



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 13: God Moves

Suggested Week of Use: August 28, 2022

Core Passage: 2 Kings 22:8-20

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### News Story Summary

During World War II, Robert Kuroda joined the military to fight against Germany. When he died in combat in 1944 near Bruyères, France, his high school class ring was also lost. Seventy-seven years later, a Frenchman named Sebastian came across the ring, buried under several inches of dirt, while using a metal detector in the forest around Bruyères. He could make out the name of the high school and the graduation year. He also could see “R. Kuroda” engraved inside. After months of internet research, he found the family and contacted them. This summer, Robert Kuroda’s family traveled to France to meet Sebastian, to thank him, and to retrieve the ring. Sebastian also took them to the forest where Robert likely died. The family is so grateful to have the ring back after all these years. “It means the world to us,” they said. To them, it was a reminder of a past generation of Americans who put the country first and died as a result.

For more about this story, search “Veteran Kuroda’s lost ring found decades later.”

### Focus Attention

To supplement **FOCUS ATTENTION**, ask learners to share about something important they thought they had lost and how they felt when it was found. Say: *Some things we lose are relatively insignificant like our glasses or keys. But sometimes finding something we’ve lost can be life changing or affirming.* Share the story of Robert Kuroda and his ring. Focus on the quote from the family about what finding the ring meant to them. Say: *In today’s study, we’ll see how finding a long-lost book changed Judah by leading its king and its residents toward repentance.*

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement **SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE**, remind the group of Robert Kuroda’s class ring being found and its profound effect on the family. Say: *For nearly 80 years, the Kuroda family honored Robert’s sacrifice, and the ring helped refresh those memories and their pride in his service.* Ask: *Why do Christians sometimes lose their passion for reading and studying the Bible? How can past experiences with Bible study and prayer renew our passion for both?* Close with prayer, asking God to help the group to renew their passion for Bible study and to apply its truths to their daily lives.