



BIBLE STORYLINE

The Kingdom Divided

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Before group, choose three kids to be your helpers. Have them act like they're walking into class. Have one kid pretend to trip one kid and have that kid fall to the ground. The third kid just keeps walking. Then, you enter the scene and get mad at the kid who did nothing. Then, ask that kid how it felt to get in trouble for something they didn't do.

Before we jump into our lesson this week, I have a question for you. Have you ever gotten in trouble for something you didn't do? (allow kids to answer). It stinks, huh! It doesn't seem fair to receive a punishment when you didn't do anything wrong. (If you used the leader tip, reflect on what happened and how unfair it was to get mad at the kid who didn't do anything.)

Well in today's lesson, we are going to learn how Solomon's disobedience affected someone else- his son. Even though his son didn't do anything wrong, he was punished for Solomon's bad choices.

But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.

Song

Song #1

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: When you disobey God, you make life harder on everyone. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What did Solomon start worshipping? (False gods)
- What was Solomon's consequence for his disobedience? (His son would only get to rule 1 tribe)
- True or False: Obedience is a big deal. (T)

Obedience is super important. You know why? Because obedience keeps us safe and out of trouble. See, God knows what's best for us and he put his rules in the Bible for us to read and obey. When we obey what the Bible says, we're safe and life will go better for us. That's also true for our parents and teachers. We need to obey them, too!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"If you (point out) honor your father (one finger up) and mother (two fingers up), 'things will go well (thumbs up) for you, and you will have a long (arms outstretched) life on the earth.'" Ephesians 6:3 *(Repeat)*

This is the lesson Solomon needed to learn. He fooled himself into thinking that he didn't need God and he started doing whatever he wanted. He disobeyed God. His bad choices not only ruined his life, they ruined his son's life, too. A king is supposed to pass on the whole kingdom to his son. But God had to punish Solomon for his disobedience and his son only got to rule one tribe.

So, kids, let's learn from Solomon's life and remember to always obey. When we obey, life will go well for us. If we choose to disobey, we will only invite more trouble into our lives and we'll end up hurting the people we love.

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Song #2

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

When you disobey God, you make life harder on everyone. *(Repeat)*

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.