

Lesson 137: Solomon Turns Away from God

[1 Kings 11:1-13](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/CKE12nshf4E>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/INHzXnuiCvw>

Worship Theme: God deserves our full devotion.

Memory Verse: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes <https://youtu.be/nh0Ekk87w4s>
2. Praise Jesus' Name <https://youtu.be/uA448Ncse8Q>
3. O Be Careful Little Eyes <https://youtu.be/leoAGL9usF0>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Can I Have One Coconut Grandpa? (Khmer Game)

Material needed: a chair and a table



1. Select one child to act as "grandpa" and another child to be "asking for a coconut."
2. Divide the rest of the children into 2 groups. One group is the "bee" and the other group is the "coconut."
3. The coconut group needs to sit down in one line. The first person in the coconut line needs to lock their hand to a leg of a table with the rest of the

"coconut" behind them. The bee group can cling to any "coconut" that they want.

4. The child "asking for a coconut" will go to the "grandpa" and ask, "Grandpa, can I have a coconut please?" Then the "grandpa" will say, "Get anyone that you want."
5. Then the child "asking for a coconut" will choose any "coconut" that they want. If they pick a "coconut" with a "bee" already clinging to it, then they lose the game.
6. If the child "asking for a coconut" successfully picks a "coconut" without a "bee," then they win and become the "bee."
7. Then select another "coconut" to be the "asking for a coconut" person and play the game again.
8. Soon, it will be hard to find a "coconut" without a "bee" and the child "asking for a coconut" will lose the game.
9. After the game, explain to the children that if we ask God for something we need, God will give to us as long as it won't hurt us. God deserves our full devotion because he loves us and is willing to give us what we need.

Introduction:

When you tell your parents that you love them, do you mean that you only love them with a half heart or a full heart? How would you feel when your mother tells you that she only loves you with half of her heart? Would that make you sad or happy? God wants us to love him with all of hearts. God deserves our full devotion. This means he deserves all our love and all our trust, all day, every day. Today, we will learn about a man who did not give God his full devotion.

Bible Story:

Solomon was the king of Israel. King Solomon loved and served God. He gave God his love all the time. He loved God while he was with his family. He loved God while he was with his friends. He loved God and obeyed God when he was trying to solve problems

that came up in Israel. He worshipped God at the Temple. Solomon's whole heart was for God.

But then Solomon disobeyed God. He married some women who didn't love God. These women worshipped idols, and they didn't want Solomon to worship God. So instead of loving God all the time, Solomon gave only some of his heart to God. The rest of his heart went to the women.

Then, he began to worship idols with the women he had married! Solomon no longer gave his whole heart to God. And God doesn't want just part of our hearts. God told Solomon he was angry and would take most of the kingdom away from Solomon's son so that Solomon's family would no longer be kings over all the land of Israel.

God deserves our whole hearts. God deserves our full devotion because he's so wonderful. Only God is great enough to deserve all our love all the time. He loves us and cares for us, and he created the whole world. We should love God and follow God's ways when we're at home, with our friends, at church, and everywhere else we go. We should love him all the time. We should give him our whole hearts.

Questions to discuss:

1. Why did Solomon turn away from God? (He married some women who didn't believe in God)
2. What did God say to Solomon?(God told Solomon he was angry and would take most of the kingdom away from Solomon's son)
3. What can we do to show our love to God? (We should give him our whole hearts by praying, worshiping, being kind to friends, and more)
4. How much of our hearts should we give to God? (Our whole heart)

Game: God Deserves Our Full Devotion



1. Gather the children to the center of the room.
2. Teacher will read a sentence, and when students hear the "blank," they need to choose the correct answer and run to the right side. Run to the right if children think the first answer is right or to the left if the children think the second answer is right.

- a. Solomon turns away from God because of.....(**his wives** or money).
 - b. God said he would take most of the(money or **kingdom**) away from Solomon's son.
 - c. Only(Grandpa or **God**) is great enough to deserve all our love all the time.
 - d. God loves us and cares for us, and he created(**the whole world** or some parts of the world).
 - e. We should love God and follow God's ways when we're at home, with our friends, at church, and..... (a few other places or **everywhere**) else we go.
 - f. We should love God (**all the time** or some time).
 - g. We should give him(**whole heart** or all our money).
3. After this game, please explain to the children that we should love God all the time. We should always give God our whole hearts because he loves us and wants the best for us.

Memory Verse:

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Craft: "All of My Heart"

Materials Needed: Heart printout, crayons, scissors

1. Print a heart for all children.
2. Ask the children to cut out the heart and decorate it.
3. Fold the side hearts to make a cover for the center heart.



4. In the center heart, have the children write “I love God with all my heart!”

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Biblical wisdom isn’t just knowing facts about Jesus—it’s living out a friendship with and a respect for Christ. Wisdom produces transformation, not just information. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14. Long before Solomon’s heart went astray, God gave him and his people a road map to restore their friendship with God. We can follow that road map back to God when we disobey his good rules. Take a minute to reflect and consider your need to confess your sin to God.

