

THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



Lesson Outline:

- Tell the Bible Story
- Give the Object Lesson
- Do the Activity Page
- Wrap Up

Tangled Up in Sin

- A good one for Middle and High School •

Main Point: Sin is a trap that can be hard to escape.

Bible Story Suggestion: The Story of King Solomon • 1 Kings 3:5-14 and 11:1-6, summarized:

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

The young king said, "Lord God, I am only a little child. I do not know how to carry out my duties. So give me a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong."

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked this. "Since you have asked for this and for wisdom in administering justice, and not for long life or wealth, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart. There will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Even more, I will give you what you have not asked for—wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

King Solomon became very wise, very rich and hugely popular. But years later...

King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites—nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, "You must never intermarry with them. They will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Even so, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon aged, his wives turned his heart after other gods. So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord; he did not follow the Lord completely.

Comment: Well, 1,000 wives and concubines probably won't be a problem most of us will ever face, but there is a lesson to be learned from Solomon's foolishness. Repeating a sin over and over leads to major problems. Solomon kept marrying woman God had forbidden; it became a habit.

Object Lesson: Tangled Up in Sin

Materials Needed: Spool of thread, red or other bright color for better visibility. Scissors. Explain to your listeners that you need a volunteer to come forward to help you demonstrate the problems habitual sin can lead to. Habitual sin can be very hard to break free from!

Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video: <https://youtu.be/naaFGjE5iig>

Activity Page: Habitual Sin Can Box You In!

Materials Needed: A pencil for each copy of the game page (one per player is better).

Wrap Up: After the game activity, call everyone's attention back to you. Remind them of the most important point of the object lesson: Jesus can cut us loose from sin like scissors through thread.

Habitual Sin Can Box You In!

For Two Players

How to play: Take turns connecting two dots (no diagonals). The idea is to NOT draw a line that completes a box, while trying to strategically force the other player to complete more boxes than you. The player with the least number of boxes when all dots are connected wins the game. The other player has been trapped!

To keep track of the number of boxes each player completes, write initials in each.

Note: Only small boxes count; large boxes are ignored.

Turn

1 Fred goes first

2 Ann's turn

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10 Ann is now forced to box herself in!

11 So is Fred.

Strategy counts! What play could Ann have made on the tenth turn to force a tie game?

12 And that forces Ann to make two boxes with one line!

