

Hot Topics

Idols

Leader Guide

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Note to Leaders:

This Hot Topic is designed to help girls understand how idolatry relates to our-modern day culture. Idolatry is not just something that happened in the Bible days with small images made of gold. It could be a very convicting subject for some girls to discuss if they've really not thought about the gods they've put above God. Be open with the girls and share some examples from your past.

What do you think of when you hear the word *idol*?

Have a girl read the dictionary definition of *idolatry*.

"Excessive or blind adoration, reverence, devotion, etc."

- What do teen girls typically find themselves obsessed with?
- How can celebrities become idols?
- How can dreams and desires become idols?
- How can relationships become idols?
- How can material possessions become idols?
- Can any of these things bring you true happiness?

Have a girl read Exodus 20:3–6.

- What is the difference between God and god?
- How do we put those gods before God?
- Why shouldn't we have other gods that we put before God?

Have a girl read Hebrews 13:5.

- Why are we being warned not to love money?
- Have there been times when you've allowed money to be an idol?
- Why is what God says at the end of this verse "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you" so comforting? Can our idols make the same guarantee?



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- How do we “feed” the idols in our lives with our actions?
- What steps can you take to rid your life of idols?
- How can you make God more of a priority in your life?

Prayer: No matter where I go, what I buy, who I hang out with, or what I do, Lord, I want to place You first in everything. You are the King of my heart. You are my number one priority. I will love You above anything or anyone else in this world!

Additional Resources:

Idol Girls, by Hayley DiMarco

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