

Every Evil Practice is Like a Cactus in My Heart



Manasseh was bad news. At age twelve he became king. But instead of being a good king like his father, Hezekiah, he gave himself over to evil. Whatever God wanted, he did the opposite. He was high up on Judah's list of All-Time Worst Kings.

The reason is this: He fooled around with the occult and got hooked by Satan. What happened then can happen today. Stay far, far away from people and things that might get you into the **evil** of the occult: fortune-tellers, palm readers, witches, mediums, psychics, séances, Ouija boards, games, movies, and TV shows.

If you're ever tempted to dabble in the occult, remember that it punctures whoever touches it, just like a cactus.

Key Verse

*Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king... He did what was **evil** in the Lord's sight, following the detestable **practices** of the pagan nations that the Lord had driven from the land ahead of the Israelites.*

2 Kings 21:1-2

Click

Your child will now be able to say the meaning of this Bible verse in their own words.

Stick

The life application meaning of this verse is tied to the image of a **cactus**.

Clicker: Cactus

Whenever you see, touch, or think about a *cactus*, let this HoneyWord prick your heart as it clicks and sticks.



Read 2 Kings 21:1-2

Make-it-Stick

Find a cactus around your house, in a florist's shop, or look online. Gently touch the cactus to feel how sharp it is. Now close your eyes and imagine the pain of really getting stuck by a sharp, prickly cactus. That's a picture of the payoff Satan has waiting for all those who follow the occult. So please don't ever touch it at all, for any reason.

Everyone Take Turns Explaining the Meaning of this Lesson in Your Own Words

Ask, "What does this lesson mean?" If the answer is in the ballpark of the correct meaning, praise that person out loud. Then ask another child to explain it. Do this 2 or 3 times in a row.

Hold Up the Clicker

Hold up the Click-er (cactus) and say this HoneyWord Lesson out loud:

"Every evil practice is like a cactus in my heart."

Then repeat it out loud together one more time.

Pair Up in Small Groups of Two

If you're with more than one child, have your children pair up and ask each other to say the lesson out loud to each other.

Re-Group and Recite Again

Ask one child to say the lesson one more time, and then explain what it means.

Discuss How This Truth Applies to Your Everyday Life