

Bible Hero Lesson Series

Solomon

What Solomon Did:

Solomon is a very popular biblical figure that ruled over Israel for many years. He was very wise and he is known as building the first temple in Jerusalem, which it is said took seven years to complete. Solomon was also known for his wealth and extreme power. In the Bible, it says that Solomon once disobeyed God by following other gods. God then punished Solomon by taking all but one tribe from his kingdom. He ruled as king for 40 years and when he died, his son took over the kingdom.

Find it in the Bible:

There are many stories and mentions of King Solomon in the Bible. The first mention of him is 2 Samuel 12:24 where it talks about his father, King David. 1 Kings 1:28-30 talks about Solomon taking rule after his father died. King Solomon asks for wisdom from God in 2 Chronicles 1:7-10. The story about Solomon disobeying God is found in 1 Kings 11:11-13.

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 1:7 ~ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

Game Ideas:

One simple game you can play is “Build the Temple.” Use small blocks to see how the children can stack before they fall over.

I'm The King

Write the following words on individual index cards, explaining to the children what each one means: kindness, forgiveness, honesty, compassion, patience, happiness, peaceful, friendliness. Select one child to be the “KING”. Children sit in the circle, while the king sits in the middle. Have each child draw a card. The first child will describe a situation that is on their card. For example, if they draw forgiveness, they might say: My little sister broke my favorite toy, but I forgave her. The king will then determine whether or not the situation describes the word. If so, the child may enter the kingdom (inside the circle) with the king.

Snack Suggestion:

Temple Building

Give the children a handful of graham crackers, pretzels and dry cereal with frosting. Let them construct an edible temple with the food.

Solomon Craft:

King's Crown

Cut crown shapes out of craft foam to fit each child's head. Let the children decorate the crowns by using rhinestones, foam shapes, and glitter glue. You can even do this craft before the game so each child can wear his or her crown when they sit in the circle.

Suggested Prayer:

Dear Lord, please give us the wisdom to follow your words.

Amen.