

2 Kings 13.10-20

committed

Wedding ring ..

Why is a ring often given as part of the marriage ceremony?

Tick the correct answer!

As a crown is worn on the head so a ring is worn on the finger to show that the person is seen as royalty



In case the person runs out of money they can sell the ring and get some extra cash

The ring is a visible reminder that the love which has been promised goes on for ever

The ring is an ancient sign that the person who is wearing it is now a slave

Bulls have a ring in the nose to be led by the farmer; wedding rings shows that the person will now follow their spouse



Today's passage is about **commitment**.

To follow Jesus means being **wholly committed** to Him.

Jesus once said – “.. those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be My disciples” (Luke 14.33).

The challenge of today's passage is this –

Are you ready to give up everything you have for Jesus?



Read



king



2 Kings 13. 10-13

¹⁰In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash son of Jehoahaz became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned for sixteen years.

¹¹He did evil in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit; he continued in them.

¹²As for the other events of the reign of Jehoash, all he did and his achievements, including his war against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel?

¹³Jehoash rested with his ancestors, and Jeroboam succeeded him on the throne. Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

Jehoash

We read about this king last week.

His 16-year reign is summarised in these 4 verses.

- *v.10 – some basic facts about the man*
- *v.11 – the basic character of the king*
- *v.12 – where to look if you want more info*
- *v.13 – a note about his death*

In other words, there's not a lot to say about this king of Israel.

Choose one of the words below which you think best describes what his reign was like. Colour it in so that it stands out from the others.

good amazing silly
useless boring brilliant
Jehoash
Given By The Lord, Whom Jehovah Gave
evil interesting bad exciting

a story which explains for you why the king failed



The Lord gave the king a wonderful promise through Elisha the prophet.

Can you spot the promise in the passage?

Follow the 'letter-path' below to see what the promise was, then write in the box at the bottom of the page what the promise was.



Read

2 Kings 13. 14-19

¹⁴ Now Elisha had been suffering from the illness from which he died. Jehoash king of Israel went down to see him and wept over him. ¹⁵ Elisha said, 'Get a bow and some arrows,' and he did so. ¹⁶ 'Take the bow in your hands,' he said to the king of Israel. When he had taken it, Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. ¹⁷ 'Open the east window,' he said, and he opened it. 'Shoot!' Elisha said, and he shot. 'The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Aram!' Elisha declared. **'You will completely destroy the Arameans at Aphek.'**

¹⁸ Then he said, 'Take the arrows,' and the king took them. Elisha told him, 'Strike the ground.' He struck it three times and stopped. ¹⁹ The man of God was angry with him and said, 'You should have struck the ground five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram and completely destroyed it. But now you will defeat it only three times.'

The message of the Bible
is essentially ...

a great promise .. of victory

But thanks be to

GOD

who gives us the

VICTORY

through our Lord

**JESUS
CHRIST**

1 Corinthians 15:57

A great promise

.. but ..

*what will you
do with it?*

Elisha gave the king that great promise of victory ... but read on –

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The king gave up too easily and too quickly!

The Lord doesn't give up on us – He gave His all.

He looks to us to give our all to Him. All our strength and energies. All our gifts and abilities. All our time. All our days.

Everything. Always. For Jesus.





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet. Speak to God about what you've learned.

What an amazing promise you made to the king, Lord!

And it's amazing to find that You make the same promise to us – that You give us the complete victory which You've secured!

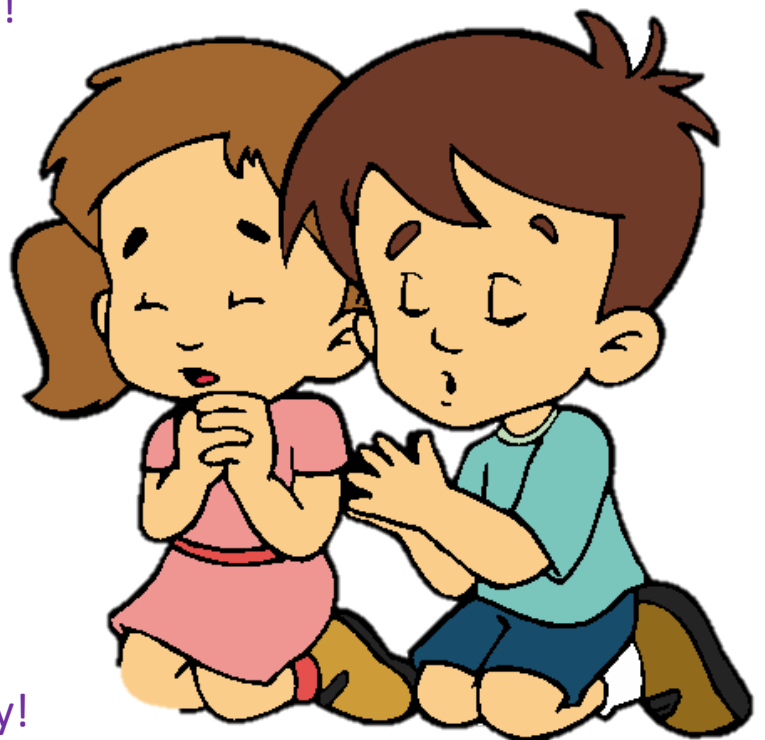
You're wonderful, Lord! It's brilliant to know that You got the victory even over death – so we don't need to fear anything now!

Help me to remember that always!

Because I easily forget!

And help me, too, to give You my all every day .. just like You gave Your best and Your all for us.

Help me to learn from Your word, and to live for Your glory every day!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

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Luke 14.33



A WORDSEARCH ..

Here's a wordsearch about Joshua & Caleb. You can read the story in Numbers 13 & 14.

The Lord said – *“My servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly”*

B P H W R I W H W G E K G J N L L T Y D E F Q S
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Egypt	ten	spies	land	israelites
canaanites	canaan	faith	abraham	moses
scared	hope	God	trust	brave
afraid	strong	courage	numbers	Caleb
Joshua				



For you to COLOUR IN

This is a picture of Joshua and Caleb
with the other 10 spies

“My servant Caleb follows Me wholeheartedly”

