



Unit 9, Lesson 35

## TODAY'S EPIC STORY: MANASSEH

2 KINGS 21:1-6; 2  
CHRONICLES  
33:10-16

### THE STORY HOME

In today's Epic story, Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah took over as king of Israel. Manasseh did a lot of evil in the eyes of the Lord. He worshiped all kinds of other gods and idols and rebuilt all of the places for practicing evil that his father had torn down. God spoke to Manasseh and the people of Israel, but he ignored Him. God brought the leaders of Assyria against them. They took Manasseh prisoner and even put a hook in his nose. Then, Manasseh turned to the Lord and prayed. The Lord heard and freed Manasseh, who then destroyed the evil places and led the people in worshiping God.

#### PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- How did God get Manasseh's attention? How did Manasseh change?
- What do you think life was like for the Israelites before Manasseh worshiped God? How do you think life changed for the Israelites when Manasseh changed?
- Has God ever tried to get your attention? Talk about it.
- Do you know anyone who has made a big change in his or her life like King Manasseh? What is that big change like for that person?

### TOGETHER HOME

King Manasseh made a 180 degree change to a completely opposite way of life. Talk about how King Manasseh went from doing evil to honoring God. Set a timer and play the "opposite game" until the timer goes off. In your conversations, say "no" instead of "yes," "high" instead of "low," "hot" instead of "cold," etc. for the designated amount of time.

### BIBLE MEMORY HOME

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (*Psalms 119:105*)

Play "Simon Says" together. Designate one person to be Simon. Obey whatever Simon says to do as long as it starts with the words, "Simon says." When the command does not start with those words, then do not follow the command. Anyone who follows a command not prefaced by the words "Simon says" is "out." Anytime someone gets "out," say the memory verse together.