

LESSON 3

SOLOMON'S FAILURE

BEFORE YOU TEACH

Laws Regarding Kings

During the time of Moses, God had already stated that a king should remain loyal and faithful to His commands by abstaining from doing the following things: he must not have multiple wives, breed horses, or have excessive silver and gold for himself.

God already forewarned that these things may turn the king's heart away from following God faithfully. Instead, a king should familiarize himself with God's laws by copying them to a book, and regularly read from this book throughout his life so that he will not turn away from God (Deut 17:14-20).

As a king, Solomon should have been well versed with God's commands and clearly know right from wrong. However, Solomon gradually strayed from them and this affected his faith in the end.

Marrying Foreign Wives

In ancient Near East, it was a common practice for a king to take wives from surrounding nations for the purpose of establishing alliances and treaties. Having many royal wives was also perceived by others as a sign of great wealth and importance.

Though this was a common custom in other nations, God did not want His people, especially the king, to adopt the same practice. In Deuteronomy 17:17, God forbade the practice of polygamy and marriages to foreign women (Deut 7:1-3; Josh 23:12-13; Ezra 10:2-3; Neh 13:23-27), for God knew that intermarriage with foreign women would lead His people away from following Him.

For political alliances as well as for personal pleasure, Solomon loved and clung to these foreign women, even though this violated God's commands. Altogether, he had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines, all from surrounding nations and all of whom worshipped various idols found in the land of Canaan.

One of them, Ashtoreth, was a goddess of love and fertility worshipped in Sidon and Tyre, and a known mistress of the god Baal. The worship of Ashtoreth usually involved sexual immorality with the temple prostitutes.

Molech, an alternate name for Milcom—the god of the Ammonites, and Chemosh—was the god of the Moabites. The worship of Molech and Chemosh was often associated with the ritual of child sacrifices, and the Israelites were warned against adopting these practices that were detestable to God (Lev 18:21).

Even though Solomon did not worship these idols in the beginning, he tolerated their presence and the evil practices associated with the worship of these idols in his kingdom. But God's will was to utterly eradicate these idols and their worship practices when the Israelites took possession of the land.

BIBLE TEXT

1 Kings 9:4-11;
2 Chronicles 7:17-9:28

BIBLE TRUTH

God is the only true God. He wants His children to follow Him wholeheartedly.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To recognize that we cannot serve two masters.
2. To determine to follow God's commands and never compromise our walk with God.
3. To stay focused and not get distracted by other things.

MEMORY VERSE

"Fear God and keep His commandments."

(Ecclesiastes 12:13b)

PRAYER

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Thank You, Lord, for saving us and giving us a future hope of heaven. Please help us in class today to remember Your words and to keep them in our hearts so that we will not fall into temptation. We want to worship and follow You alone for the rest of our lives because You are the almighty God in heaven. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah! Amen.

Marriage to these foreign wives was the cause of Solomon's downfall. Towards the end of his life, Solomon went so far as to build altars for these other gods. The idolatry practiced by Solomon led him away from God, and in practicing idolatry, he broke the basic conditions of God's covenant with him and provoked God's anger.

God requires His people to have faith and obey Him at all times. It is a lifetime of obedience, trust, and reliance. Moses and Joshua were two examples of those who had kept their faith until the end. But many others were not able to do so, and Solomon was one such tragic example.

Early in his kingship, Solomon was faithful and God gave him the wisdom, wealth, peace, and prosperity to govern Israel. God promised that as long as Solomon

followed Him, Solomon's kingdom would be established forever. But if he turned away from God to worship idols, the kingdom of Israel would suffer.

With full knowledge of this, Solomon still chose to marry foreign wives and allowed them to gradually influence his faith. At the end of his life, he was no longer wholeheartedly devoted to God, having turned his heart away to serve other idols.

Temptation always begins on a small scale. Perhaps Solomon thought he was strong enough to resist the temptation to worship other gods. However, his idol worshipping eventually affected his faith, and this resulted in serious consequences for his family and his people.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENTS

Your students are at an age where they are easily influenced by their friends. They may be tempted to follow their friends' bad examples to lie, behave mischievously in class, show disrespect to their parents or teachers, bully others, or steal.

Even though initially they may know that what they are doing is wrong, their actions will become habitual over time. When they see that their peers are doing the same things, your students will become desensitized to their wrongdoings. When this happens, it is easy for them to fall into temptation.

Therefore, it is important to stress that the teachings given by God are there for our good, to help us clearly tell

the difference between right and wrong. Help your students to understand the significance of obeying God's laws and to never underestimate the consequences of disobeying God's commands, lest they become like Solomon, who was not able to keep his faith all the way to the end.

Remind your students that their goal is to finish the race to heaven, and that this can only be accomplished if they follow and obey God throughout their whole life. Encourage them to obey God at all times and to resist the negative influence of others. Guide them to learn from good examples, such as the Lord Jesus and other Bible characters who were able to obey God all through life.

VOCABULARY

concubine: a woman who belongs to a man but is not his wife

treaty: an agreement that benefits two people, groups, or nations

merchants: people who buy and sell things

REVIEW

Last week, we learned about the temple that Solomon had built for God. Boys and girls, do you remember how long it took to complete the temple? (Seven years.)

The temple was made of stone and wood. The inside of the temple was completely covered in gold. There were also many other furnishings and precious items inside the temple, including the ark of the covenant.

All these things in the temple were placed there to honor God, and it was a permanent place where the people could worship God. When the temple was finally finished, Solomon dedicated the temple to God and everyone took part in a big celebration that lasted two whole weeks.

Solomon reminded the Israelites to follow God and obey His laws. After the feast was over, God appeared to Solomon and told him that He would bless him and establish his throne forever if he obeyed God's commands.

From last week's lesson, we learned that we should worship in church and take care of our church because it is the house of the Lord.

BIBLE STORY

Introduction

Boys and girls, think of that one friend that you are very close to at school or at church. This friend always sits with you in class, plays with you, and talks to you every day. What if one day your close friend finds a new friend and no longer spends time with you anymore? How would you feel? [Let students express how they would feel.]

In today's lesson, we will learn how someone who was once very close to God later turned away from Him because he was distracted by other things in his life.

God Loved Solomon

When Solomon first became king, he loved the Lord and followed God's commands. God was very pleased with Solomon and loved him, too. In fact, God loved Solomon from the time he was born.

Did you know that Solomon had another name that was very special? His other name was Jedidiah, which meant "the beloved of the Lord" (2 Sam 12:24-25).

Since Solomon was careful in following God's commandments, God blessed him abundantly with much wisdom and riches so that his kingdom grew stronger and was at peace. No other king could match Solomon's wisdom, honor, and wealth. Solomon was indeed very special in God's eyes.

Do you know anyone who has seen God in their dreams? Not many people have had the chance to experience this. But God appeared twice in Solomon's dreams to bless him and remind him to keep His commandments.

Sadly, Solomon was unable to continue to love and follow the Lord towards the end of his life. Why did Solomon's heart change?

Solomon's Wealth and Achievements

Long before Solomon became king, God had given specific instructions for what a king should and should not do. God did not wish for the king to have many wives, to collect too many horses, or to keep too much silver and gold. God knew that having these things would distract the king and turn him away from following Him.

When Solomon became very rich and famous, many people came to visit him from far away countries to see how wise he was and how majestic his kingdom was. These visitors and merchants would bring large amounts of rare and precious items as gifts for Solomon.

Boys and girls, do you know what kind of gifts Solomon received? (Solomon was given items such as silver, gold, armor, spices, ivory, garments, exotic animals; create picture cutouts of these items and ask students to guess what they are.)

Solomon spent much of his later life accumulating more wealth and focusing on his achievements. He would buy many chariots and horses for himself, and he would also

sell them to neighboring countries. Besides building a temple for God, Solomon built palaces for himself and his wives, and many other grand buildings.

To everyone, Solomon was a successful king that seemed to lead a prosperous and luxurious life. However, Solomon grew increasingly disobedient to God's commands by doing everything that God instructed a king not to do.

Solomon's Wives Led Him to Worship Idols

There was one particular aspect of Solomon's life that displeased God the most: Solomon's love of many foreign women. God did not like the fact that Solomon married so many women. But what really bothered God was that all these women worshipped idols!

It began when Solomon made a treaty with Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, and married Pharaoh's daughter. He knew that she worshipped idols and not the true God. He built a house away from Jerusalem especially for Pharaoh's daughter because the ark of God was there and it was meant to be a holy place.

Solomon continued to love foreign women and over the years, he ended up marrying seven hundred women and acquiring three hundred concubines! How many women is that all together? (1,000 women.) They all worshipped idols from their nations, instead of worshipping God.

Solomon was initially very devoted to God; he worshipped God alone. Over time, though, he grew accustomed to all the idolatry because of his wives. He didn't try to correct them or stop them. He was also tempted by his wives to worship their idols. When they asked him to follow them, he gave in. Slowly, King Solomon forgot about God and what God had done for him. He even built altars for these false gods on the mountain east of Jerusalem, the city of God's people.

God's Punishment

In the past, God had repeatedly warned His children not to intermarry with people from foreign nations, or else they would be influenced to worship idols. Can you imagine how sad and disappointed God was when He saw what Solomon had done?

God became very angry when He saw that His chosen king no longer prayed or relied on Him but instead turned away to worship other gods. One day, God spoke to Solomon: "You have not kept my commands. Since this is your attitude, I will definitely take the kingdom away from you and give it to someone else."

God had promised to bless Solomon and establish his kingdom forever as long as Solomon followed His commands. But Solomon could not even keep the first commandment. Boys and girls, which commandment is the first one? (To worship God alone.)

Since Solomon was disobedient, God did not want him as His king anymore. But God is merciful and faithful. He remembered the promise He had made with David and so He said to Solomon: "For the sake of Jerusalem and your father David, I will not do this during your lifetime. But I will take the kingdom out of the hand of your son. Even then, I will not take the whole kingdom away. I will still give him one tribe."

Because of God's faithfulness and David's obedience, God did not dethrone Solomon and replace him immediately, even though he had sinned greatly against the Lord. God even ensured that a part of the kingdom would remain with David's descendants.

Solomon had started out so well. He humbly asked for wisdom so he could rule God's people well. God not only answered that request, but He also blessed Solomon with great wealth and fame. Solomon knew that all these were from the Lord, and early on, he acknowledged God as the Lord of his life and walked faithfully in the ways of the Lord.

But as time passed, Solomon got caught up with his own achievements and turned away from the Lord, failing to live up to the responsibilities the Lord had entrusted him.

Though you and I will never be as rich and famous as Solomon, we also have been given spiritual gifts from the Lord, along with the responsibility to use them for His kingdom. Do we acknowledge God as the giver of all? Do we make Him Lord of our lives and walk in His ways? Do we use the spiritual gifts we've been given as He intended them to be used?

A Divided Kingdom

God did exactly as He had said. During the reign of Solomon's son, the land of Israel was divided into two kingdoms: the northern kingdom, Israel, and the southern kingdom, Judah. Solomon's son Rehoboam was the king of Judah, the smaller kingdom, while another man called Jeroboam reigned over the larger kingdom of Israel.

Since Solomon failed to obey God's command of following Him throughout his entire life, not only was his faith affected, but his family, descendants, and the people of Israel were also affected.

We need to learn from Solomon's example to obey God at all times and to resist the negative influences of those around us.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Fill In the Blank/True or False

1. Solomon had _____ (700) wives and _____ (300) concubines.
2. All of Solomon's wives worshipped _____ (idols).
3. Solomon did not keep God's _____ (commandments).
4. Solomon tried to stop his wives from worshipping false gods. False.
5. God punished Solomon by taking away part of his kingdom and giving it to another person. True.

Question to Think About

1. **What could Solomon have done to stop his wives from worshipping idols?**

As a king, Solomon could have turned his wives from worshipping idols to worshipping the only true God. He could have shared his own experiences of God with his wives—how God appeared to him, gave him many blessings, and how God protected and looked after his people.

2. **Why do you think Solomon disobeyed God even though he was so wise?**

Though Solomon was the wisest king, he did not allow God to rule his life. Instead, he allowed his wives to take a more important place in his heart. He was distracted by his wives and wanted to please them more than he wanted to please God.

3. **What do you think idols refer to today? Can you name some of them? Activity 1 will give you some ideas.**

Idols today refer to anything in our heart we hold more important than God, things that we would rather see or do than spend time with God. For example, a fun activity or sport we'd rather play than go to church or RE class, or cartoons we'd rather watch than pray before bedtime.

MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE

Please reinforce the memory verse every week.
You can practice the memory verse with your students anytime during class.

"Fear God and keep His commandments." (Ecclesiastes 12:13b)

SPIRITUAL TEACHING & LIFE APPLICATION

God blessed Solomon with great wisdom (1 Kgs 3). For a while, he used that wisdom in a useful way. 1 Kings 4:29-34 contains a full description of this wisdom from God. However, Solomon soon became a "wise fool." What did he do? Firstly, he intermarried with heathen women who worshipped idols. Do you remember how many wives he had? [Let students guess.] Solomon had 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines! You can see that Solomon was overly obsessed with women. Secondly, "his wives turned away his heart" (1 Kgs 11:3). Solomon used to have a very close relationship with God and was blessed abundantly, but Solomon didn't treasure that relationship. He took the blessings from God for granted. Our relationship with God is the most precious thing in this world. As long as we obey Him, He promises to always guide us and lead us.

1. We cannot serve two masters. (Matthew 6:24)

"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve" (Josh 24:15). The Bible tells us that we can only choose one god to serve. This doesn't mean we can serve one god more than the other. Serving only one god means to worship no other gods other than the one you choose to serve.

At first, Solomon had a close walk with the Lord. He built the temple and dedicated it to God. His prayer of dedication was one of the most beautiful ever spoken (1 Kgs 8:14-53). He served God with all his heart. There were no other distractions that stopped him from wanting to serve God.

However, as we learned today, Solomon lost his focus over time. What did he do? [Let students answer.] He began to worship other gods. He walked astray and no longer served God as his only God. Despite his wrongdoings, God continued to remind him of the importance of a daily walk with Him. In 1 Kings 9:4-9, God told Solomon what he needed to do in order to receive His blessings. God gave Solomon a chance to return to Him. Yet Solomon compromised his walk and began to walk with other gods.

Students, we need to be very careful not to follow the path of Solomon. There are many temptations in this world that can lead us onto the same path. These temptations do not always come in the form of physical idols, but other things such as money, achievements, and women—the same things that Solomon went after. If we place anything above God, deeming it as more important than worshipping Him, we're serving another god—that is, an idol. Who or what is your idol? Is it a material thing that you really like? Is it a friend of yours who influences you to do bad things? If any of these are more important to you, then you have to be very careful because you are serving another master—your idol—other than God! Let me share a testimony with you.

Michael ran a very successful restaurant. Even though a restaurant usually makes the most money on the weekends, Michael never did business on Saturdays because he always attended the Sabbath at church. Michael did the same for a few years until one day, he was lost in his walk with God. He thought to himself, "My customers have been telling me that they want to bring their friends to my restaurant to eat on Saturdays. They all seem so disappointed that my restaurant doesn't open on that day! I could make so much more money if my restaurant opens on Saturdays. I'm still a good Christian even if I don't go to church on Sabbath. I'm sure God will understand."

Soon after, Michael started doing business on Saturdays. At first, many of his customers did keep their promises to bring their friends to his restaurant to eat on Saturdays. However, not only did they stop coming after a short while, Michael also realized that his business had been getting worse each day, not just on Saturdays but on every week day, too. Finally, Michael understood that this was the consequence of not honoring God's Sabbath. God had blessed him with so much business throughout the past years because he had obeyed God's commandment to keep the Sabbath. However, Michael began to place more importance and focus on money. He chose to make more money rather than keep the Sabbath day.

Since Michael was so afraid that closing his restaurant on Saturdays again would cause him to lose more money, he turned to God for help. Michael prayed to God, "Lord, please forgive me for making money my other god. I was greedy and mistaken. I know now that I can only serve one God, and it is You, my Lord, that I have chosen to serve from now on. I will never do business on Saturdays again. Please deliver my business

business from this financial problem and give me strength to walk with You closely. May all the glory be unto Your holy name. Amen."

Ever since Michael stopped doing business on Saturdays, his restaurant has been doing even better than before. God listened to Michael's prayer; He forgave Michael and blessed him again with a very successful business.

2. Determine to follow God's commands and never compromise our walk with God.

Students, Michael's testimony and our story today—Solomon's Failure—are both great examples for us. What did they do? [Let students answer.] They both failed to follow God's command and compromised their walk with God. For Michael, money was his god. For Solomon, he worshipped foreign gods. He even built pagan worship centers. No wonder God was so angry!

God alone should be the sole object of our worship. The Bible says, "You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve" (Mt 4:10). God will not accept second best. We must make sure we follow God and worship Him in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24). It is one of God's commandments that we shall have no other gods before Him, and we must not compromise on that. Let's read an example.

Marcus had always been a model student, both at church and in school. He would arrive to class on time and well prepared. On Sabbath, he always brought his notebook, Bible, and hymn book, as well as an eager attitude to learn more about God. However, recently, Marcus' friends introduced him to a new television show that was extremely popular among all the kids at school. At first, Marcus didn't pay much attention to what his friends were saying. One day, though, he was hanging out at his friend's house, and they were all watching the new show. The show caught Marcus' attention, and he was soon watching the show every night before going to sleep. While watching the show, he would see commercials for other shows, and he started watching those shows, too.

It kept snowballing after that, and before he knew it, Marcus was spending most of his time in front of the TV. His grades started taking falling, and he would sometimes show up to church unkempt and missing his Bible or his hymn book. Both his teachers at school and at church started showing concern for Marcus. In the beginning, he said that he was fine. He thought that he could manage his time to study, read the Bible, pray, and watch the TV. Gradually, though, even he knew that he did not have enough time to do all those things, and that his focus had turned to the television.

The turning point came when he was asked to hymn lead. That day, he walked up to the front and suddenly realized that he hadn't prepared any hymns. Marcus stood up there, nervous and shaking, unable to think of anything to say. Not knowing what else he could do, Marcus said a silent prayer and said, "God, I'm sorry that I have been spending so much time watching TV instead of worshipping you. I thought it was OK for me to do both, but now I realize I was worshipping the TV instead of you. Please forgive me. I will try my best to keep you as the only God in my heart from now on. Unto Your holy name, I pray. Amen." After his prayer, Marcus suddenly felt peaceful and the melody to one of his favorite hymns started playing in his head. Immediately, he asked the congregation to turn to that hymn and the rest of the hymn session went smoothly. From that point on, Marcus worshipped only one God in his heart—the one true God.

3. Stay focused and do not get distracted by other things.

From today's story, we know that there are consequences if we don't follow God's commandments. Even though Solomon was a great king until he intermarried with foreign women, God punished him for his disobedience. God had promised Solomon to establish his kingdom forever as long as Solomon kept the Lord's commandments, yet Solomon walked away from God and brought himself a tragic punishment—God later took away his kingdom from his son and gave it to someone else. Likewise, God promises to bless us as long as we follow His commandments. However, just like the story we learned today, God can take away His blessings from us if we no longer choose to walk with Him.

So, how can we avoid following the path of Solomon? Firstly, we must understand that Solomon's failure was caused by lack of focus. If God had been Solomon's sole focus, he would not have built altars for foreign gods. Secondly, Solomon was distracted. His love for women overpowered his mind. If he never married any foreign women, Solomon would not

have been tempted to worship idols. Today, if we don't want to make the same mistake that Solomon did and walk with God closely, we must focus on God and not get distracted by other things. Let me share a few scenarios with you:

1. Just like at home or at church, Linda always says a silent prayer before having lunch at school. However, ever since she came to her new school, her friends had been commenting on her habit of saying grace before eating. One of her friends said to Linda, "It's so strange that you have to thank your God for your school lunch. The school prepares the food, so you should say thank you to them instead. Although, I don't know if that's really necessary." Another friend said to Linda, "You're just so religious. I don't want to be friends with you anymore." One time, Linda's friends even took away her food while she was saying grace with her eyes closed. Linda is tired of these comments and actions. However, they do not distract Linda. She tells herself, "I must stay focused. No matter what they say, I'm responsible for my own attitude. God blesses and provides me with food, and it is the right attitude to say grace to God every time before I eat. I cannot compromise and change my attitude towards God." Even though it wasn't so easy for Linda to hear all the comments from her friends, she made other friends later who now stand behind her and say grace with her every day. They are indeed blessings from God.
2. Desmond and his friend Ian were playing chess together in the classroom during lunch. Ian lost again and didn't want to play anymore. Soon, Desmond and Ian were bored. All of a sudden, Ian had an idea. He said to Desmond, "I dare you to put glue on Kevin's chair! If you dare, you win again. If not, it's my turn to win this time!" Desmond said to Ian, "This is not a fair game. I didn't agree to play this game with you!" But Ian was very unreasonable. He said, "Well, too bad! Do it, or you lose!" Desmond was very angry that Ian was being so unfair. He didn't want to be a loser, and he knew that for him not to lose, all he had to do was to put glue on Kevin's chair. Desmond thought to himself, "Pleasing his friend who's being unreasonable or pleasing God—which one is wiser?" Desmond thought the latter was wiser. Desmond said to Ian, "Fine. I'd rather be a loser in your eyes, but a good Christian in God's." Ian was shocked that Desmond's faith in God was unshakable! That same week, Ian went to church with Desmond. He wanted to be a good Christian like Desmond.

Students, what can we learn from these scenarios? What can you learn from Linda and Desmond? [Let students answer. Linda and Desmond chose to obey God rather than compromise with their friends. They remained good Christians in God's eyes despite many distractions.]

Today, we learned a sad story—Solomon was a very faithful king in his early reign that built a beautiful temple for people to worship God, yet he was so distracted by all the women in his later life that he angered God and lost his kingdom. He didn't realize how his attitude towards God had changed, and he made the same mistake repeatedly. Students, God doesn't demand us to be perfect right away. He is merciful and willing to give us time to learn how to be His followers. While we make mistakes sometimes, we must turn back to Him, stay focused on Him, and never compromise our walk with Him. That way, God will draw close to us and we can experience His grace every day.

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

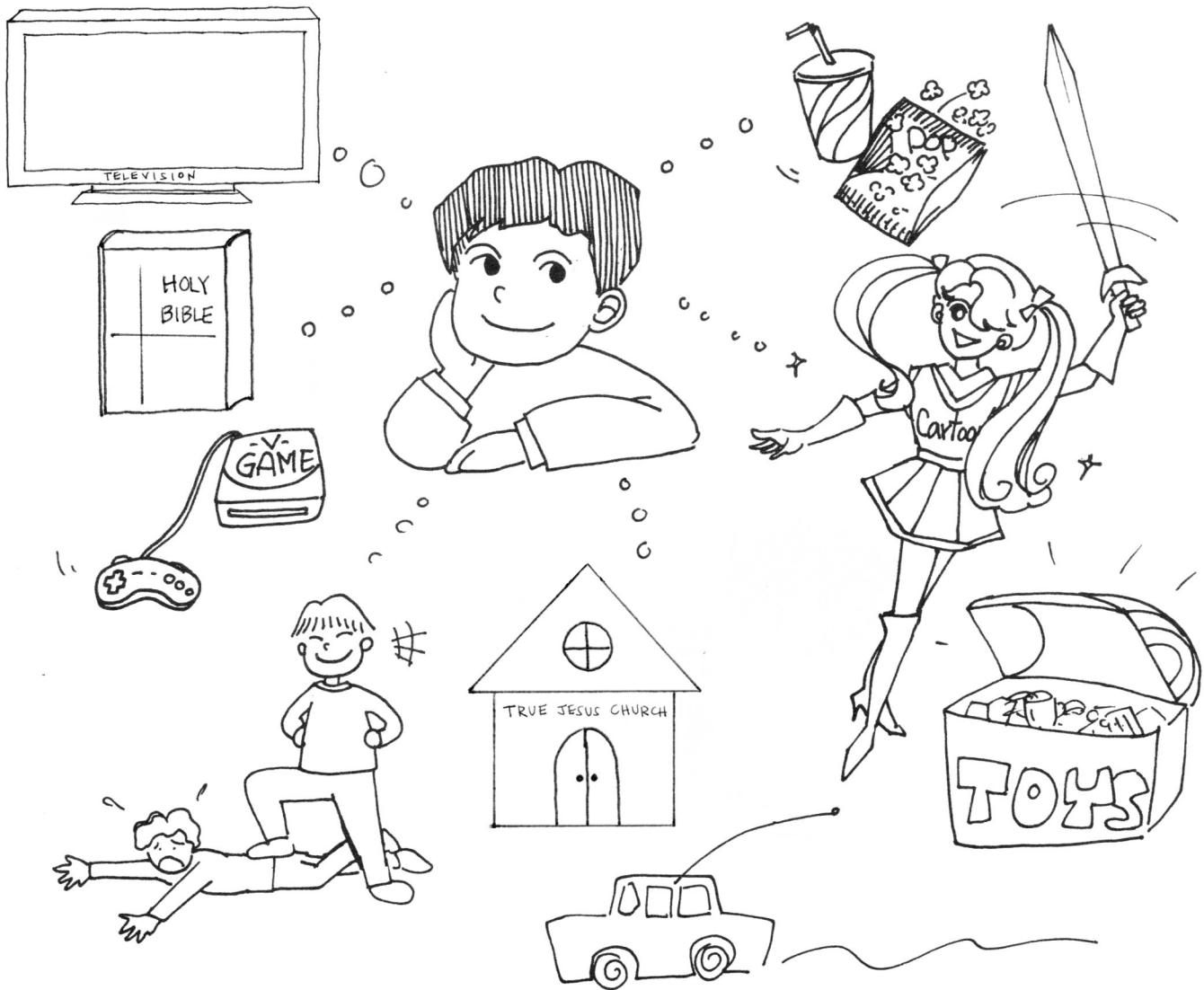
1. Jedidiah, the beloved of the Lord
2. 1,000
3. False
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5. "Fear God and keep His Commandments."
6. He married foreign wives who worshipped idols and gradually allowed them to influence his faith.
7. silver, gold, armor, spices, ivory, garments, exotic animals
8. 9, 2, 1, 5, 4, 8, 6, 10, 3, 7
9. Follow Me with your whole heart.
10. Answers may vary.

 ACTIVITIES

1

Who Are Our Idols?**Objective:** To help the students identify the idols that exist today.

Instructions: We may not worship statues or icons, but there are other idols that may replace God in our lives today. What are they? Can you help Johnny get rid of his idols? Draw an "X" over the idols Johnny is thinking about.



2

The Ten Commandments**Objective:** To review the Ten Commandments.







This is a good opportunity to remind the students of the importance of the Ten Commandments. Review the Ten Commandments with your students, and ask them to recite them or write them out on the board. If time permits, each student can prepare a bookmark with the Ten Commandments written on it.

3

Pray Hard to God

Objective: To encourage the students to pray to God when they are in difficult situations so that they can make the right decisions.

Instructions: Look at each of the following pictures and read the captions carefully. Put a check under the pictures that show actions you find difficult to do. Think about how you might obey God in the future.

<p>I will tell the truth even if it means I may get punished. God wants us to obey His commands by being honest.</p> 	<p>I will try to be nice when I am in an unhappy mood. God wants us to love.</p> 	<p>I will share when I have only a little bit left. God wants us to share.</p> 
<p>I will forgive someone who does not feel sorry for his wrongdoing. God wants us to forgive others.</p> 	<p>I will love others when they are mean to me. God said that we should love one another.</p> 	<p>I will say good things about someone when other people won't. God said we should not judge others.</p> 

Say this prayer when you need help from God.

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray.
 Dear God, please help me to obey You even when it seems hard for me.
 Please give me the strength to move on.
 Hallelujah! Amen."

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Truth: God is the only true God. He wants His children to follow Him wholeheartedly.

Lesson Objectives: 1. To follow God's commands at all times.
 2. To keep a constant focus on God and not be easily influenced or distracted by other things.

Bible Reading: Please put a check mark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

Prayer: Please put a check mark in the space provided on the days you prayed to God.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bible Reading							
Prayer							

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse.

(Ecclesiastes 12:13b)

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Homework Assignment

Understanding What You Have Learned

Fill In the Blank

- Solomon had another name called _____, which means "_____."
- Altogether, Solomon had a total of _____ wives and concubines.

True or False

- God was very happy that the people of Israel were worshipping Baal. _____

Multiple Choice

- ____ : God did not wish for the kings of Israel to _____.
 - Collect too many horses
 - Collect too much silver and gold
 - Have many wives
 - All of the above

Short Answer

- What does the Bible verse in Ecclesiastes 12:13 tell us to do?

- Why did Solomon turn away from God to worship idols?

- List out some of the precious items given to Solomon as gifts.

- Number the 10 commandments so that they are in the correct order:

- ____ You shall not bear false witness.
- ____ You shall not make carved images and worship them.
- ____ You shall worship God alone.
- ____ Honor your father and mother.
- ____ Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- ____ You shall not steal.
- ____ You shall not murder.
- ____ You shall not covet.
- ____ You shall not take the name of God in vain.
- ____ You shall not commit adultery.

- Unscramble these words: loFwol eM twih uory olwhe arhet.

Life Application

- Work with your mom and dad. Ask your parents about how God has blessed them in their lives and write about it on another sheet of paper.