

KIDS CLUB NEWS

SPECIAL EDITION

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FOR AGES 10–16

The Kingdom Splits: Bad Advice & Golden Calves



Scripture Focus: 1 Kings 11:26–12:33

THE BIG STORY

After King Solomon died, the nation of Israel made a massive choice. Solomon's son, Rehoboam, listened to bad advice from his friends instead of wise advice from elders, causing the northern 10 tribes to break away. They chose Jeroboam as their first king.

God promised Jeroboam that if he followed Him, his kingdom would last. But Jeroboam got scared. He worried that if the people went back to Jerusalem (in the Southern Kingdom) to worship God, he would lose power.

A FATAL SHORTCUT

Instead of trusting God's promise, Jeroboam built two golden calves in Bethel and Dan and told the people, "Here are your gods!"

Jeroboam tried to solve a spiritual problem with a human shortcut—and it led an entire nation into sin.



MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

— Proverbs 3:5–6



BIBLE DETECTIVE CHALLENGE (10–15 MINUTES)

Grab your Bible, open to 1 Kings 12, and answer these questions:

1. What bad advice did Rehoboam take in verse 13–14?
2. Where did Jeroboam place the two golden calves in verse 29?
3. **The Connection:** Read Exodus 32:4. Where have you seen golden calves in the Bible before? Why do you think Jeroboam repeated this exact same mistake?



The Kings of Israel

NEXT KIDS CLUB • SEPTEMBER 28

REHOBAM & JEROBOAM: THE KINGDOM SPLITS

Join us as we learn how one kingdom became two—and what we can learn from their choices.

WEEKLY BIBLE CHALLENGE

Testing your knowledge on Solomon, Rehoboam, & Jeroboam

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WORD SEARCH

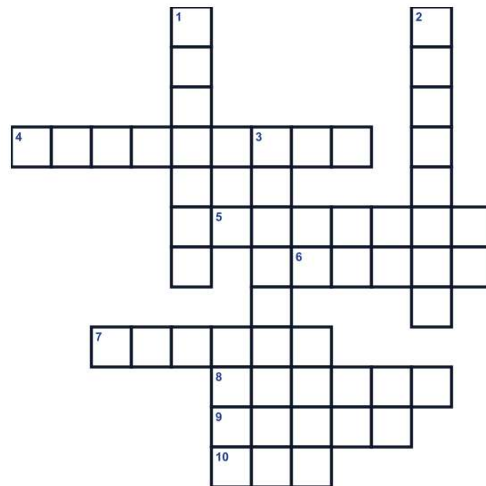
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- ISRAEL
- TEMPLE
- BETHEL
- ALTAR
- ADVICE



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ACROSS

4. City where Solomon built the Temple
5. Solomon's son who listened to bad advice
6. Wise leaders whose counsel was rejected
7. Town of Jeroboam's first golden calf
8. Quality Solomon asked God to give him
9. Southern kingdom loyal to David's line
10. Town of Jeroboam's second golden calf

DOWN

1. King whose heart turned away in old age
2. First king of the Northern 10 tribes
3. Jeroboam made two golden ____

UPCOMING DATES

September 28 • October 12 • October 26 (Costume Knight) • November 9