

# SOLOMON'S SIN DIVIDES THE TEMPLE



**Bible Reference: 1 Kings 10-12**

**Date: 8/24/25**

**Grade: PreK /Kindergarten**

**1st Service**

## **Memory 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

**God Is...**

**OUR  
ETERNAL  
KING**

## **Schedule**

- **Welcome/Arrival.....8:55-9:05**
- **Story Station (LG2).....9:10-9:30**
- **Project Station (Classroom).....9:35-9:55**
- **Game Station (LG1).....10:00-10:20**
- **Back to Classroom:.....10:20-10:45**
  - **Snack and Transition to 2<sup>nd</sup> Service**

## **Notes and Reminders**

This is our last Summer Sunday of 2025! Thank you so much for your willingness to serve the children of LEFC this summer! As we prepare for the fall, would you continue to pray with us that God will continue to help the children in our church know Him better each day?



**SUMMER SUNDAYS 2025**

# OUTLINE



## Welcome and Arrival

8:55-9:05

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

Choose one or several of the following activities to organize as the children arrive.

### Make an Undivided Heart

- Hide the 12 pieces of the paper heart around the room. Encourage children to look for the torn pieces of the heart and bring them back to you. Help the children put the heart back together with tape.
- SAY King Solomon loved God, but he also worshiped false gods that his wives worshiped. Our hearts are no different. We love God and want to obey Him, but we all do and say things we should not do. Solomon's divided heart ended up dividing the kingdom of Israel into two kingdoms. Solomon was not a perfect king, and we are not perfect either. That is why God sent His own Son, Jesus, to be King. Jesus came to take the punishment for our sin and to show us mercy. Jesus is a perfect King who brings God's people together.

### Play Ring Toss

- Set up ring toss with two poles and twelve rings. Explain that children need to work together to get two rings on one pole and ten rings on the other pole. Arrange children into a single-file line. One at a time, children will toss the rings until they accomplish the goal. Children should only get one toss and then move to the back of the line.
- SAY Thank you for helping toss two rings on one pole and ten rings on the other pole. This reminds me of our Bible story. The twelve tribes of Israel were divided. Ten tribes became the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and two tribes became the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Do you remember what caused Israel to split into two kingdoms? Yes, it was King Solomon's sin that divided the kingdom. Sin is like when we tossed the ring, but it missed the pole. When that happened, we had to get back into line and wait to try again. We all sin. That is why God sent Jesus. Jesus is better than Solomon. Jesus is a perfect King who brings God's people together.

### Play More or Less Than

- Invite preschoolers to play a game. Tear a piece of paper into 12 pieces. Place the pieces in 2 groups, with 1 group having more than the other. Suggest children count the pieces in the groups and determine which group has more. Play again, changing the numbers in each group.



- To extend the activity, distribute a piece of paper to each preschooler. Demonstrate how to tear the paper. Guide each child to tear his paper into 12 pieces. Encourage them to divide their pieces into 2 groups, and then count the pieces. Lead them to decide which of their groups has more pieces
- **SAY** One day, Jeroboam met a prophet, a person who got a message from God and then told it to people. The prophet took off his coat and tore it into 12 pieces. The prophet gave Jeroboam 10 of the pieces. The prophet said, 'God is going to take the kingdom away from Solomon. God will let Solomon and his family keep a small part, but you will get the bigger part —10 tribes.' What do you think Jeroboam thought when the prophet gave him that message?

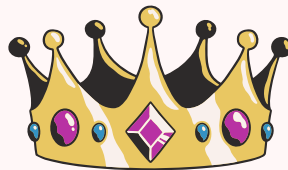
**Story Station (Large Group 2).....9:10-9:30**

## **Project Station (Classroom)**

**9:35-9:55**

### **Decorate a Crown**

- Distribute a strip of yellow paper to each child. Provide gem stickers and crayons to preschoolers and invite them to decorate their crowns. Staple the paper together to form a crown for each child.
- **SAY** Kings wear crowns to show they are in charge. At the beginning of our story, God's people had one king. At the end, there were two kings. How many gods are there? There is one true God. God sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, die on a cross, and come back to life to save people from their sin.





Discuss what the children learned during the Bible Story today. Use the main Takeaways as a guide to your discussion.

- God is our Eternal King!
- Jesus is a perfect King – better than any earthy king.
- A divided heart leads to sin and trouble.
- A divided heart is worshiping God **AND** something else (even if it's a good thing!).
- We want to worship God only!

Sample Questions:

- How do we know that God is eternal?
- Why can we trust Jesus?
- How can we stay away from sin and trouble?
- Why should we worship God only?

**Game Station (Large Group 1).....10:00-10:20**

**Back to Classroom .....10:20-10:45**

**Snack and Transition to 2<sup>nd</sup> Service!**



