

Script – King Joash Repairs God’s House

Narrator: The king shook his head. God’s house did not look beautiful anymore. The doors were falling off. The walls were broken. King Joash decided to call together the priests and their helpers.

King Joash: God’s house should be beautiful. We must have it repaired.

Priest 1: Yes, but we have no money!

King Joash: Go to the people in the city, go to the country, go to all the people and ask them for money to pay for the new walls, floors and doors.

Priest 2: [pausing] That is a good idea. The people can bring offerings. We can save the money until we have enough to buy what we need to make it beautiful again.

King Joash: I think the people will be glad to give.

Narrator: Jehoiada the priest watched as the carpenter made a hole in the top of the chest so that the people could drop their money inside. He knew that they would have to fill the chest many times before they had enough money. [pause] From Jerusalem and towns far away, rich men and princes came to give money to help repair God’s house. [NOTE: the director could make several non-speaking, or speaking roles where people are coming to give their money; improvising the dialog would be ideal] They smiled as they dropped their coins into the chest. Jehoiada smiled too. Day after day the people came, young and old, men, women and children. E, everyone wanted to help. Every offering was important, no matter if it was just one small coin. When the chest was filled, the priest and several others counted the money and placed it into bags, and then they put the empty chest in place again. Every day people brought money for God’s house.

Jehoiada: King Joash, the people have given much money. There is enough to fix up God’s house.

King Joash: Good! Hire stonecutters and carpenters and people who can work with metal. Give them the money to buy what is needed.

Narrator: Stonecutters cut out large blocks of marble with their hammers and chisels. They cut and chopped until the block was smooth. Then carefully, they polished the beautiful marble. Carpenters chose the best wood that they could find. They sawed boards and made them smooth. Carefully they made tables and other pieces for God’s house. Every day there was much sawing and pounding. The priest chose men who knew how to make beautiful designs in metal. For many weeks they worked on the big metal doors for God’s house. At last they were ready and they fitted them into place.

Jehoiada: Well, at last, the work is finished. God’s house is completely repaired.

King Joash: Yes, look at the walls! They are strong and straight again. The carpenters made beautiful tables. The doors are beautiful. It is beautiful on the outside and the inside too.

Jehoiada: And we have money left over.

King Joash: Then use this money to make candlesticks and bowls for God's house.

Narrator: The priest hired a person to make golden bowls, spoons and candlesticks. Carefully a new bowl was crafted and when it was just the right size, then it would be polished so that it shined like a mirror. [pause] When everything was ready, the people came to God's house.

Person 1: [in awe] This place is clean and neat.

Person 2: [admiring] God's house is beautiful as it should be.

Narrator: Everyone was glad that they had given money to repair the place where they could come and worship God.

The End