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In order to stay tuned in to God we must spend time reading the Bible. The Bible is God's Word. It is the manual for us to live by. The more we hide God's Word in our hearts. the easier it is to avoid temptation. The Bible says that God's Word is the Sword of the Spirit. We use it to fight! In our Bible Lesson today we see that Josiah, as a very young King, realized the importance of learning God's Word. He found the Book of the Law and then applied it to his life and his kingdom. We must do the same with our lives.

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Illustrated Sermon "Plugging Into God's Word"

Supplies Needed: extension cord, radio/cd player, cd, hammer, seeds, toy sword, map

Preparation: Read 2 Kings 22-23

(Pull out the the cd player) Today I have brought a boom box. This is a radio/cd player. This electronic devise can play sounds that is receives through radio waves and it can also play sound through a cd. Now, if I put in a country music cd in the player and hit play am I going to get rock music? No, I'm going to get whatever I put in. The same thing is true in our lives. Whatever we put in is going to come out. What if I watch movies and listen to music that has a lot bad words, and then, I was to accidentally hit my thumb with this hammer (pull out hammer), what would come out? Would God's Word come out, or would cursing come out? (Allow for response) That's right! Whatever you put in will eventually come out. That's why the Bible says in Psalm 119:11, "I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you." The more of His Word that is in our hearts, the better off we will be. We will always know how to respond to things in this world because His Word will be in us.

In our Bible story today we see An eight year old boy, Josiah, had become a king. Could you imagine being a king over thousands of people when you are only eight years old? Well, that's what happened with this young man named Josiah. You see, the kings before Josiah were very evil. They had allowed the people to worship idols and do very wicked things. Shortly after Josiah had become king, the high priest found the book of the Law that had been hidden for many years. When Josiah heard about the book of the law being discovered, he immediately ordered that it be read to the people, and that the people do exactly what it said. He had all of the idols destroyed and would no longer allow anyone to openly worship other gods. Because Josiah did the right thing, the people turned their hearts back to God. Josiah put the word of God as the number one priority in his life.

You know, we get so busy in life with all types of activities. Sports, friends, school work, video games, and TV, and many other things. These things aren't necessarily bad, but they do take up our time. Sometimes we don't have enough time left in the day to stop and read our Bible and pray. It is so important for us to read God's Word and hide it deep within our hearts. The Bible refers to the Word of God as a sword. Imagine fighting a battle with out a weapon? The Word of God becomes a weapon for us every day to fight the enemy. We must make sure that we plug into God's Word every day. (pull out extension cord)

Plugging into God's Word will do two things for us:

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Illustrated Sermon

"Plugging Into God's Word" (continued...)

1. It will keep us on the right path- (hold up map)

Have you ever been on a long trip? (allow for response) Many times our parents will use one of these. This is a road map. If you follow this map you can get to your destination without getting lost. The Bibles says that God's Word is a light for our path. Following the instructions that God has given us in His Word will help to keep us on the right path in life. King Josiah stayed on the right path because he honored the word of God in his life.

2. It will cause us to grow in the Lord - (pull out seeds)

We are like a seed. If a farmer wants a good crop has to plant seed into good ground. Once that seed is in the ground it needs some things. What does it need to grow? (Allow for response) It needs water, air, and sunlight. Without these things the crop will grow to its fullest potential. It's the same with God's Word. If we do not have it in our lives we won't grow. Reading the Bible every day will help us to be strong in the Lord and healthy spiritually.

Prayer Time

Lets come forward right now and make a commitment to God that we will plug into His Word everyday.



TIME BLASTER SKIT

(The Time Blaster Skit can be used with a puppet or a live person. You can set the skit up as if you are bringing the character back from Bible times.)

Hi, I'm Josiah. I'm the king of Israel. I know I'm just a kid, but it's true! I am the king! I became king when I was eight years old. I didn't know what I was doing but over time I eventually learned how to be a king. One time I had an advisor of mine come to me with some important news. He said that the Book of the Law of Moses had been found. I had them read the entire book to me. I was shocked! There was so much of God's word that we were not doing. I immediately called for major changes in the kingdom. I had all the false gods removed from the land and we gathered together before the Lord to renew our covenant with God. I'm so glad I found this book. It has really helped me. It is like a manual for life. If I am ever unsure of what decision to make for the kingdom, I just read God's Word and then I can make the right choice. II had no idea how to be a king, but now I can rule the kingdom the way God wants me to. Well, I got to go! It's time for dinner. See ya!



Review Questions

- 1. What does the "R" stand for in RADIO? Answer: Read the Bible
- How old was Josiah when he became King? Answer: 8
- Was his father a godly king? Answer: No
- 4. What did Josiah do when he heard that the Book of the Law was found? Answer: He had it read to the people
- 5. What changes did he make in the kingdom after reading the book? Answer: He removed all the idols from the land and didn't allow the people to worship other gods.
- 6. Plugging into God's Word will help keep us on the right _____. Answer: Path
- 7. Plugging into God's Word will help us to _____ in the Lord. Answer: Grow
- 8. According to the Main Word verse, where should we hide God's Word where? Answer: In our heart
- 9. How often should we plug into God's Word? Answer: Every day
- 10. Where is the Main Word verse found? Answer: Psalm 119:11

