You in our distress, and we know You hear us and will deliver us. Now our enemies are here. Will You judge them? We are powerless*



*before this huge army that has come to fight us. We do not know what to do, so we look to You.”*

*As the people watched, the Spirit of the LORD came on one of the Levites, a man named Jahaziel. The LORD spoke through Jahaziel to His people. “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this huge army. This battle is not yours; it is God’s. Tomorrow you will go out to face them, but you will not have to fight. Watch. Stand still. And you will see God’s salvation. The LORD is with you. Do not be afraid. The LORD is with you.”*

*Jehoshaphat and all of Israel praised God and worshiped Him. The next day Jehoshaphat directed some of the people to sing as they walked out to face the other armies. “Give thanks to the LORD, for His faithful love endures forever,” they sang as they marched. When God’s people began to sing and shout praises to*



*God, the LORD caused the other armies to become confused, and their armies began to*

*fight each other. When God’s people arrived at the battle, the other armies were all dead. So, they returned to Jerusalem joyfully and praised God with harps, lyres, and trumpets. God had fought against their enemies for them. Then God gave the people peace and rest from their enemies while Jehoshaphat was king.*

**GRAB YOUR BIBLE AND TURN TO THE BOOK OF 2 CHRONICLES**

**Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-2**

- “I think this qualifies as a hard situation! What do you think Jehoshaphat should have done?”

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## Read 2 Chronicles 20:3-4

- “What was Jehoshaphat’s first reaction and response upon hearing that the Moabites, the Ammonites, and the Meunites were coming to fight Judah?” (He was afraid, but he prayed, fasted, and told all of Judah to fast.)
- “What does fasting mean?” (to abstain from something, usually food) “Fasting was a response that God encouraged from His people because instead of focusing on satisfying their physical hunger, they were prompted to pray and seek God instead. Believers still fast today as a way of seeking God and knowing His will.”
- “Remember I asked you what your response would be if you faced a tough situation? Would your response ever be to sing, especially when the hard situation is a battle? Most of us would probably say no. This is why it is so good that Jehoshaphat consulted God for direction and did not lean on his own wisdom and understanding!”

Take some time this week and memorize this text truth, **we should pray when we need help, then trust God’s answer.**

- “This Text Truth is twofold—first, we should pray when we need help. Second, we have to trust God’s answer. Jehoshaphat could have prayed and then when he received an answer from God, thought that won’t work and done his own thing.”
- “Do you think that would have been successful?” (No. God’s plans are best.)
- “The Bible is full of stories of people who have faced extremely hard situations and received instructions from God that did not make sense to them. But when they obeyed, they saw that God did and does know best. We can trust that the same is true for our lives.”

**“Remember God IS with you always and He hears your prayers.”**

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to [cameronfamily10@gmail.com](mailto:cameronfamily10@gmail.com).

Remember to LAUGH, have a blessed week, watch or come to church Sunday morning, and remember

**GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.**

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