



## Offerings for the Temple

*This story is based on 2 Chronicles 24:1-14.*

King Joash [JOE-ash] loved God, but he felt sad about something. The king lived near a building that was broken down. The building was called a temple. It was like a church building.

King Joash was smart. He thought of a way to get money to fix the temple. He said to the church leaders, "Put an offering box by the front of the temple."

So the leaders of the temple called all the people, "Come to the temple! Put your offering money in the

offering box."

Every day people walked to the temple. Every day they put money into the box. Clink, clink, clink. Soon there was enough money to fix the temple.

King Joash gave the money to the workers. Swish, swish. The workers fixed the walls. Scrape, scrape. The workers fixed the crumbly, broken steps.

Now the temple was beautiful. The people had shown their love for God by giving their offerings.

# A Gift for God

Bible Truth: We can give to God.

Pastor Johnson came to visit the Sunday school class.

He had a surprise for the children. Pastor Johnson read a letter from Africa! It was from Kwame. He said he loved them and missed them. They were busy doing God's work in Africa.

Pastor Johnson said, "I have an idea. Let us make a gift box for Kwame!"

The children liked that idea. All week the children collected things for the box going to Africa.

When they went to Sunday school the next

week, they put crayons, paper, and Bible books in the big box. This was for the children who lived in Africa who did not have books or crayons or paper.

"It is so good to give gifts for God's work," Pastor Johnson said. "Sharing with others is the best gift of all!"

"I think the children in Africa will like what we sent them," said Tiana.

"We show love to God by giving gifts to Him," Pastor Johnson said. "This box full of things for the children in Africa is one way to give to God."



## Bible Memory Verse

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart." Matthew 22:37

**Family Time** Batik is an art style for dying fabric done in many parts of the world, including Africa. Let your child create a variation of it by coloring a picture on construction paper using a black or white crayon. Paint the entire paper with watercolor paints. Have your child give the artwork to someone who needs to know about Jesus. Talk about missionary families you may know or that your church supports who live in Africa or other parts of the world. As a family, choose a way you can give to a missionary.