



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Solomon Follows False Gods

Take Home Point:

Keep God on top.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Tell me about the "light" jar you made in Kingdom Quest today. *(The oil on top of the jar reminds kids to keep God "on top" in their lives. The glitter in the jar reminds them that Jesus' light shines through them and they are the light of the world.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Let the kids demonstrate the experiment done at church. Sprinkle pepper in a glass of water. Watch how it stays on top. Idolatry is like keeping other gods "on top" in our lives. These gods could be anything to give us ultimate fulfillment in life. What happens when we dip a toothpick in dishwashing soap and touch the middle of the water? How is that like what God does to all other idols that one might have?

READ THE BIBLE: 1 Kings 11:1-13, 29-40. Solomon is led to false idols through his many foreign wives and concubines.

KEY VERSE: Exodus 20:3, *"Never have any other god."*

TALK ABOUT IT: What did Solomon's wives tempt him to do? *(1 Kings 11:4. Follow other gods.)* How did Solomon respond to these temptations? *(1 Kings 11:6-7. He did not wholeheartedly follow the Lord as his father David had done. He even built an illegal worship site.)* What was God's reaction to Solomon? *(1 Kings 11:9. God became angry.)* What did God decide to do? *(1 Kings 11:11. God said he would tear away part of the kingdom from Solomon and give it to one of his servants. Solomon's son would have one tribe for the sake of David, Solomon's father.)* What is the First Commandment? *(Exodus 20:3. Never have any other god.)*

Jesus came into the world so he could make known God's heart. Jesus showed us how much God loves us by giving up his Son to die on the cross for us. Jesus told us he would be a light that lights up our lives. One of the most important ways we can always keep God on top is to trust Jesus as our Savior and to let his light shine through us.

PRAYER POWER: Thank God that he loves so much that he sent Jesus for us and that he will come back for us again someday. Ask for the Holy Spirit to help us remember this so we will always want to **keep God on top.*

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

As a family, discuss: "Is there anything that keeps our family from growing closer to God or serving him better?" Then: "What can we do to remove that obstacle?"

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