

**Solomon's Sin
Divides the
Temple**
1 Kings 10-12

God is:
our Eternal King

Summer Sunday Verse:
The Lord does not look at the things
people look at. People look at the
outward appearance, but the Lord
looks at the heart.
-1 Samuel 16:7

SHEPHERD GUIDE

Take time to prepare your heart and mind by spending time in the Word reading 1 Kings 10-12. Note your observations about God's character and how you see God working so you can share them with the kids.

God had abundantly blessed Solomon. with wisdom, riches, and fame. He was known by all as the wisest man to have ever lived. God's helped him lead Israel with wisdom, but this wouldn't last forever. Solomon began turning away from God, slipping into disobedience and outright idolatry, causing the downfall of his family.

We want our kids to see that a divided heart - a heart that worships God AND something else (even if it's a good thing!) - leads to sin and trouble. God wants us to walk in wisdom and faithfulness, which means we need to rely on Him for strength and direction, which is found by listening and obeying His Word.



When the children arrive, introduce yourself, ask them their name, welcome them to the class, and invite them to play with the other children. When most kids have arrived for first service, ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.



LESSON OVERVIEW

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Ask the class: Have you ever been given a gift or a reward and not been happy with what you were given? It's pretty normal for people to want more than what they have or have been given. Today, we're going to read more about Solomon, who had all the riches but still wanted more.

Summarize 1 Kings 10-12 and then discuss the following questions in table groups or together as a class:

What can happen when God's leaders don't set a good example in worship?

Explain how unfaithful leaders can sometimes lead others astray. When Solomon was unfaithful to God, the people began to turn away as well. Solomon was the leader of God's people, and he set up idols. The people followed after him.

How can the friends we have affect our walk with God? Guide kids to recall that Solomon, who was once so obedient to God, was heavily influenced by the women he married. Their worship of idols divided his heart, away from full devotion to God. People we spend time with can help us grow closer to God, or they can lead us to worship things other than God.

How is Jesus better than an earthly king? Discuss with kids that while David and Solomon were mostly good kings, we realize they were far from perfect. Their sin separated them from God. There is only one true eternal king—King Jesus. There is no one like Him. Jesus rules with perfect love, justice, and goodness.



ACTIVITY:

Kings in Cups

Sets of 3 solo cups
– Saul, David and Solomon,
Sets of questions,
list of review
questions

Play this fun review game to go over what we have learned about King Saul, David and Solomon over the past seven weeks!

Divide the class into groups of 2 to 3 kids.

Hand out three cups (each will be labeled with “Saul,” “David,” and “Solomon”

Hand out a set of questions to each group.

Have each group stack the written cards face down in front of the three cups with one king's name on each cup.

Have them take turns drawing a card, reading it out loud, and placing it in the proper cup.

Have them continue until all cards are in cups.

Once all the groups are done. Have them pull out the cards from one cup at a time and review the questions together as a class to see if they got them right.



Kings Review Questions

1. Which king met the Queen of Sheba? (Solomon)
2. Which king was taller than everyone? (Saul)
3. Which king fought the Philistines all of his life? (Saul)
4. Which king played the harp? (David)
5. Which king had a good friend named Jonathan? (David)
6. Which king killed a giant? (David)
7. Which king built a temple for the LORD? (Solomon)
8. Which king had a peaceful kingdom? (Solomon)
9. Which king threw javelins? (Saul)
10. Which king spared King Saul's life? (David)
11. Which king spared King Agag and lost his own kingdom? (Saul)
12. Which king was jealous of David? (Saul)
13. Which king was the wisest king? (Solomon)
14. Which king was a man after God's own heart? (David)
15. Which king was rejected by God? (Saul)
16. Which king did God make a covenant with? (David)



BIBLE TRAINING 101

Books of the Bible

Reference sheet,
“Gotta Know the Books” song on TV,
5 sheets with
corresponding
book cut-outs

Review the Old and New Testament books with this song “Gotta Know the Books” (<https://youtu.be/v3aRBIXMs5g>.)

Divid the class into table groups and have each group work on one of the following sections - putting the book cut-outs on the bookcase in the correct order. (without looking at the reference sheet!)

- Law
- History
- Poetry
- Minor Prophets
- Major Prophets

Have them check their work with the reference sheet. If time, switch the sheets with another table and have them put a different section in order.

