

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 12:1-19

SESSION SUMMARY

This week takes us into the story of King Rehoboam, King Solomon's son. The people asked Rehoboam to relieve some of the restrictions his father placed on them. The elders encouraged him to be kind, but Rehoboam's friends said the opposite; they told him to put more pressure on the people. And the people rebelled. In this session, we see that the advice we choose to follow can make a lasting impact on us and on those around us. Here are the main takeaways:

- Pride leads us to reject wisdom (1 Kings 12:1-9).
- Rejecting wisdom leads to division (1 Kings 12:10-19).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Who in our family do most people go to for advice? Why?
- What do we do with advice that we know is right but doesn't line up with what we want?
- How can our family members encourage one another to follow good advice?
- When have we seen unwise decisions create distance and hurt in relationships? How can we help each other guard against that?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Give each family member an index card and a pen. Invite them to jot down a piece of godly advice someone wise gave them. Take turns reading these aloud, talking about the person who gave the advice and why that advice is wise. Then, come up with three or four questions together that you can ask yourselves to help you determine whether advice you receive is godly.