

Bible Stories for Young Children

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JOASH SAVED / JEHOIADA, FAITHFUL PRIEST

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2 KINGS 11:1–21

2 Kings 8:16–18, 25, 26; 2 Chronicles 22: 10 — 23:21

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**God's promise to David was
that someone from his family
would always be king.**

**However, when King Ahaziah
was killed in battle,
his mother, Athaliah,
made herself queen.**

**It looked like God's promise
would not come true.**



Athaliah gave an order for all the king's children to be killed.

She was going to be queen and everyone made to worship Baal instead of God almighty.

However, the children's Aunty took baby Joash and hid him in the temple. She and her husband Jehoiada, the priest, looked after him there.

No one knew that Joash was being hidden in the temple, not even Athaliah.



When Joash was nearly seven years old, Jehoiada said, 'It is time for Joash to be king.'

He had the priests and leaders meet him in the temple. First, he made them promise to keep a secret. Then, he told them how he and his wife had been hiding one of the king's sons for the last six years.

The priests and leaders were so happy to hear this news. So Jehoiada brought Joash out and showed them.

He said, 'Here is the king's son! Let him be king as the Lord promised David.'



**‘This is what we will do.
Some of you guard the king’s house,
some of you guard the gates
and others of you protect Joash
in God’s house.
Have a weapon on you
ready to use.’**

**When everyone was ready,
Jehoiada brought out Joash.**

**He put the crown on his head,
gave him a copy of the
Law of Moses
and anointed him as king.**

**Everyone clapped their hands
and shouted,
‘Long live the king!’**

**Then they started singing
and the trumpeters played.
They gave thanks to God
for their king.**

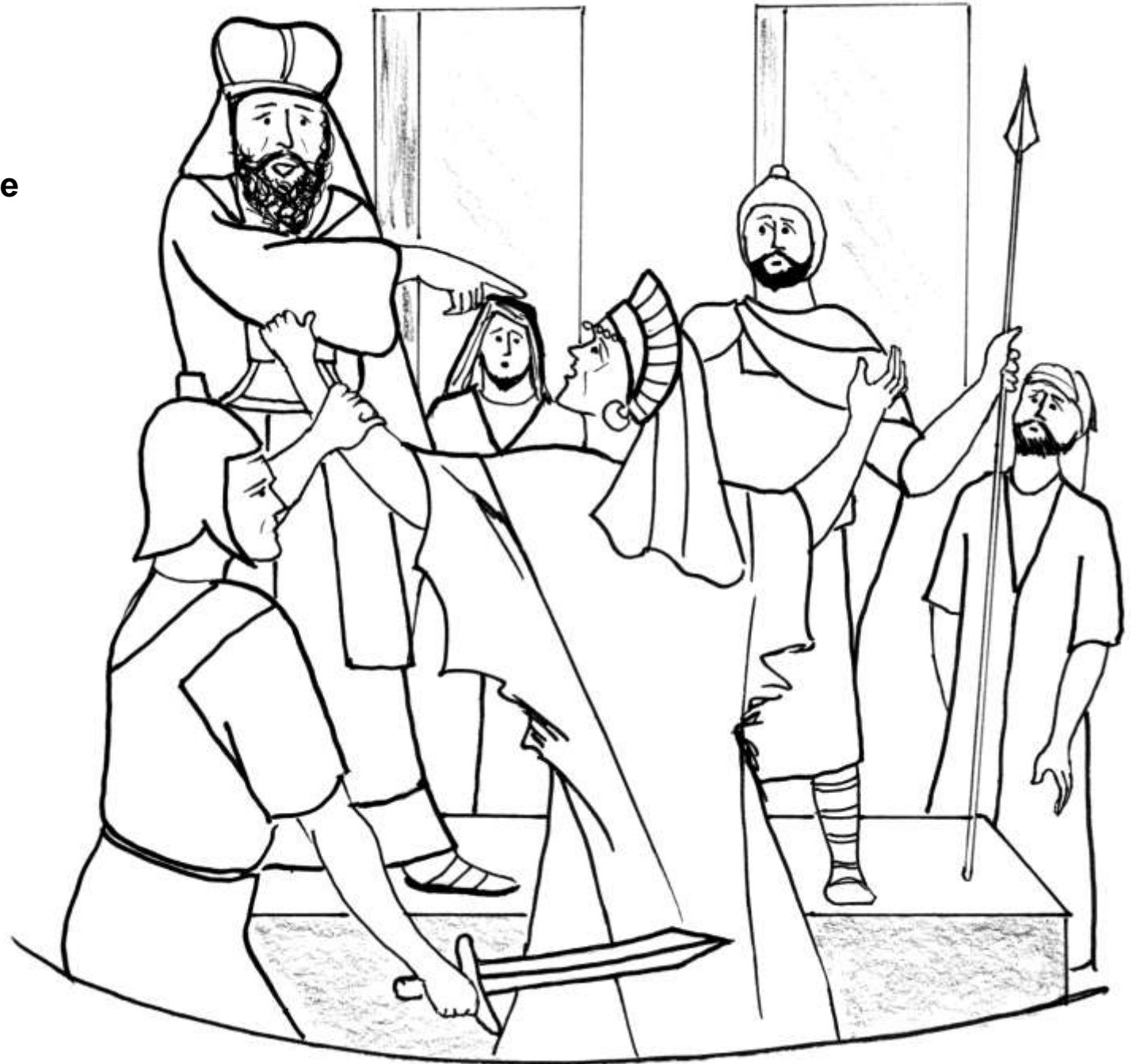


**Athaliah heard the noise
and wondered
what was going on.
She rushed into the temple
and saw Joash,
the new king.**

**This made her so angry
she tore her clothes
and shouted,
'Traitors! Traitors!'**

**Jehoiada commanded the
soldiers to take her away
and put her to death.**

**Then everyone said,
'We will be God's people
and only the
Lord will be our God.'**



Straight away everyone helped to pull down the temple of Baal and smash the idols.



**Joash, one of David's family,
was now king of God's people.
God was keeping His promise.**

***Many years later,
God's blessing would come
to the whole world through
another son of this family.
That Son is Jesus.***

***God kept His promise
and gave the world
a Son of David to be King forever.***

