

# First Family Foundations

Building a foundation of Faith for Families

## Unit 3 — The Bible

### Lesson 1 — God's Written Message to Us

**Introduction** — Many millions of books have been written over time, and most are still available today. But only one of these books — one! — was directly inspired by God. Do you want your child to read what the Creator of the universe has to say? It's amazing how many of us believe that the Bible is God's written message to man but act as though it is just last year's paperback thriller, tossed aside with all the others.

What impression do your kids get? Do they see from your actions that there's something really different and special about the Bible — that it's not just another book lying around the house?

### Here's the Activity:

#### Read this short story to your family:

Help your early reader make his way through this Bible story based on 2 Kings 22-23.

Long ago, a small (boy)  named Josiah became the king of Israel. He loved God with all his  and followed God's commands. Josiah also loved his . But some of the  worshiped idols instead of God. Josiah wanted them to love God. Several years later after he had grown up, (Josiah)  began to smash the idols and repair God's . Still, some  didn't want to love God. While they were repairing the , the priest found a . He knew it was God's  of the Law that had been forgotten for many years. So one of Josiah's staff members brought the  to . When  heard what was in the , he became sad. "Our  have not been true to the Lord," said . "Some of the  have worshiped idols when they should have been loving God." Then  tore his clothes and cried. God spoke to  through a prophet. "I am pleased that your  broke when you heard what was in My " said the Lord. Then  called all the  together. They went to the  and read from God's . The  bowed down and worshiped the Lord. And they promised to love Him with all their .