



# THE LORD-HE IS GOD

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## NOTE TO THE TEACHER

Display each illustration where indicated in text, laying volume aside when the story line continues beyond the picture.

## Lesson #1

# GOD DOES NOT CHANGE

**Scripture to be studied:** 2 Chronicles 22:11-24:25; 2 Kings 11:2-12:21; Joel 1:1-3:21

**The aim of the lesson:** To show that God never changes.

**What your students should know:** God honors those who honor Him; He disciplines those who turn from Him.

**What your students should feel:** A desire to stand true for God.

**What your students should do:** Confess and forsake all known sin.

**Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):**

1. God remembers His own (2 Chronicles 22:11-12; 2 Kings 11:2-3).
2. God honors His own (2 Chronicles 23:1-21; 2 Kings 11:4-21).
3. God uses His own (2 Chronicles 24:4-14; 2 Kings 12:4-15).
4. God disciplines His own (2 Chronicles 24:2, 17-27; Joel 1:1-3:21).

**The verse to be memorized:**

*Turn unto the LORD your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. (Joel 2:13b)*

## THE LESSON

### 1. GOD REMEMBERS HIS OWN 2 Chronicles 22:11-12; 2 Kings 11:2-3

One-year-old Joash was hidden in the great temple in Jerusalem. Only a few people knew he was there. Joash's uncle, Jehoiada, and aunt (Jehosheba) took care of him. Uncle Jehoiada was the high priest. Because he loved and served God, he taught Joash to love God.



#### Show Illustration #1

Some years later, Uncle Jehoiada surprised young Joash. He said, "Joash, you are the only one left of the family of

## NOTE TO THE TEACHER

The four lessons in this volume emphasize tremendous characteristics of the Lord God. He, the Creator of the universe, is high above all. We, His people, should worship Him. Let your reverence of God be an example to your students.

Included in this series on Kings and Chronicles, are some prophecies of five Minor Prophets. Mr. Ivan Allbutt (a member of our Editorial Board) writes: "The last 12 books of the Old Testament are sometimes called Minor Prophets. They are equally as important, and as surely inspired by God, as are the other prophetic books. They all tell of the judgments of God on (1) Israel and Judah, (2) their neighbors, and (3) the whole earth. They all show God's mercy in the midst of judgment. And they all, in some degree, point to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this earth. They speak also of the establishing of His kingdom with Jerusalem as the world capital. And they tell of a wonderful new world order yet to come. Each prophet has his own special message from God. Together they show us glimpses of mercy shining through judgments."

We urge you to study carefully the prophetic books. (In *The Prophets Still Speak* by F. J. Meldau, published by Friends of Israel, the word **prophet** and the **prophet's names** are printed in bold type to help locate prophecies.

It is not necessary to use the names of all those who are involved in these lessons. Names enclosed in parenthesis are for your help, Teacher. Your students will not need to know them.

The map is on the back inside cover. Be sure to show students the places named in the lessons.

King David. Long ago God made this promise to King David: 'Your family and your kingdom will be forever.' (See 2 Samuel 7:16.) Your grandmother (Athaliah) is presently the queen. But she is not from King David's family. Because she wanted to be queen, she did something very wicked. She began murdering all her grandsons. And she believes you, too, were murdered. You, Joash, were a tiny baby and your loving aunt miraculously