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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 13 • Session 1

THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

1 Kings 11-13

HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE? THERE IS ONE TRUE GOD WHO ALONE DESERVES WORSHIP.

Solomon, the King of Israel, started out following God wholeheartedly, but later he was unfaithful to God by worshiping idols. The Lord was angry with him and said, "Since you have not kept my covenant and laws, I will tear your kingdom in two. One tribe will be given to your son, and the rest of Israel will follow another king."

After Solomon died, his son Rehoboam (ree huh BOH uhm) became the new king. Jeroboam (jer uh BOH uhm) and the people of Israel came to Rehoboam and said, "Your father Solomon was a very harsh king. We are willing to follow you as our king, if you will be less harsh with us."

Rehoboam replied, "Come back in three days, and I will give you an answer to your request." The elders gave Rehoboam very good advice: "Be a servant to the people." Rehoboam did not like what the elders said. He asked some young men he had grown up with what he should do. These young men said, "Tell them you are far more powerful than your father Solomon, and their lives will be much harder under your rule."

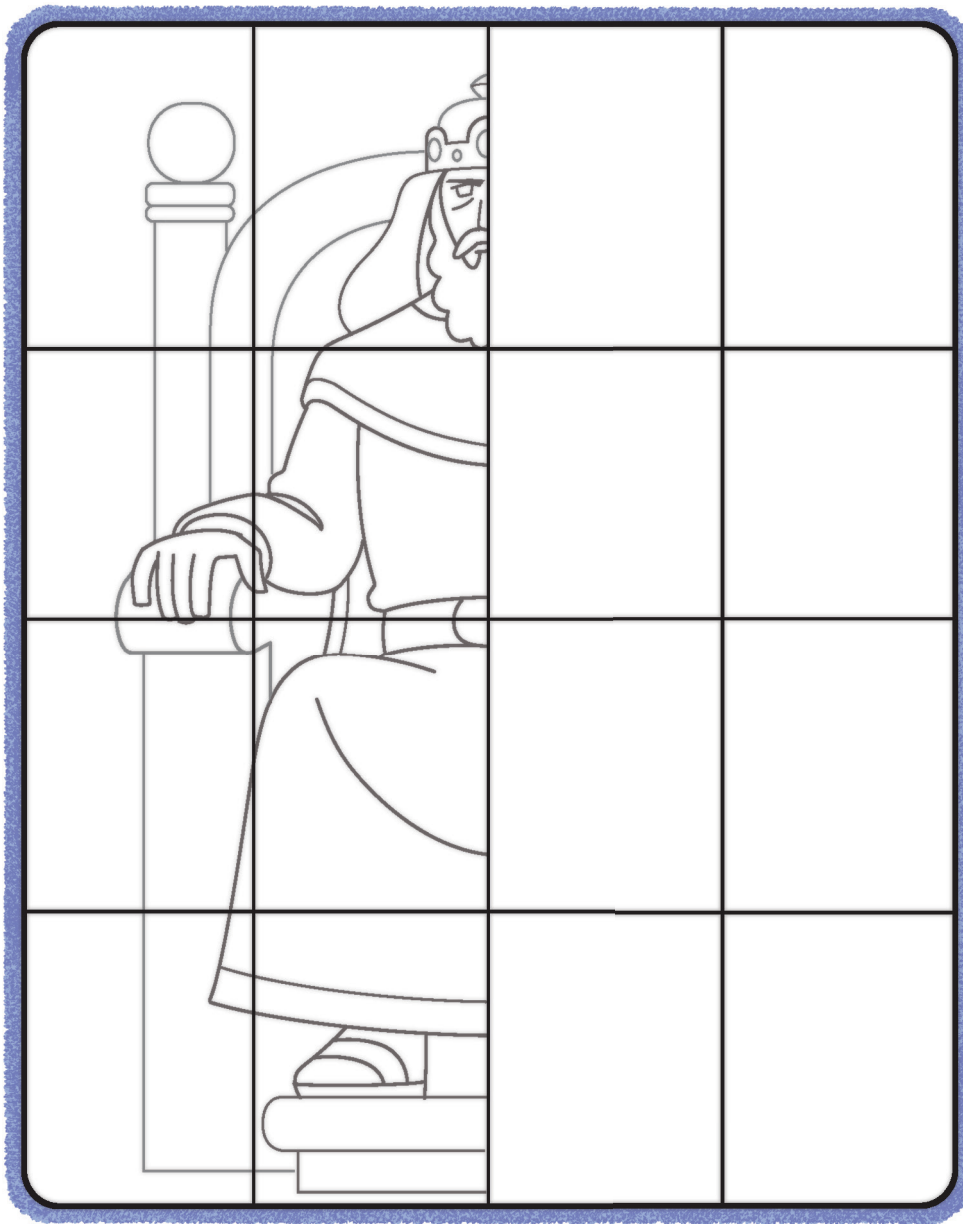
Jeroboam and all the people returned to Rehoboam to hear his reply. He told them, "My father disciplined you; I will discipline you even further."

When the people heard Rehoboam's reply, they rebelled against him. Because of Rehoboam's foolish and prideful sin, the people of God were now divided into two nations. King Rehoboam was king over Judah, and King Jeroboam was king over Israel.

Christ Connection: Rehoboam rejected good advice, and his foolish pride led to a divided kingdom. Jesus, the truly wise King, unites all who trust in Him and brings them into His kingdom forever.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!





The Other Half | Rehoboam's foolish sin divided the kingdom. Use the grid to complete the picture.

A Divided Kingdom | Use the grid coordinates to write the name of each city. Then match the city to the correct Bible reference it's found in.



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• MATTHEW 2:1
• 1 KINGS 12:1
• 1 KINGS 12:18
• 1 KINGS 12:29