

**<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. <sup>5</sup>A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.**

**Psalm 68:4-5 (NIV)**

**<sup>23</sup>Amon's officials conspired against him and assassinated the king in his palace. <sup>24</sup>Then the people of the land killed all who had plotted against King Amon, and they made Josiah his son king in his place.**

**2 Kings 21:23-24(NIV)**

**<sup>1</sup>Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. <sup>2</sup>He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.**

**2 Chronicles 34:1-3 (NIV)**

**<sup>3</sup>In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David. In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles and idols.**

**2 Chronicles 34:1-3 (NIV)**

**<sup>9</sup>...for you have one Father, and he is  
in heaven.**

**Matthew 23:9 (NIV)**

**<sup>19</sup>“I myself said, ‘How gladly would I treat you like my children and give you a pleasant land, the most beautiful inheritance of any nation.’ I thought you would call me ‘Father’ and not turn away from following me.  
Jeremiah 3:19 (NIV)**