



CONNECT BOOKLET

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TOPSY TURVY 2019 • CONNECT (1 HOUR 15 MINUTES)

At Crossings we view Connect as a time to accomplish three goals:

1. Time to connect with the story.
 - 2 Kings 21:19-23; 22:1-2
 - 2 Kings 22:3-20
 - 2 Kings 23:1-20
 - 2 Chronicles 35:1-19
2. Time for your students to connect with their adult leaders since they are going home together and back into normal life.
3. Time for your adults to intentionally connect with the students, taking time to deepen gospel-centered relationships.
4. Time for your students to connect to God through TAWG. Please give your students time to complete their TAWG which is located in their Bible study booklet.

In order to accomplish these goals, we have outlined this Connect as a guide with questions that may be asked each day, and a list of activities that you may choose from based on what is best for your group.

If you have a large group, feel free to break up into smaller groups so that each student has the opportunity to share.

Above all, remember that this is your group's time to deepen their gospel-centered relationships. You are not bound to follow any of the Connect material; we just want to help you connect with your students.

Key Verse

**DEUTERONOMY 30:14: BUT THE WORD IS VERY NEAR YOU. IT IS IN YOUR MOUTH
AND IN YOUR HEART, SO THAT YOU CAN DO IT.**

Review the story

- Ask several of your students to restate the story.
- What is something new that you learned?
- What do you learn about Jesus in this story?
- How does this story help me understand my relationship to Jesus?

DAY 2 • JOSIAH REPENTS; GOD FORGIVES • 2 KINGS 22: 3-20

MAIN POINT

King Josiah repented when he heard the word of the Lord, so God forgave Him.

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Introduction

The people of Israel got distracted and took their attention off the Lord. The Israelites had forgotten the laws that God had set before them. When Josiah became king he wanted to follow after the Lord but did not know all the Laws because the book of the Law had been lost. As believers we need to keep our attention on Jesus and what He wants us to know.

Activity: Pass the cup

Material: fill a water bottle (with a wide mouth and no lid) or cup with water (put enough water in it so that to pass it can be a challenge)

Have your students sit in a circle, you will tell them that we are going to pass the cup of water from one person to the next. The point of the game is to not get distracted, while passing the cup around the circle. The next round you pass the cup with everyone's eyes closed, and then in the third round you pass two cups/water bottle in opposite directions. This activity teaches us how we need to focus and to avoid distractions. It also it helpful for us as we talk about how we are focusing on what Jesus wants from us, that he wants us to focus on what He is teaching us.

Activity: Tear your Clothes

Material: a roll of toilet paper

Pick two kids to be the center of this demonstration. One student is going to wrap the other student in toilet paper until the whole roll is wrapped around them, they can make it into an "outfit". Take a minute to talk about how in the Old Testament they tore their clothes when they were upset about something. Then after you have explained it the student who is all wrapped up can TEAR out of their "clothes" aka the toilet paper.

Discuss what we do to show that we are sad about something.

DAY 3 • JOSIAH OBEYS • 2 KINGS 23:1-20

MAIN POINT

King Josiah obeyed the Word of the Lord by renewing the covenant and destroying the idols.

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Introduction

We can follow Christ by obeying what He says to do. We can obey Him by reading the Bible. When we choose Jesus we are choosing obedience to Him. He can help us make better decisions because we are obeying him.

Activity: Play Simon Says

Material: none

This activity helps us learn to obey the leader, in life we ask Jesus to be our leader. Josiah choose to obey and amazing things.

Discussion: Idols

In TAWG we talked about your idols. What is an idol in your life that you know you need to give up so you can obey Christ?



CLOSING DAY/HOME • GOD PROVIDES; JOSIAH CELEBRATES

2 CHRONICLES 35:1-19

MAIN POINT

King Josiah celebrated the Passover because God provides a way for His people to be saved.

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Introduction

How can we celebrate what Jesus has done for us? Josiah celebrated Passover with a HUGE party. The Israelites celebrated for 7 days. When we are obeying God it also means we are going to party to celebrate what He has done for us.

Discussion

How would you celebrate obeying Jesus? Plan a party. You have no limits, think BIG.

Activity: Fruit Basket turnover

Josiah turned Israel Topsy Turvy, he turned the whole nation on its head. So we are going to play fruit basket turnover!

Everyone sits in chairs that are facing in a circle except one player - that one is in the middle. Go around the circle and give everyone 1 of 3 fruit names (or 4 or 5 - depending on how many is playing and don't forget to give a name to the one in the middle). The youth leader (or the one in middle, if youth leader wants to play) will call out one or two fruits. Those who have that fruit as their "name" must get up and go to another chair, ... FAST! We have a rule that you can't go to the chair next to you to make people run everywhere. The one in the middle tries to find an empty chair so someone else will be "it" and not him. Or, call "Fruit Basket Turnover" and EVERYONE must find a new chair.

You could keep playing on and on or someone can be "out" when they have been in the middle more than once - just be sure to put one chair out and place someone else in middle to keep playing.

You do not have to use fruit you can use anything, like biblical names, or numbers, or books of the Bible, just don't choose too many. Keep it about 3 to 5 different "names" depending on the size of the group.