

**Cell Lesson #8**  
This sheet is for the cell leader. It has "Today's Story" on the back of it.  
Give your members and guests copies of the "Today's Story" sheet so they can read along.

**This week's key verse:**

"Josiah was eight years old when he became king. . . . He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight. . . ." (2 Chronicles 34:1-2).

**Here are some ways to have a great meeting:**

**Play!**



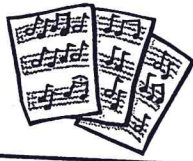
Say hello to everyone who comes to your meeting. Greet each person with a smile. Be friendly and help your guests to meet one another. Give your first-time visitors some extra attention. Take turns sharing something fun or funny that happened this week.

**Pray!**



Open your meeting in prayer. Ask God to bless the meeting. Pray for all your members and visitors. Let the Holy Spirit know that you want His presence in your meeting.

**Sing!**



Sing praises to the Lord and worship Him from your heart! This is an important part of your meeting. You can also praise the Lord by asking your guests to share something wonderful that God has done this week.

**Read!**



Read your key verse, or let each person take a turn reading it. That way you can hear it over and over again. Then read "Today's Story" and let each person have a turn. Taking turns helps everyone to pay attention.

**Talk!**



Help your group to talk about "Today's Story" and to answer some or all of the discussion questions. The cell leader must read the story and the Bible verses before the meeting begins. Ask a grown-up for help if you need it. And don't forget that God wants to help you with everything that you do!

**Pray!**



Close your meeting in prayer. Maybe someone in your meeting has a special need or wants to accept Jesus Christ as his or her Lord and Savior today! That's what cell group is all about!

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why was King Josiah's country filled with idols and wicked altars? (His father and grandfather had worshipped false gods. See 2 Chronicles 33.)
2. Josiah had a desire to serve God, even though his father and grandfather had not served God. What does this tell us about God? (He will accept anyone who turns his or her heart toward Him, even if that person's relatives are not saved. See Psalm 51:17 and John 6:37.)
3. How did finding the Word of God help King Josiah? (He was able to repent of his sins and the sins that his family had committed. He was able to worship God. See 2 Chronicles 34 and 35.)

**"TODAY'S STORY" (from 2 Chronicles 34:1–35:19)**  
**For Children's Cell Lesson #8**

**This week's key verse:**

"Josiah was eight years old when he became king. . . . He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight. . . ." (2 Chronicles 34:1–2).

**We Found It!**

King Josiah was only eight years old, but God was with him. By the time King Josiah was a teenager, he was seeking the Lord for wisdom on how to run the whole kingdom. King Josiah made a very important decision while he was still very young: he decided to follow God and to walk in His ways, even though his father and grandfather had not done so.

King Josiah wanted God to bless his country, so he made sure that all the false gods and their places of worship were torn down. Then he destroyed the idols and smashed them into fine powder. It took years for all those things to be removed, but King Josiah knew the importance of getting rid of them.

King Josiah's father and grandfather had not kept the Lord's temple properly, so lots of things were old and broken. King Josiah hired lots of people to clean and restore the temple of the Lord. And even worse, the Word of God had been missing for years and years.

One day, however, Hilkiah, the high priest, found the Word of God in the temple! Now the people could begin to worship and obey God again. And now King Josiah could tell God how sorry he was for all the sins that had happened in his family and his country. God blessed King Josiah because he loved God and hated sin.