#### Lesson 11:

#### Kingdom of Israel under Solomon

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

I Kings 1-11

MEMORY WORK:

Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

God expects me to show Him and His Word respect by what I say and how I act.

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INTRODUCTION:

Today we are going to talk about a king who obeyed God for a little while, but then he started doing whatever he wanted. He decided it was not important to obey God. He decided he could be happy without God

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

1. After the people of Israel left Egypt, they were led by Moses, then Joshua, followed by 14 judges. When they finally got to the Promised Land (the land of Canaan/Palestine) they did not get rid of all the idols in the land as God had commanded them. They gradually wanted to be like the idol- worshipping people who lived around them. They also decided that they didn’t want God to be their king; they wanted a human king like “everybody else.” God chose a man named Saul to be the first king of Israel; his reign lasted for 40 years. David was chosen by God to replace Saul when Saul disobeyed God. David was also king for 40 years. When David died, his son Solomon became king of Israel.
2. Solomon was warned by his father David always to be faithful to God. In a dream, God said Solomon could have anything he wanted to help him become a great king. Solomon asked for wisdom to be a good leader for his people. He was a good king for about 20 years. During that time he built the Temple in Jerusalem and gained much wealth for his kingdom and for himself. Sadly, during most of his 40 years as king, he allowed himself to become more interested in idols, money, and women than in God.
3. He married many women, even though God warned the Israelite kings to not “multiply wives for himself” (Deuteronomy 17:14-17). Also, the women he married did not love God. God warned the Israelites not to intermarry with the women of Canaan because they would “turn away [their] hearts after their gods” (1 Kings 11:2), but Solomon married 700 women and had 300 concubines, and they “turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God” (1 Kings 11:4). He began worshipping their idols. “Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not fully follow the Lord, as did his father David…. So the Lord became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the Lord…. [H]e did not keep what the Lord had commanded” (1 Kings 11:6,9,10b).
4. God warned Solomon that because he had been disobedient and unfaithful, the kingdom over which he ruled would be taken away from his son and split into two parts. Solomon had everything he could have wanted. But he made a lot of bad choices about who would be his friends. He broke God’s laws about being married to one woman for life, and he began to worship the idols of his many wives. He even built temples for their idols! His people started to hate him because he taxed them and was cruel. Solomon disobeyed God and did not use the gifts that God gave him in the right ways.
5. Solomon wrote many wise sayings in the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, but in his later years, he did not follow his own advice or listen to God. He did not show God respect (fear God) in the way he lived. How do you show respect for your parents? How do you show respect for your teachers, etc.? What happens when we don’t show respect for these important people in our lives? We need to remember that showing respect for God is even more important.

RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL VISUALS (note disclaimers):

##### Betty Lukens’ felt pieces

* ABeka Flash-a-Card Series (DISCLAIMER: use the cards, not the lesson book;)
* Free Bible Images – Saved on flash drive. Can be presented on classroom tv. Script included in lesson file. File will be labeled “11 – 12 - 13” in the Visuals Folder. Only do slides 1-5 for this lesson.

SONGS AND FINGERPLAYS:

### SUNDAY

LEARNING CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES:

* Solomon’s Heart is turned -
* Bible Timeline Review – There is a set of bible timeline cards in the lesson file. Use these to review the order of major events in the Bible that have been covered this year.
* Review for all the kings

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

1. Review Sunday’s lesson. briefly (See [Review Questions](http://www.apcurriculum.com/dcirfol/4-24-32RQ.pdf) for example questions.)

LEARNING CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES:

* Refer to Sunday for general review activities

Review Questions

1. Who led the people of Israel after they left Egypt?
   1. Moses, then Joshua, followed by 14 judges before the kings
2. Where was the Promised Land?
   1. The land of Canaan/Palestine
3. When the people of Israel arrived in the Promised Land, which of God’s commandments had they disobeyed?
   1. They failed to get rid of all the idols.
4. Who did the people of Israel gradually want to be more like?
   1. The idol worshipping people around them
5. What did the Israelites say they wanted that would make them just like “everyone else”?
   1. A king
6. Who did God choose to be the first king of Israel?
   1. Saul
7. How long was Saul’s reign?
   1. 40 years
8. Who was chosen to replace Saul when Saul disobeyed God?
   1. David
9. Who became king when David died?
   1. David’s son, Solomon
10. What advice did David give to Solomon before he died?
    1. Always be faithful to God
11. For what did Solomon ask when God offered him a choice of anything to help him in his reign as king?
    1. He asked for the wisdom to be a good leader for his people.
12. How long was Solomon king?
    1. 40 years
13. What is one of the good things that Solomon did during the good years of his reign?
    1. He built the Temple.
14. What did Solomon gain during those good years?
    1. Much wealth for his kingdom and for himself
15. What are some things that distracted Solomon from following God’s commands?
    1. Idols, money, and women)
16. Why did the Lord become angry with Solomon?
    1. He did not fully follow the Lord, as his father David did, and he did not do what the Lord had commanded.
17. What would happen to Solomon’s kingdom because of his bad choices?
    1. The kingdom would be taken away from his son and split into two parts.

Additional Notes / Activities Performed & Curriculum Feed Back

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