

# The Story at Home

**Timeless Truth:** When you follow the lie that God can't give you what you need, it's easy to turn to idols.

**Bible Verse:** "Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord."

1 Kings 15:11

**Key Passages:** 1 Kings 11:4-6; 12:1-33; 14:22-23, 26-28; 15:11-14, 16-24

**Resources:** *The Story for Children* Ch. 14: "A Kingdom Torn in Two"



Grades 5/6

Grades 2/3/4

You don't run into a lot of golden cow worshipers at church these days. But the problem of idols still plagues God followers. Anything that comes before God in your life could be an idol, especially if you look to that thing for comfort or satisfaction. Have all family members tell how they spend their time. About how much time each day do you spend doing these things?

Watching TV

Playing Video  
Games

Texting/talking on phone

Reading Bible and praying

Shopping

Using the Computer

None of the activities are sinful on their own; but if they consume your time and pull you away from God, they could become an idol. In today's society money, fame, possessions, career advancement, popularity, and other things rule people's lives.

**What area in your life do you think has the greatest possibility of becoming an idol?**

**How can you prevent that from happening?**

**What changes can you make in your schedule to show God that he's first in your life?**

Only the one true God is worthy of our worship. King Solomon opened the door to idol worship, and then Israel and Judah forsook the Lord to follow false gods.

Watch the youtube video of Matthew Ward's song "I Will Worship You." Have a pencil and paper ready. Write down all of the traits of God mentioned in the song. "My God is faithful, truthful . . ."

Think about the things people worship today (fame, money, etc.). Can any of those things boast the same characteristics that God possesses?

One of the lines says, "I will worship you for the things you've done in me." Have family members share something the Lord has done in them.

Deut. 6:13 says, "Worship the Lord your God. he is the only one you should serve." Write that verse on an index card and stick it on the refrigerator. Encourage everybody in your family to memorize it this week. Plan something fun as a family if everybody accomplishes this goal.

**Prov. 13:20 says, "Anyone who walks with wise people grows wise. But a companion of foolish people suffers harm." Rehoboam's dad, Solomon, wrote those words. But instead of listening to the counsel of wise elders, Rehoboam listened to his friends when it came to the treatment of the people of Judah. His friends encouraged Rehoboam to tell Jeroboam that bigger whips would be used to beat them. Jeroboam went back and split off a new country, Judah, where he was king. What do you think was Rehoboam's biggest mistake?**

**Could the split between Judah and Israel have been prevented?**

**Have you ever listened to your friends instead of your parents?**

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