

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 94: SOLOMON TURNS FROM THE LORD
1 KINGS 11:1-13, 41-43

The LORD did not want the Israelites to worship foreign gods, so he had warned them not to marry anyone who was not from Israel. Solomon loved his wife, the daughter of the king of Egypt. But he also loved some women from Moab, Ammon, and Edom, and others from Sidon and the land of the Hittites. Seven hundred of his wives were daughters of kings, but he also married three hundred other women. As Solomon got older, some of his wives led him to worship their gods. He wasn't like his father David, who had worshiped only the LORD God. Solomon also worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of a place called Sidon, and Milcom the disgusting god of the place called Ammon. Solomon's father had obeyed the LORD with all his heart, but Solomon disobeyed and did what the LORD hated. Solomon built shrines on a hill east of Jerusalem to worship Chemosh the disgusting god of the land of Moab, and Molech the disgusting god of the place called Ammon. In fact, he built a shrine for each of his foreign wives, so all of them could burn incense and offer sacrifices to their own gods. The LORD God of Israel had appeared to Solomon two times and warned him not to worship foreign gods. But Solomon disobeyed and did it anyway. This made the LORD very angry, and he said to Solomon: You did what you wanted and not what I told you to do. Now I'm going to take your kingdom from you and give it to one of your servants. But because David was your father, you will remain king as long as you live. I will wait until your son becomes king, then I will take the kingdom from him. When I do, I will still let him rule one tribe, because I have not forgotten that David was my servant and Jerusalem is my city. Everything else Solomon did while he was king is written in the book about him and his wisdom. After he had ruled forty years from Jerusalem, he died and was buried there in the city of his father David. His son Rehoboam then became king.

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“So the Lord said to Solomon, Because you have done this, and have not kept my agreement and my laws, which I gave you, I will take the kingdom away from you by force and will give it to your servant.”
1 KINGS 11:11

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MEMORY VERSE:

“So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel.” **1 KINGS 11:9**

TRUE OR FALSE

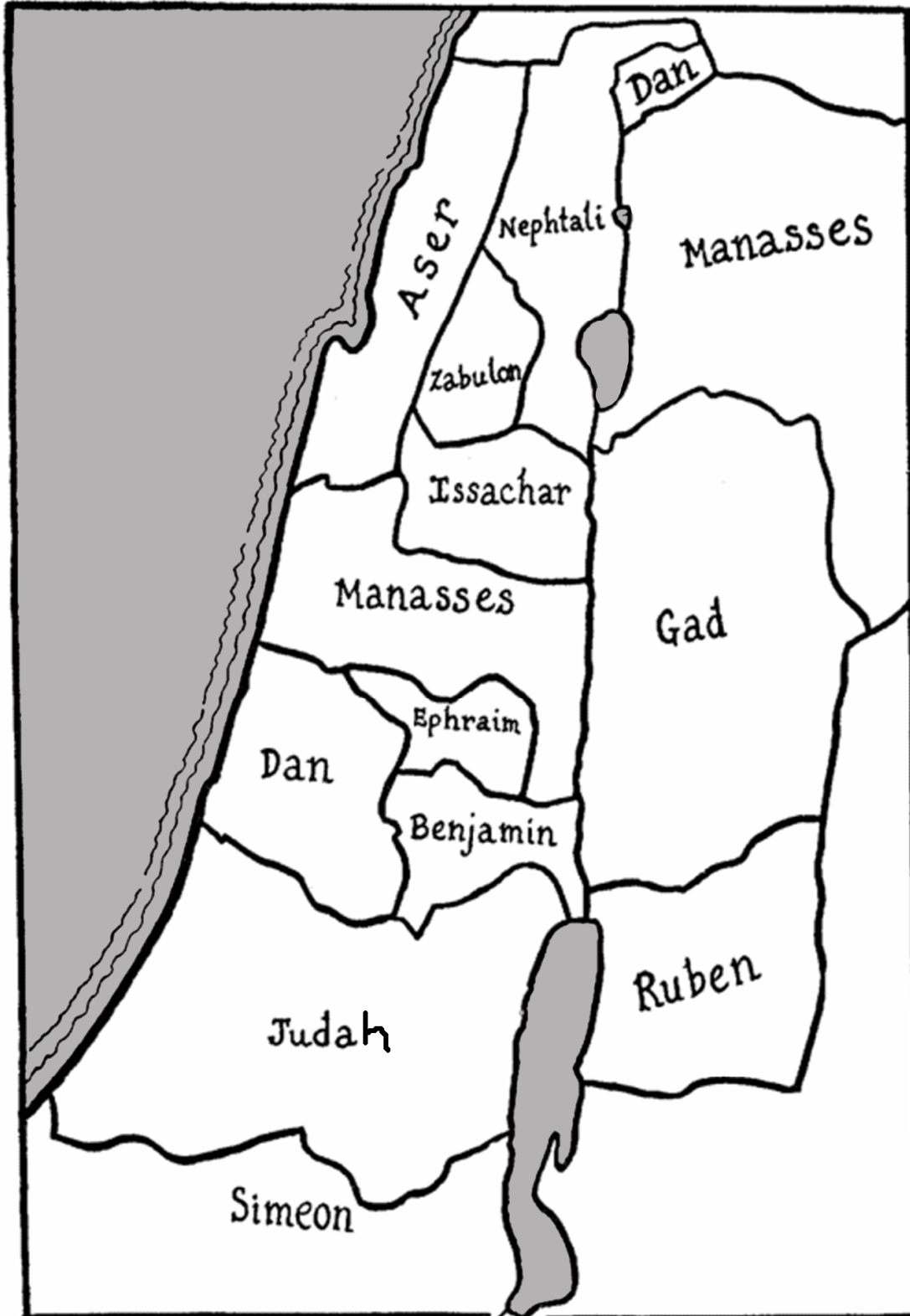
1. Some of Solomon’s wives led him to worship their gods.
TRUE or FALSE
2. Solomon was just like his father David, and worshiped only the LORD God of Israel.
TRUE or FALSE
3. Solomon also worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of a place called Sidon, and Milcom the disgusting god of the place called Ammon.
TRUE or FALSE
4. Solomon did not build any shrines to the disgusting gods called Chemosh and Molech east of Jerusalem. TRUE or FALSE
5. The LORD appeared to Solomon twice to warn him not to worship other gods.”
TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Did the LORD become angry with Solomon for worshiping other gods?
2. Did Solomon listen to the LORD and stop worshiping other gods?
3. What did the LORD tell Solomon he was going to do with the kingdom? Was He going to take the kingdom away from Solomon?
4. Did the LORD tell Solomon that He would let him be king until he died, then He would take the kingdom away from his son?
5. Was the LORD going to take the whole kingdom away from Solomon? How many tribes did He say He would leave for Solomon’s son to rule over?
6. Did the LORD leave Solomon’s son one tribe, just because He remembered His servant king David?

Lesson 94

Color each land belonging to a tribe a different color



The Promised Land was divided among the twelve tribes of Israel, who were descended from the twelve sons of Jacob.

LESSON 94 Optional Activity

Time Stealers

This activity will give the children a way to help them see how they spend their time and ways they can use it to bring glory to the Lord. You can either make copies of the enclosed chart for each child or draw a chart on the board for the whole class to participate (this would probably be best for the younger children).

Give the children an opportunity to fill out the squares by indicating how much time is spent in each category. If you are doing it as a class, just get a general amount of time spent in each. Some of the younger children may have difficulty telling time. You may have to guide them through by suggesting possible times. Allow the children enough time to finish, then collect the sheets. After the children have finished, discuss how much time is spent in various activities compared to how much time is spent with the Lord. Encourage the children to look for opportunities to spend more time with the Lord. Solomon had married many wives who worshipped foreign gods; he also had much wealth. How do you think his wives and wealth could have taken away from his time and devotion to the Lord?

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to always remain close to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us to never grow hardened towards Him but to remain faithful to follow His ways. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

TIME STEALER

Color the squares that takes our time;

One day in our lives	7: AM	8:	9:	10:	11:	12: PM	1:	2:	3:	4:	5:	6:	7:	8:	9:	10:	11:
food																	
music																	
TV																	
sports																	
games																	
choir																	
piano																	
computer																	
Bible																	
praise																	
prayer																	

1. How much time do we spend eating?
2. How much time do we spend playing or watching sports?
3. How much time do we spend with the Lord each day?
4. Are there times that we can spend more time reading our Bibles, praying or memorizing verses?