

SEASON 28  
GODReads!

MONTH 1  
Earthy Treasures

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**DESSERT IDEA:**

**Berried Treasure - Berries and fruit dips or Make a “treasured family recipe” to share**

**CANDY IDEA:**

**Hershey’s Gold Nuggets**

**ICE BREAKERS:**

**Statistical Treasure Hunt**

(See Resources for printout & instructions)

**Dig for Treasure Game**

Fill a couple of baskets or buckets with sand or Easter grass and some “hidden treasures” (hair ties, bracelets, etc.). Have individuals or teams compete to find all of their treasure first.

**RESOURCES  
& LINKS:**



SERVING • CONNECTING • SHARING

**1. FUN: THE PROGRAM**

*Choose from one of the following or create your own.*

1. Discuss ideas for repurposing sentimental treasures. You can even look online for ideas to share. **Or** have an earthy treasures show and tell. Invite your guests to bring an earthy treasure or photo of one of their earthy treasures to talk about.
2. Invite someone to share how to differentiate between trash and treasure and give tips on purging dust collectors.
3. Create a bookmark to go in your Bible with your favorite Scripture on it. **Or** do an upcycling craft like making smash cans. **Or** create a homemade duster.

**Choose from one or more of these ideas for conversation starters:**

- What is your dearest earthly treasure and why?
- What is the oldest thing in your house that you can’t get rid of and what makes it special?

**DEEPER DISCUSSION**

Life is full of hidden treasures. A slow walk through the forest can reveal beautiful plants and flowers otherwise unnoticed, but you have to walk through the forest to see them. The stars shine every night, but if you don’t make time to lay outside on a cloudless evening you will miss the glory of God!

Most of us have more than one Bible at home. In the pages of the Bible is God’s Word. Together let’s discover the treasure that’s hidden in plain sight between Genesis and Revelation.

This season’s curriculum will look at 8 historical events from the Bible that point to

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

## 2. FAITHFULNESS:

### Collecting Dust

*This month's Scripture is about King Josiah and is found in the Old Testament in 2 Kings 22-23 and 2 Chronicles 34-35.*

#### 2 Kings 22:1-2

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

Josiah, king of Judah, had his servant Hilkiah make financial arrangements for repairs to the temple. While these repairs were taking place, Hilkiah discovered The Book of the Law, which had been collecting dust in the Lord's House.

As a result, for years the Israelites had been living their own lives apart from the direction of God and doing their own thing. They had built idols and altars to worship false gods.

When Josiah heard the words from the Book of the Law, he was convicted. He set out to tear down those idols and altars and get rid of false priests. He even re-established the Passover feast, which had not been held for years, even though God commanded it. His heart was so heavy because of what he had read in these scrolls that he gathered everyone in the temple and he read the Book of the Law to his people. There he made a covenant before God to obey Him with all his heart and soul, and his people agreed to do the same.

**What do you like about this story? What bothers you about the story? Who do you identify with in this story? Where do you see God in this story?**

**Is your Bible collecting dust? What keeps you from spending time regularly in the Word of God? Do you believe in the life-changing power of God's Word that we see in Josiah? Do you ever wonder what plan and purpose God has for your life?**

John Piper once said, "Do you want to hear God speak? Read your Bible out loud."

God speaks to us objectively (through the general teaching) and subjectively (applying Scripture to specific situations in our lives) through His Word, but we have to read it in order to hear Him speak.

### SWEET EXTRA

God used Josiah and his story as part of His redemptive plan. Check out Matthew 1:11 to see Josiah is in the genealogy of Jesus.

## 3. CLOSING SCRIPT:

### Read Your Bible, Girl!

This devotion is a true story featuring real people and comes from one or more of God's 66 books of the Bible. While it's fun to have fellowship with other ladies and to learn new things, nothing has ever changed my life like God's Word.

The Holy Bible tells us that while we were all sinners, Christ died for us. Through the cross of Jesus, God reconciles us to Himself and restores us to how we were meant to be. This gift of redemption promises eternal life and transforms us from the inside-out. But like all gifts, it must be accepted. If you have not accepted this gift from God, please contact me. I'd love to speak with you and answer any questions you may have.

I encourage you to follow along with this month's Scripture Writing, and read the story for yourself. Ask God what He would like to show you in His life-changing Word.

### SCRIPTURE WRITING:

#### JOSIAH



# Sweet Scripture Writing

**Want to read King Josiah's story for yourself?** Join us in reading and writing God's Word down every day, meditating on it, and writing it on your heart. Look up, read and write each verse of King Josiah's story and how his life was changed by God's Word.

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## Want to read more?

2 Chronicles 34:1-7  
2 Chronicles 35:1-19