



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges - Esther
Unit 9, Lesson 43

King Solomon and the Divided Kingdom

Lesson Aim: To understand there are consequences for sin.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Who is the wisest person you know?

GAME: Popping Proverbs

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO BUILDS HIS KINGDOM

Read Worship Scripture: 2 Chronicles 5:13

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: David kept his promise to Jonathan by caring for his son.

When King David's son, Solomon, became king, he asked God for wisdom and for an understanding heart so he would be a wise king. The Queen of Sheba traveled all the way from Africa to test King Solomon's wisdom. Point out Jerusalem and modern day Ethiopia. **King Solomon answered all her questions wisely. When she saw this, as well as all his riches, she praised God.**

Today, we will learn that even though King Solomon was a wise king, he made unwise choices. Let's see what happened when King Solomon refused to obey God's commands about worshipping other gods. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 1 Kings 11:1-13. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: 1 Kings 11:11. Pray. Read.

THE WAY SIN HAS CONSEQUENCES

Why did God say the Israelites should not marry those who worship other gods? ("They will surely turn your hearts after their gods.") **How did King Solomon disobey God?** (He married women who worshiped other gods.) **What happened to his faith as he grew old?** (His wives turned his heart after other gods.)

What is the danger in spending most of your time with those who do not believe in the one true God? (It may turn your heart away from Him.) **In Proverbs 13:20, King Solomon wrote, "He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm."** How did King Solomon's proverb prove true in his own life? (He and his people suffered harm because of his foolish choices.)

To repent is to turn away from sin and to turn to God. Did Solomon repent? (No.) **Solomon's actions showed he did not want to change his ways and turn back to God. Solomon sinned in his attitude—he was not sorry for disobeying God. How did he sin in his actions?** (He worshiped other gods.) **What did God say He would do because of Solomon's attitude and actions?** (God said He would tear the kingdom away from Solomon.)

Because of Solomon's wrong attitude and actions, God divided the kingdom into two. Point out the northern kingdom (Israel) and the southern kingdom (Judah). **Israel included ten of the twelve tribes. Judah was the kingdom of Solomon's son and included the other two tribes. In the years that followed, both had many kings. Some obeyed God, but many did not. Because the people disobeyed, God let the Babylonians capture them. Solomon's sin resulted in consequences, or negative results, that divided and harmed generations. Sin always results in consequences. When has your wrong attitude or action resulted in consequences that hurt others?**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

900 years after God divided the kingdom, Peter gave us the good news about repenting. Let's read what Peter said. Reveal Acts 3:19. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Bible Memory Verse Bookmark
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #43
- OFFERING OF ART: King Solomon talking with the Queen of Sheba
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Royal Snack

GAME: Pass It On

CRAFT: Favorite Proverbs Book—Wisdom

DISCUSSION: Solomon's Temple, Proverbs Challenge

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Build the Wall Verse, Royal Corners

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW