

## KING SOLOMON

### LESSON 4: WHAT DID SOLOMON FORGET?

*From this lesson, children learn that they need to keep their lives focused on God. If not, there is a risk of other things creeping in and becoming more important.*

#### TOPICS

Choices, Pleasing God, Solomon, Wisdom

#### AS KIDS ARRIVE (7 minutes)

What Comes First? (Activity)

#### WORSHIP TIME (5 minutes)

#### BIBLE VERSE (5 minutes)

**"You shall have no other gods before me" Exodus 20:3 NIV**

Explain that there is only God, anything else is false god or an idol. False gods/idols are powerless and a waste of time.

#### BIBLE STORY (15 minutes)

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. After the introduction, read the story right from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

#### Introduction:

Solomon was rich beyond compare and the wisest king in the land, but he was still just a man. In today's lesson we will see how Solomon let other people get him into trouble with God.

#### Read 1 Kings 11:4-14 (Solomon turns from the Lord)

#### Discussion Questions:

1. When King Solomon grew old, how did his wives get him in trouble with God? *(They turned his heart to other gods.)*
2. What evil did King Solomon do in the eyes of the Lord? *(Solomon's heart was no longer fully devoted to God and he followed the false gods of his wives.)*
3. What did God forbid King Solomon to do? *(God forbid Solomon to follow other gods.)*
4. Did Solomon keep God's commandment? *(No, he chose to please people instead of God.)*
5. What did God do because King Solomon disobeyed? *(God told King Solomon that he would tear the kingdom away from him and give it to someone else.)*
6. What else happened because of King Solomon's disobedience? *(There was no longer peace in the kingdom, God rose up an enemy against King Solomon.)*

#### FUN TIME (10 minutes)

First Things First (Object Talk)

#### PRAYER/SNACK (10 minutes)

Before today's snack explain why we pray to God before meals, then thank God and enjoy the snack. As the children enjoy their snack, discuss what other times of the day they may typically pray to God.

## CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 minutes)

### Friends Rub Off (Activity)

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# STORY TELLING TIPS

*Story telling is an old age art that most any one can do. To become a really good storyteller takes practice. These tips will help you become a better storyteller.*

When my child was a preschooler, she loved going to the library with me for story time. She sat quietly and listened to the storyteller as if she were one of the characters in the book the storyteller read. The children giggled, covered their eyes, and yelled in unison. They were excited about the story. Until my daughter attended story time, I did not realize how storytelling could be such a powerful medium to communicate with children. A great story can give a child a realistic picture right from his or her own imagination that lasts forever.

Storytelling can be done effectively through a range of visual and vocal emotions. You don't need to be highly experienced. You only need to read, use your imagination, and make funny, loud, or silly noises. Add some arm movements and face contortions and anyone can be a storytelling star.

The key is to really get into the story yourself as if you were hearing it for the first time as a small child. If you are really adventurous, not minding the adults that may be accompanying their children, you can even dance around the room in an animated fashion.



Children love to interact with the story, so whenever possible, ask the children to take part in the storytelling. For example, children can make rain noises, or they can guess which animals oink and quack.

Change your voice's reflection - loud at times and soft at others, use different voices for different characters.

Storytelling is a great way to teach the children about Jesus without spending a lot of money on supplies or materials. Kid's Sunday School Place has many stories available for usage—all you need is yourself and your commitment to be silly in the name of the Lord.

#### **Other items you can use for a great story time:**

Faces of main characters or pictures of objects in the story can be drawn on paper and attached to wooden rulers. Display these props at the appropriate time while telling the story. For example, when you tell the story of Noah, use a paper face for Noah, Mrs. Noah, and an animal or two. These visuals will help keep the children's attention.

Bring a twin size blanket or comforter to place on the floor for the children to sit on. This will make them comfortable and feel like they are in a special setting.

## IDEAS FOR MEMORIZING VERSES

- MISSING WORDS

Read the verse together several times, then write the verse on the board. Say the verse together as a class, erase a word or two and say the verse again. Continue in this manner until the words are all erased.

- **BIBLE VERSE HANGMAN**

With short verses play the "hangman" game. After one of the kids is able to say the verse correctly, have everyone look it up in their own Bibles.

- **READ, MEMORIZE, AND DISCUSS**

Have the kids find the verse in their Bibles and read it several times out loud. Have them close their eyes and try to say the verse again. Discuss the meaning of this verse with the children.

- **SCRAMBLED**

Give each child a slip of paper with the verse scrambled. Have the kids unscramble the verse and rewrite it the correct way. Treats can be given to all who get it right.