

THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



Idolatry: A Nutty Object Lesson

- Best for Upper Elementary on up •

Main Point: Stay focused on Jesus throughout your life.

Bible Story Suggestion: Two passages on Solomon: 1 Kings 3:5-14 and 1 Kings 11:1-6.

Instructions: If you are using the suggested Solomon passages, begin by reading or summarizing the 1 Kings 3 passage. Follow that with the object lesson. Then transition to the 1 Kings 11 passage followed, if you wish, by the Activity Page board game.

Object Lesson: Idolatry! A Nutty Object Lesson.

The mixed nuts product in the demonstration video came from Costco. The container lists twenty-three nations as sources for the ingredients. If you don't have a Costco nearby, be sure to find a product with a similar large number of sources.

Read the list of sources to your listeners. Point out that mixed nuts are great, but the mixed messages the world whispers in our ear can lead to disaster if we allow them to divert us from following God. Explain that Solomon in his later years is a case in point. Now read the 1 Kings 11 passage.

Warning: If you are tempted to divide up the nuts as snacks for your listeners, be certain no one is afflicted by allergies to nuts.

Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video:

Activity Page: God or gods? A board game.

This game can be played by two players, but three or four seem to make it more fun for everyone. Each player needs some sort of small object to jump as a player token. A pencil and paperclip is needed to make the game spinner. Let small groups play, then wrap up by reading and discussing the game's **Make a decision** areas (our experience is that kids don't always read the things they land on!).

GOD or gods?

Here's a Game for Two or More Players. You need a pencil and paperclip to make a game spinner, and a coin to flip. Each player will need a small object to serve as a game token to jump along the paths. This can take a **long time** to win!

The Point of the Game: Like the paths on this game, life has many points of decision. Some require us to ask, "What does God want me to do?" No matter the specific answer, God ALWAYS wants us to choose to go His way. Always follow God!

How to Play: When you enter a rectangle area, stop there and wait for your next turn. When it is, flip a coin to take an exit. HEADS is always good, TAILS is always bad.

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Take a Spin



Use a pencil and paperclip to make a spinner.

