

King Jehoiakim Skit

Jeremiah 36:22–23

Print one copy for your assistant or student volunteer. If available, give assistant a crown or a robe to wear as King Jehoiakim. Have a chair and a rolled scroll nearby for the king to tear and throw into the fire.

Teacher: 22) It was the ninth month, and the king was sitting in the winter house, and there was a fire burning in the fire pot before him.

King: *Sit down in chair and act cold. This house is freezing! Someone bring more wood for the fire! Pretend to be warming hands by a fire. Where is my scribe Jehudi? Wasn't he going to read something to me? He's never around when I need him!*

Teacher: 23) Jehudi the scribe began to read the words of God from Jeremiah the prophet. But as he read three or four columns from the scroll, the king cut pieces off the scroll with a knife!

King: *Jump up from chair. Stop reading!! I don't want to hear any more! Give me that scroll! Grab the paper scroll and tear off several pieces.*

Teacher: 23) And he threw the pieces into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot!

King: *Act angry. This scroll is going into the fire! Take the pieces of the scroll then throw them into the pretend fire. Now, I never have to hear those words again! Sit back down and act satisfied that you destroyed the scroll.*

Teacher: Uh oh! King Jehoiakim lost his temper when he heard God's Word! Can you believe that he cut up the scroll and burned it?

Let's say goodbye to the king for now. *Have assistant leave and remove king costume while you continue with the lesson.*