



Bible Object Lesson



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A NOTE TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS:

Thank you for downloading this Bible Object Lesson.

This first page contains different sections to help you when planning for your class, for example, Home-school, Sunday School, Bible Study, Bible Club, Mission class, etc.

We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



TOPIC:

There is only one true God.



OBJECT:

Figurines and statues



What to do: Show the children a toy figurine.
Ask a question: What can you do with this toy figurine?



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goals of Lesson:

1. To explain the worship of other "gods" or idols.
2. To affirm that there is only one true God.



Lesson Takeaway:

There is only one true God, and He alone deserves our worship and praise.



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Topic:

THERE IS ONLY ONE
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Bible References:

Jeremiah 10:3 – 10;
Psalm 115:4 – 8



Notes:

A figurine is an object that is made from clay, wood, metal, glass, or plastic. This object might look like a person, or an animal. You can play with your toy figurine by yourself or with your siblings and friends.

Now, a larger figurine is called a statue. A statue can be made from wood, metal or stone and it is usually as tall or even taller than an adult human. You will generally find statues in public spaces, for example, the Statue of Liberty in the United States of America or the Statue of Unity in India.

The bible also talks about figurines and statues. The bible calls them idols. These idols were not used for playtime, instead, people bowed down to them and worshipped them. They sang to them, prayed to them, gave them food and gifts, and even carried them to fight battles.

God already told the children of Israel, through Moses, that they were never to join the people and nations who worshipped idols. “Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods: I am the LORD your God” (Leviticus 19:4).



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Notes continued:

Before the children of Israel entered the promised land, again, God gave them clear instructions not to worship idols (see Deuteronomy 12:29-31).

Worshipping of idols is against the will of God. However, some people still worship idols today. They treat these idols as their gods and give honour and reverence to the idols.

Now, how about if you don't worship a physical image, figurine, statue, or idol? Are there other ways one can worship idol today? In Exodus 20:3, the bible says, "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3). So, what an idol really does is to take the place and position of God who made heaven and earth. Someone who worships idol give attention, care, love, time etc. to the idol as a sign of respect and honour. In Ezekiel 14:3, the bible talks about idols in the heart. "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts...".

An idol in the heart means there is something in the heart that we give more attention and time to, than God. It means we are more concerned about that thing than God.

Some of the things that can become an idol in our heart are as follows:

1. The belly (see Philippians 3:19). The desire to satisfy our hunger, daily needs, or fulfil our ambition can be greater than our love for God. This means when you should pray or go to church, you prefer to eat or even read your books because you want to be the best.
2. The physical things in the world such as video games, playing cards, fine clothes, shoes, etc. can fill our thoughts and there is no more space to think about God.
3. Fun and pleasures of life (see 2 Timothy 3:2, 4). People can become lovers of themselves, lovers of money, lovers of pleasures like travelling and having fun rather than lovers of God.
4. People, such as celebrities, can become our focus of worship rather than God.
5. The gifts and talents that we receive from God can become our focus and make us become proud.



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Now, let's be clear. Is it bad to eat, travel, have fun, put on fine clothes, read your books, or play video games? No, not at all! But when you constantly choose to ignore God and the things that bring you close to Him like praying, reading the bible, spending time with other friends of God in church, sharing the good news etc., that is when you need to check your heart to see if anything else has become an idol.

Finally, the bible warns us. "Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen (1 John 5:21). "For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God" (Ephesians 5:5).

When we bring the idols in our heart to God through prayer, He will take them away and fill our hearts with His thoughts, so we love, respect and worship Him more than those idols.



Memorize: 1 Corinthians 10:14 – Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.



Questions:

- i. What other things can become an idol to you?
- ii. How can you get rid of the idols in the heart?
- iii. How can you show that you love God more than any idol?



Reminder: There is only one true God, and He alone deserves our worship and praise.



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Say and repeat: I will have no other god before the God who created heaven and earth.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank you for your great love for me. I understand now that I can have idols in my heart when I am more concerned about some things than I am about You. Please take away every idol in my heart and fill me with Your thoughts. Help me to serve You only. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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