

FAMILY GUIDE



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1 Kings 11-12

Here's what we talked about today.

God divided Israel into two kingdoms because King Solomon sinned. Ten tribes of Israel appointed Jeroboam as their king, while the tribe of Judah remained loyal to Solomon's son, Rehoboam.

God's people needed a better king, a perfect king! Through David's family, God would send His own Son, Jesus Christ, to be a perfect King over God's people forever. Jesus brings His people together and leads them back to God.

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LET'S TALK



Get your kids talking!

In your Bible story today you learned that God divided Israel into two kingdoms. One kingdom was still called Israel. What was the name of the other kingdom? (Judah)

Take it deeper

How does Jesus bring people together and unite them?

How might following Jesus be difficult and how might it be easy?

Have some family fun this week!

- Think of a goofy, but tricky, challenge for each family member. The one challenged should ask the others for advice on how best to do the task, what to use, etc. After all challenges are completed, ask who in the Bible story did not listen to advice and what happened as a result.
- For each of the following, designate opposite sides of the room for each preference and have family members move to the side that coincides with their choice: Cheese or pepperoni pizza? Playing outside or inside? Chocolate or vanilla ice cream? Blue or Red? Markers or paints?
Ask: In your Bible story, why did ten tribes of Israel choose King Jeroboam, but Judah stayed with King Rehoboam?
- As the kids watch, pour half water & half vegetable oil in a jar and see how they separate. Have kids take turns shaking the jar to combine the liquids, only to see them separate again. Talk about how the Israelites separated due to King Rehoboam's treatment of them.

FOR FUN



MEMORY VERSE



Who can memorize this verse first?

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this, **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** (Romans 5:8) For the wages of sin is death, but **the gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

*(Preschoolers learn the words of the verse that are in **bold**.)*