



## Weekly Family Worship

Dec. 14, 2014

**Theme:** Idolatry

**Our Point:** Idolatry hurts everyone.

### **Read** — Listen to God: 1 Kings 12:25-33, 13:33— 14:20

Jeroboam considered the time ripe for reform in Israel, and instituted major “religious reforms.” He opened the priesthood to those formerly excluded, and expanded choices for places of worship. He also stubbornly tuned out the message from God, who called him to repentance.

### **Worship** — Praise to God.

**You are I Am — Mercy Me**

You may go to YouTube.com, use a CD, or choose a different song.

### **Do** — Walk with God.

**Option 1:** Have a scavenger hunt with your family. Make up a string of clues that lead from one place in your house to another. At the end of the scavenger hunt, have a worthless item as the prize, like a paper clip or a scrap piece of paper. Talk to your children about how they feel now that they have spent so much time and energy on something that has no value. Ask them to imagine spending their entire lives on something worthless— pouring hours and hours of time, energy, and patience into something that ended up being completely worthless. They would feel defeated, sad, and angry. This is what idolatry is like. Explain that only pursuing a relationship with Christ is worthwhile. (After making your point, you may want to share a special prize anyway, especially if your kids are young.)

**Option 2:** Ask your family to share experiences when children or friends did not pay attention to what they were saying. How could they tell the other one was not paying attention? What were the results? How do they avoid getting tuned out?

### **Pray** — Talk to God.

Repentance was out of the question for Jeroboam because he simply would not listen to God’s law, or to those whom he recognized as God’s prophets. Repent of any unconfessed sin in your life. Pray that God would give you a heart humble enough to seek out true repentance.

#### **Pray for the Unreached...**

*Country:* Turkey

*People:* Adyghe

*Main Religion:* Islam

*Christ-Followers:* Few less than 2%

*Status:* Least-Reached

*Bible:* New Testament

**Declare his glory among the nations. Psalm 96:3**

### **Memorize** — Meditate on God.

2 Corinthians 9:15 — Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.

## This week in Sunday School...

### Preschool

Today your child continued to learn about the birth of Jesus. After Jesus was born, God wanted others to know. Shepherds were in a field nearby, taking care of their sheep. An angel came and told them about the birth of baby Jesus. The shepherds went to see baby Jesus. Afterwards, they told others the good news. **Jesus Is a Gift of Love** from God.

### Elementary

Your student learned King Jeroboam started out following God, but turned away when he began to doubt God’s Word. He encouraged his people to worship idols instead of the one true God. Your student discussed ways to put God first in his or her life as well as why following God and obeying His commands is the best way

### Youth

Teens examined the effects of idolatry on the nation of Israel and what idolatry looks like today. Discuss with your teen the importance of a proper perspective when it comes to their relationship with God and other things.

### How Should We Pray for Unreached People Groups?

#### Pray these same prayers for our City, County, State and Nation.

- **Pray for great outpouring of God’s Spirit on the people group bringing conviction of sin!**
- **Pray for clear, biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus drawing people to Him!**
- **Pray for powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance and miracles!**
- **Pray for great revival on the Church to cleanse, empower and send them out to the lost!**
- **Pray that God will send more workers into His harvest in obedience to Luke 10:2!**
- **Pray for great people movements to Christ and Church Planting Movements!**
- **Pray that new converts will be biblically disciplined and will grow in Jesus!**

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