



THE GOSPEL PROJECT PK Unit 11.4 Solomon's Divides the people

Date: Sunday May 17, 2026 **Teachers:** Jourdan M (lead) Joel P

Bible Passage: 1 Kings 11–12 **Key Passage:** Proverbs 2:6-7

Props: from home: compass, compass app on your phone

At centre: activity sheet, ball from Toddler, masking/painter tape

Review Rules:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Speak Kind Words like our God 3 in One

INTRO BIBLE STORY: materials: (activity page PK)

Invite preschoolers to help you count the people in the photo, then draw a line between the two groups and ask them to help you count how many are in each group. Today's story is a sad story. King Solomon was giving wisdom from God to lead his people, but Solomon turned his heart away from God and that hurt the people he was leading. His kingdom was divided because Solomon turned his heart away from God.

BIBLE STORY (VIDEO) SOLOMON'S SIN DIVIDES THE PEOPLE

KEY PASSAGE: PLAY KEY PASSAGE SONG

"The Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding" Prov. 2:6-7

GOSPEL GEMS

God made King Solomon WISE

Solomon turned away from God's ways

King Solomon had his nation fall apart.

Where does wisdom come from? Wisdom comes from listening to God's will and His ways.

SING A SONG: Sing to the tune of "The More We Get Together" :

"The Bible is God's words; it's God's words, it's God's words!

The Bible is God's words, and God's words are *true."

ACTIVITY: "Divided" materials: (Coloured Paper ripped in half hid around the room before class)

Rip some colour paper in half and give one piece to each student, tape the other piece somewhere in the room where it's slightly hidden. Tear a piece of paper in half before the kids: this is what happened to Solomon's Kingdom, when Solomon refused to obey God. His sin had a huge effect on His people. Our sin hurts other people too. Solomon's sin tore His people apart.

Your piece of paper was torn in half. Go find the other half of your paper. (when they bring it back) Solomon was not a perfect King and His sin and bad choices destroyed things. God had a plan to not only repair the world but repair our hearts. The perfect King Jesus came to give His life for us and give us new hearts that are not divided, and He is coming again to make all things broken WHOLE again.

ACTIVITY: “pass the ball” materials: (ball from Toddler bin)

Invite the preschoolers to sit in a circle and pass a ball to a friend. As the children pass the ball around, say, listening to God’s will and ways makes us wise.

ACTIVITY: “divided kingdom” materials: (masking/painters tape)

Tape a line down the middle of the room. Explain how when King Solomon started ruling, He was wise and good and the Kingdom was together in harmony, and then his heart turned away from God to worship other gods and other things, like women and riches and fame and this split the land. Everyone stand on the line, when I say Israel hop to that side, when I say Judah hop to the other side (try going fast and repeating to see if the kids can follow)

ACTIVITY: materials: (compass/ compass app on your phone)

Show kids N, S, E W . Have them follow you around the room as you walk in each direction. King Solomon made mistakes that split his kingdom in all directions. King Jesus came to bring peace from the North, South, East and West.

PRAYER: *Thank you King Jesus that you reign and you bring peace. May we learn to listen to you and your ways and be wise. Amen*

FREE PLAY/COLOURING SHEET/SNACK