Preschool–Grade 5

King Joash Craft

He put the crown upon him · 2 Kings 11:1–12:2 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



Harder

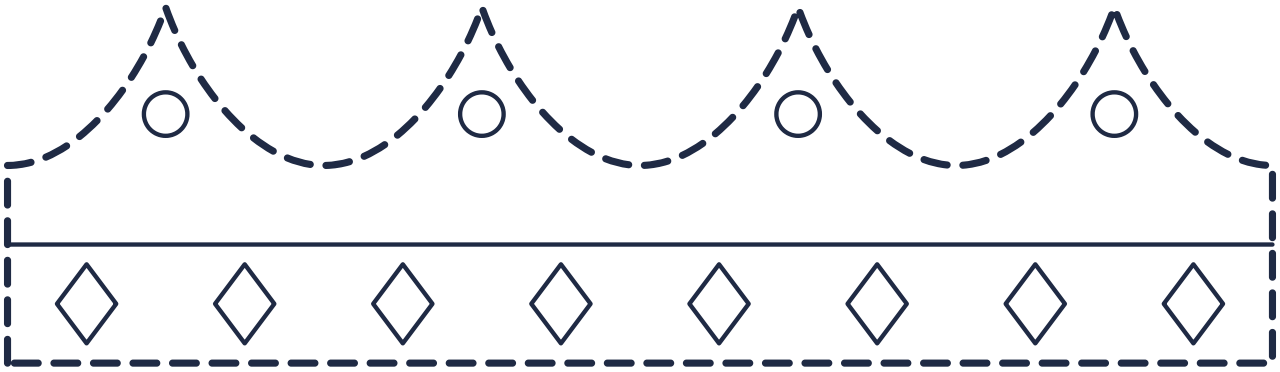
Both levels are a paper crown to wear: a yellow crown with four points on each piece, a blue circle in each point and a row of red diamonds on the band. Jehoiada the priest "brought forth the king’s son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony" (2 Kings 11:12). Medium (left): the crown. Harder (right): the crown with the testimony scroll, rolled up from both ends and tied with yarn.

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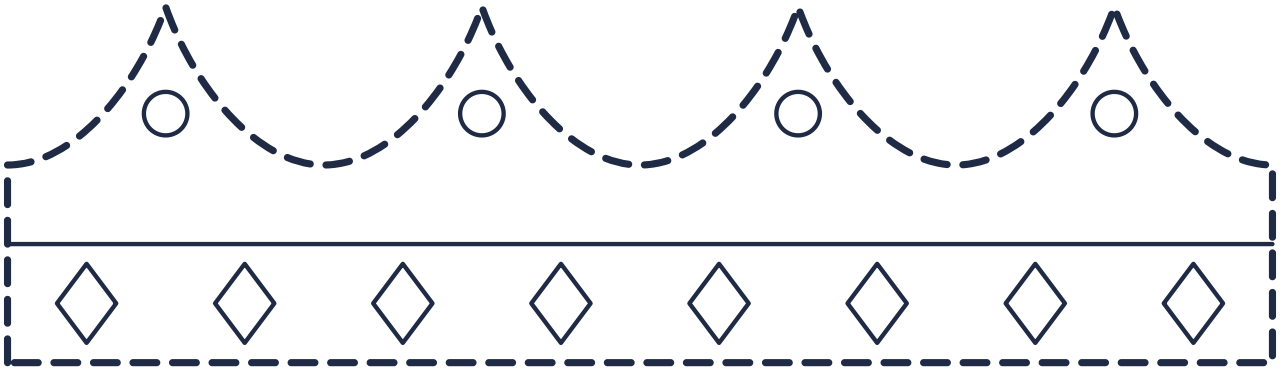
Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines

crown piece 1: color it yellow, the circles blue and the diamonds red



crown piece 2: color it yellow, the circles blue and the diamonds red



back band: color it yellow

verse strip: glue it on the back band

And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

2 Kings 12:2 (KJV)

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level

The testimony scroll (harder level)

roll this end in

the testimony of the LORD is sure

Psalm 19:7 (KJV)

Copy the memory verse, 2 Kings 12:2, on the lines.

roll this end in

How to make the testimony scroll

1. Make the crown from page 2 first.
2. On the lines, copy the memory verse in your best writing: 2 Kings 12:2.
3. Cut out the scroll on the dashed line. Turn it over and color the whole back light brown.
4. Roll the left end in toward the middle, and then the right end, so the writing is inside and you see two light brown rolls side by side.
5. Tie the yarn around the middle in a bow. Jehoiada gave Joash the crown and the testimony on the same day (2 Kings 11:12). Unroll it and read God's Word, then roll it up again.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/king-joash-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), yellow, red and blue crayons or markers, scissors, glue sticks and clear tape, and a few strips of plain paper for bigger heads. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, a pencil, a light brown crayon and a 12-inch piece of brown yarn for each child.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the two crown pieces, the back band and the verse strip ahead of time. Glue the verse strip on the back band, and tape the two crown pieces together.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces, tape the crown pieces together and glue the verse on the back band. Kids color the crown and the back band yellow, the circles blue and the diamonds red. Then you tape the back band on to fit each child's head.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut, tape the crown together and get crowned while the class says, "God save the king." This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the crown like the medium level. Then add the testimony scroll from page 3, with the memory verse copied on it, rolled up and tied with yarn. This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color both crown pieces and the back band yellow. Color the four circles on each crown piece blue and the eight diamonds on each band red.
2. **Cut:** cut out the two crown pieces, the back band and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
3. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back band. Read it together.
4. **Join:** lay the two crown pieces side by side and tape them together where the bottom corners meet, so the points make one long row.
5. **Fit it:** wrap the crown around the child's head. Tape the back band to both ends, with the verse facing out at the back. If it is too small, tape in a strip of plain paper.
6. **Tell it:** Jehoiada the priest brought out Joash and "put the crown upon him" (2 Kings 11:12). Take turns crowning each other while the class claps and says, "God save the king."

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Who hid little Joash from the wicked queen? *(His aunt Jehosheba, 2 Kings 11:2)*
- Where was Joash hidden, and for how long? *(In the house of the LORD, six years, 11:3)*
- Whose spears and shields did the captains hold? *(King David's, 11:10)*
- Hold up the crown. Who put the crown upon Joash? *(Jehoiada the priest, 11:9–12)*
- What else did Jehoiada give him? *(The testimony, God's Word, 11:12)*
- What did the people say? *("God save the king," 11:12)*
- How old was Joash when he began to reign? *(Seven years old, 11:21)*
- When did Joash do what was right? *(All the days that Jehoiada the priest taught him, 12:2)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: Jehoash** is another way to say Joash; the **testimony** is God's Word ("the testimony of the LORD is sure," Psalm 19:7); **anointed** means oil was poured on him to show he was chosen; **God save the king** means "Long live the king!"; **instructed** means taught.
- **What the Bible says:** the Bible tells us Jehoiada "put the crown upon him" (2 Kings 11:12), but it doesn't say what the crown looked like. The craft's crown, its colors, circles and diamonds are only for fun.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** the crown is only a crown. Kids become the king when they wear it.
- **Fitting:** two crown pieces and the back band fit most heads. For bigger heads, tape in a strip of plain paper. For smaller heads, overlap the back band more.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and tape the crown pieces together ahead of time. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child be crowned while the class claps.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free King Joash lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/king-joash.

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