

KIDS BIBLE

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Theme: Loving God most - more than things, friends or even our own plans.

Key Verse: "You must not have any other God's before me." - Exodus 20:3

Start the Conversation:

- "What are some things you really love?" (Let them list – video games, toys, sports, art, friends, etc.)
- "Do you think it's bad to love those things?"

Explain:

God made us to enjoy good things – but He wants to be our #1 love because He knows that's where our joy and peace come from.

When something becomes too important, it can quietly take God's place in our hearts – that's called an idol.

Bible Story: The Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-20)

Kid friendly summary:

While Moses was on the mountain getting the Ten Commandments, the people got impatient waiting for him. They said, "Let's make something we can see!" So they melted their gold and made a golden calf to worship.

When Moses came back and saw it, he was so sad – they forgot God and started worshiping something shiny instead of their Creator.

Talk About It:

1. "Why do you think the people made the golden calf?"
2. "What do you think made Moses upset?"
3. "Can you think of things people sometimes care about more than God?"
4. "How can we make sure God stays first in our hearts?"

Truth to Remember

We were created to worship – our hearts always love something most. When God is first, everything else (family, fun, hobbies) stays good and healthy. But when something else becomes #1, it never really satisfies us.

Reflections:

- “What’s something you love a lot – maybe too much?”
- “How can you show God He’s the most important to you?”

Family Activity: Heart Chart

Draw one big heart on paper. In the center, write “GOD.”

Around the heart, everyone writes or draws things they love – toys, sports, family, friends, etc.

Talk about how God made all of those things for us to enjoy, but the center of our heart belongs only to Him.

Idol Detector Game:

All week, when you catch yourselves spending a lot of time thinking about something, jokingly say “Beep! Idol detector alert!” Then take a second to say, “God, thank You for this gift – help me love You most.”

Family Prayer:

“Dear God, thank You for giving us so many good things to enjoy. Please help us remember that nothing is more important than You. When our hearts get distracted, gently pull us back to You. We want to love You with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength. Amen.”

Memory Verse for the Week:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37