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- Rehoboam told the people, “I’m going to be even tougher than my dad!” The people didn’t like that, so they made Jeroboam their king instead.
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