

Week 51 Solomon is Disobedient [1 Kings 11:1-40]

Series: **Solomon**

Application: **Sin has consequences.**

Memory Verse: **D2 “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God.” James 1:5**

D3 “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” James 1:5

Preparation Notes

Solomon married many foreign wives. He had 700 in all and 300 concubines. When God had given the law to Moses, He had commanded the Israelites not to marry foreign women and he had told the kings not to have too many wives, (Deut. 20:16-18 and Deut. 17:17) but Solomon was disobedient. The foreign wives worshipped foreign gods, and Solomon started to do the same. He built idols for his wives and offered sacrifices to their foreign gods.

God became angry with Solomon because he hadn't kept his side of the covenant.

God raised up enemies to fight Solomon and even Jeroboam, one of his own officials rebelled against him. Jeroboam, who was in charge of the house of Joseph, met a prophet called Ahijah. He took Jeroboam's cloak and tore it into twelve pieces. He told Jeroboam to take ten of the pieces because God was going to make him king of ten of the tribes of Israel. Because David had been loyal, one tribe (the tribes of Judah and Simeon were considered as one) would remain in David's family, i.e. be given to Solomon's son. All this would happen because Solomon had turned away from God.

When Solomon heard all about this he tried to kill Jeroboam, so he fled to Egypt where he stayed until after Solomon's death.

Learning Points (Discoverers 1)

- Solomon disobeyed God.
- Solomon's kingdom was to be split up as a punishment.

Learning Points (Discoverers 2)

- Solomon disobeyed God by marrying foreign wives.
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- God kept his promise to David.
- God withdrew his blessings from Solomon.

Discoverers 1

Bible Bit.

Explain what can happen when we do things that are wrong.

Suggested Activities.

Discoverers 2

Bible Bit.

Give twelve of the children a card with one of the tribes of Israel written on it. As you tell the story, divide the children as Ahijah had prophesied. Explain how this was a terrible consequence for Solomon's sin since God's people were going to be divided.

Suggested Activities.

Using DWK 51:1, make the 'Jeroboam's Cloak' jigsaw.

Discoverers 3

Bible Bit.

Using an old curtain or piece of material as a cloak, when you get to the relevant part in the story, cut the cloak into twelve pieces.

Suggested Activities.

Play 'Port & Starboard' with the children to show the consequences of not listening and obeying. The children need to listen carefully to the instructions because the last person to follow the instructions each time is out!

Talk time.

- What happens to our relationship with God when we disobey Him?
- How can we put things right?

Prayer and worship.