

Bible Stories for Young Children

part of a curriculum prepared for young children

***JOSIAH'S GREAT WORK FOR GOD /
THE BOOK FOUND IN THE TEMPLE***

by

Chris Thorpe

& people from Coromandel Baptist Church

Illustrated by Kay Kammermann

Website: www.corobaptist.org.au

*The following pages may be copied
if they are unchanged, acknowledged and not used for profit*

2 KINGS 22:1 – 23:3, 21–23

2 Chronicles 34:1 – 35:19; Deuteronomy 28:1–25

**JOSIAH'S GREAT WORK FOR GOD /
THE BOOK FOUND IN THE TEMPLE**

File no. 87

**For a long time
God had been saying
to His people,
'You have made Me angry.
You have done what was wrong.
Your enemies
will take you away.'**

**Then Josiah became king.
He was only eight years old,
but he loved the Lord with
all his heart.**



He wanted the people to go to the temple and worship the Lord God, but God's house needed mending.

So he took out the idols, that should never have been there. He ground them to dust. Then he gave orders for God's house to be repaired.



**Hilkiah, the priest,
went to watch the workmen
mending the temple.
He was looking around
and found a book.
It was the book of
God's law.
He had not read it.
No one had read it
for a long time.**

**'I must give this to
the king,'
thought Hilkiah.**

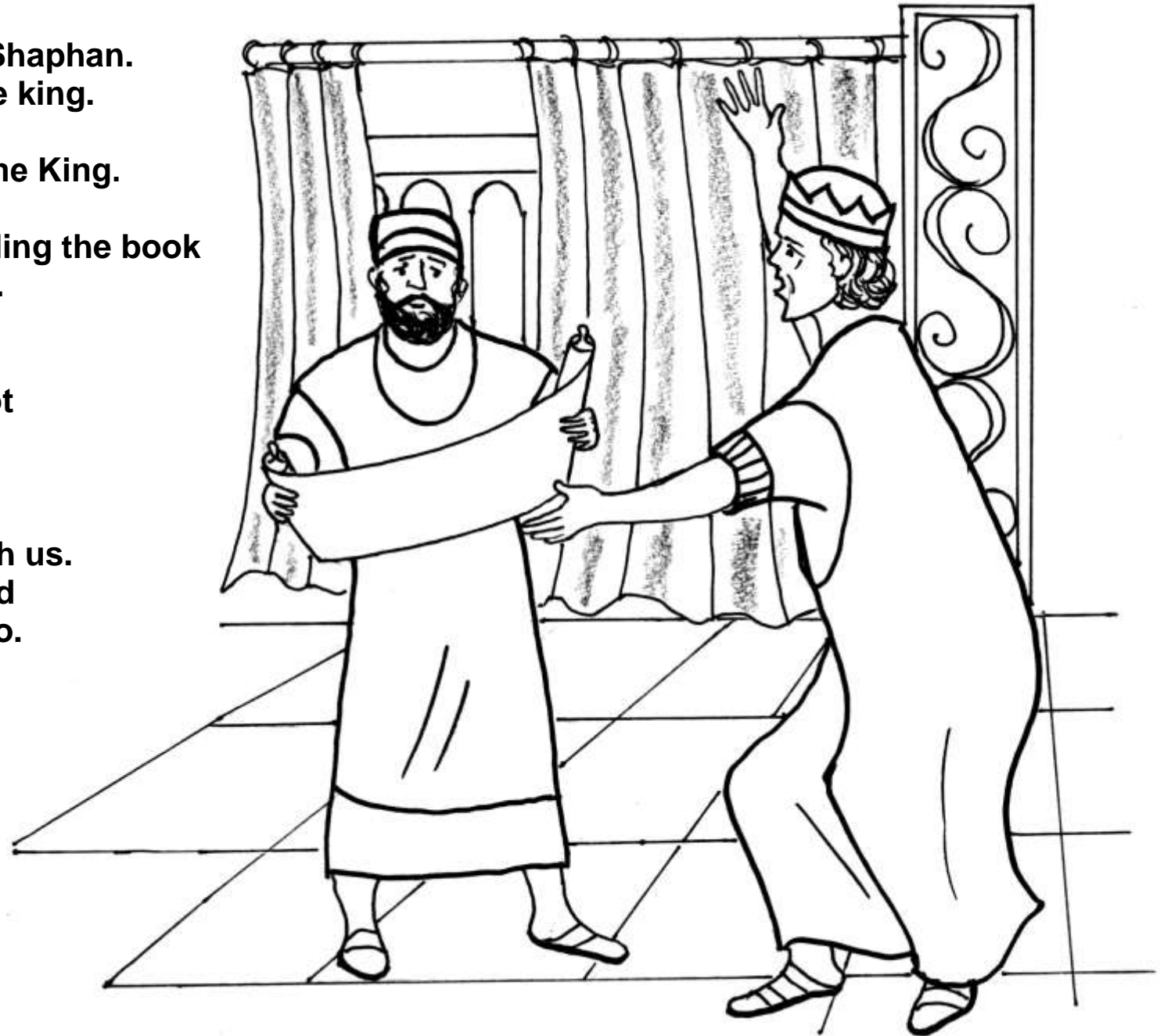


**He gave the book to Shaphan.
Shaphan took it to the king.**

‘Read it to me,’ said the King.

**As Shaphan was reading the book
Josiah became upset.**

**He said,
‘Our ancestors did not
obey the Lord.
They did not do
what the book said.
God is very angry with us.
Find out from the Lord
what He is going to do.**



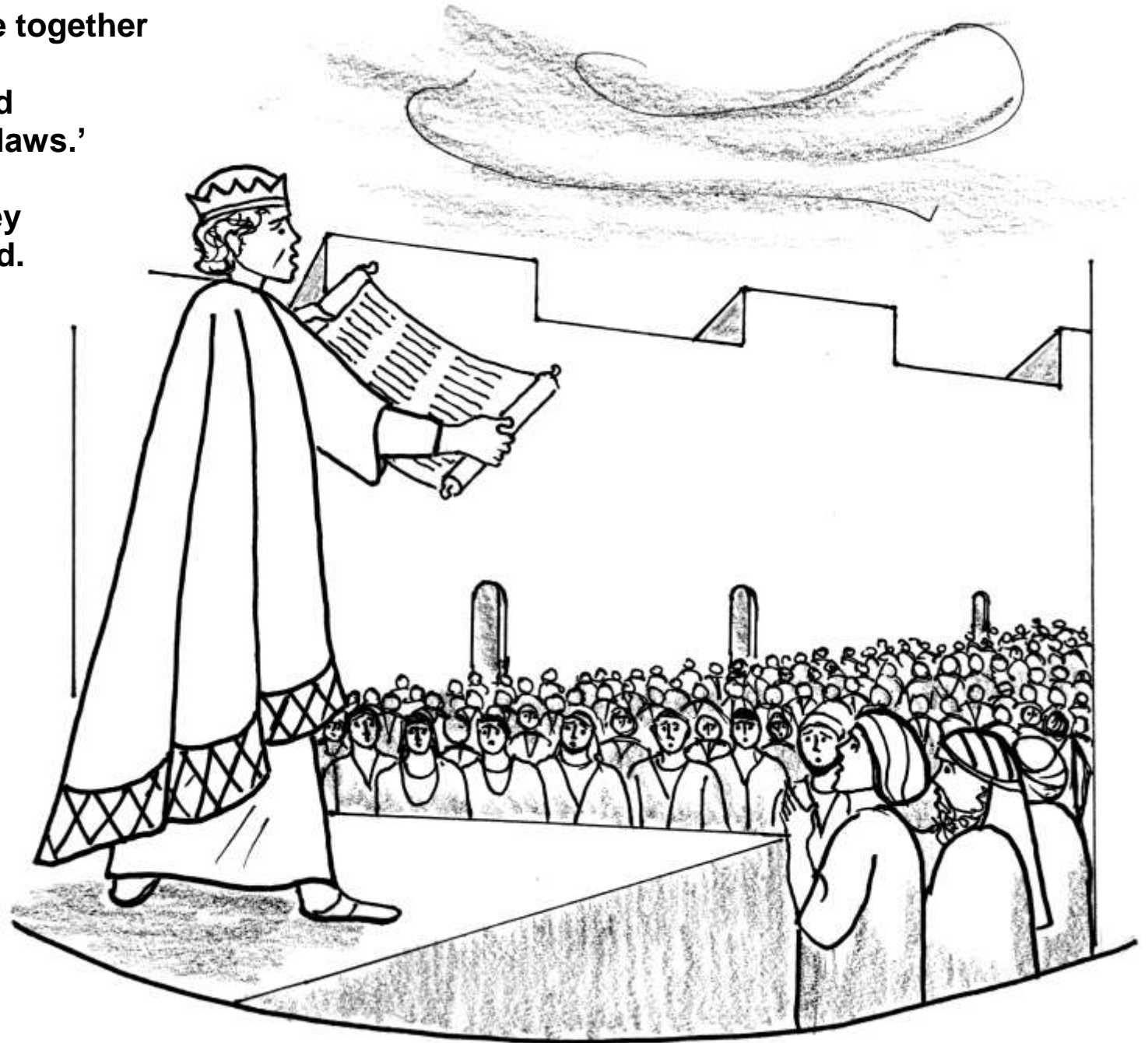
**Shaphan asked Hilkiah
the priest,
and Hilkiah asked
the prophetess.**

**The prophetess answered:
‘This is what the Lord says;
“My people have left Me.
They have made Me
very angry
and I will punish them.
Tell the king,
that because he is sorry
and has come to Me,
he will not see
the trouble
I am going send.”’**



**Josiah called the people together
and said,
'I want to follow the Lord
and obey His rules and laws.'**

**The people said that they
also wanted to obey God.**



Everyone gave thanks to God and celebrated the Passover feast.

This was the way God gave them to remember that He had saved them from slavery and death.

