



Children's Cell NEWSLETTER

July 27, 2025

Dear Parents,

This week, we have the opportunity to explore the teachings of **“The Kingdom Divided”** (1 Kings 11-13).

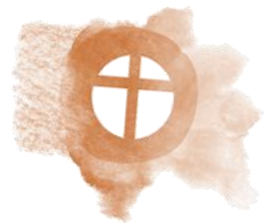
King Solomon turned away from God, and because of his unfaithfulness, God divided the kingdom. His son Rehoboam became king, but he ignored wise advice and responded harshly to the people. This caused Israel to split into two nations—Judah and Israel. Unlike Rehoboam, Jesus is the perfect King who leads with wisdom and love, bringing unity to all who trust in Him.

This message will inspire your child to grow in the love and light of Jesus. Reinforce the lesson at home by discussing the following points with your child:

- ☐ **Solomon’s sin led to consequences:** Talk about how turning from God always brings sadness and brokenness.
- ☐ **Rehoboam rejected wise advice:** Help your child see the value of listening to godly wisdom.
- ☐ **Jesus is the true King who unites us:** Remind your child that Jesus brings peace and unity to all who follow Him.

You might consider praying with your child,
**“Jesus, help us to listen to Your wisdom
and follow You with humble hearts.”**

Grace and blessings in Christ.





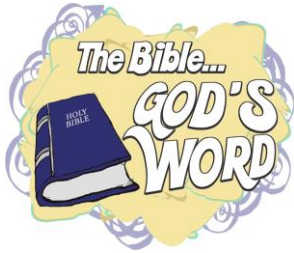
The Kingdom Divided

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Kings 11-13

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Kings 8:60

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *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 his heart was turned away from God. 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.” Later, a servant of King Solomon named Jeroboam was walking down the road when a prophet of the Lord met him. The prophet told Jeroboam that he would be the new king. Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam, but he fled to Egypt, where he remained until Solomon’s death.

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.” Then Rehoboam brought together the elders who had served his father Solomon. The elders gave Rehoboam very good advice: “Be a servant to the people, and speak kind words to them, and they will be your servants forever.”





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Rehoboam did not like what the elders said and rejected their advice. He asked some young men he had grown up with what he should do. These young men said, “Show the people you are in charge! Tell them you are far more powerful than your father Solomon, and their lives will be much harder under your rule.”

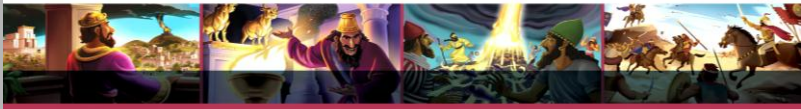
When three days had passed, Jeroboam and all the people returned to Rehoboam to hear his reply. He told them, “My father made your work difficult, but I will make your work even more difficult. My father disciplined you; I will discipline you even further.”

When the people heard Rehoboam’s reply, they rebelled against him. All the tribes of Israel, except for the tribe of Judah, came together and made Jeroboam their king. 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.

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.

Key Passage

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**... that all the peoples of the earth
may know that the LORD is God;
there is no other.
« 1 Kings 8:60 »**



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REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service starts at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



"Israel's Evil Kings"

(1 Kings 14-15; 2 Chronicles 12-13)



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PROJECT
FOR KIDS