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BASIC TRUTH

GOD MADE ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHO CAN DO WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO?

BOTTOM LINE

I CAN DO WHAT GOD WANTS ME TO DO.

STORY SUMMARY

JOSIAH BECOMES KING AT JUST EIGHT YEARS OLD AND LEADS THE PEOPLE TO DO WHAT GOD WANTS THEM TO. 2 CHRONICLES 34

first look™

PARENT TIME

We are continuing our nine weeks series about kids in the Bible who rocked. You know, the ones who did what God wanted them to do. We want your child to grow up knowing that they can do what God wants them to do, even though they're young.

The best way for your child to learn to do what God wants them to do is by watching you, their parent, do what God wants you do. Yes, you have that much influence on your child. Hey, when you rock, your child rocks! Take some time this month to think about what God wants you to do and then make it a goal to do it. Help a neighbor? Be brave? Share what you have? When your child sees you doing what God wants you to do, it will help them do what God wants them to do. THAT totally rocks!

The community at **TheParentCue.org** was created to help parents do family better. With blog discussions, podcasts, advice, and inspiration, Parent Cue prompts us to intentionally connect with our families regularly. Since none of us need more to do in our day, Parent Cue helps us capture the time we're already spending together.

There's an app for that:

Parent Cue App – centered around a monthly topic, this app sends weekly CUEs that remind us to connect with our kids whether at home or on the go. You can even watch Bible story videos during drive time using the app.

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MORNING TIME

This month let your child wake up to, "Good morning! It's a new day to do good things!"

CAR TIME

As you're driving along, talk about all the good things your child can do once you get where you are going. For instance, at the grocery store he can help put things in the buggy, walk right by your side, and say hello to the people checking you out. At preschool he can help clean up, be a good friend, and give his teacher a hug. There are always good things we can do everywhere we go because God made us to do good things!

BATH TIME

Add several water-safe items that can be lined up on the edge of the tub to bath time this week. Encourage your child to pick eight of the items, place them on the edge of the tub, and then count them out loud. Do this several times. Each time your child counts the items, mention how Josiah was just eight years old when he became king. Wow! And the best part is that Josiah did what God wanted him to do!

CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray, "Dear God, thank You for another day with [child's name]. I love every day with him. He is so special! I pray You will help [child's name] and me do what is right, like Josiah did. We know Your way is always best and that's why we want to do what You want us to do. Help [child's name] think good thoughts as he goes to sleep. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

PLAY TIME

Take turns playing a game of "I want you to . . ." and fill in the blank with an action like "blink your eyes" or "stand on one foot." Cheer for each other after each turn by saying, "Yay! You did what I wanted you to do!" When you finish playing, pull your child up in your lap and tell him that doing what God wants us to do is very important. Doing what God wants us to do makes Him want to say, "Yay! You did what I wanted you to do!"

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