

Journal Page

Write about a time you sinned. Were any of your relationships affected? Write a short prayer, thanking God for forgiving your sin and ask Him to restore any relationships affected by that sin.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What happens if we trust God just half the time?
- What changed about God's love for Solomon when he stopped obeying God?
- David and Solomon both made big mistakes; can you think of a King who never sinned?



Solomon's Sin Divided the Kingdom

1 Kings 11-12

MAIN POINT: GOD DIVIDED ISRAEL INTO TWO KINGDOMS BECAUSE SOLOMON SINNED.

King Solomon loved God, but he did not love God with his whole heart. Solomon's wives turned him away from God. Solomon began to worship the false gods that his wives worshiped.

This made God angry. God said to Solomon, "Since you have done this, I will take the kingdom away from you. You will be king the rest of your life, but when your son becomes king, he will lose everything except for one tribe."

Now God planned to make Solomon's official, Jeroboam, the king of most of Israel. When Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king. The people told Rehoboam, "Your father, Solomon, made us work too hard. We will gladly serve you if you make our work easier."

Rehoboam replied, "My father, Solomon, did not make you work hard enough! I'll make you work even harder!"

God's people did not want to serve a king like Rehoboam, so they made Jeroboam king. Only one tribe remained under Rehoboam's rule, and that was the southern tribe of Judah.

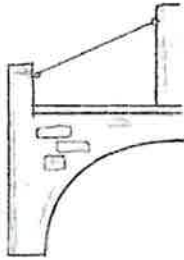
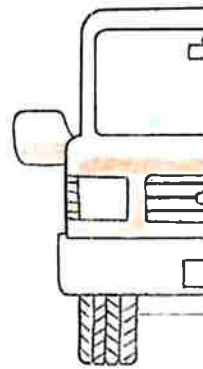
Now Jeroboam was the king of Israel. Jeroboam made two golden calves and made an announcement to the northern tribes. "It is very inconvenient for you to travel all the way to Jerusalem to worship at the temple," he said. "Look! These golden calves are the gods who brought your ancestors out of Egypt. You can worship them."

What Jeroboam did was a sin! Those calves did not lead God's people out of Egypt; God led His people out of Egypt. Jeroboam led all the people in worship to the false gods.

Christ Connection: King Solomon failed to lead God's people perfectly. 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.

Make It Whole

Can you complete the pictures? Draw the missing half of each object.



The Tribes of Israel

After the Israelites took over the promised land, the land was divided among the 12 tribes—the families of the sons of Jacob.



Rehoboam was the king of the Southern Kingdom (Judah).

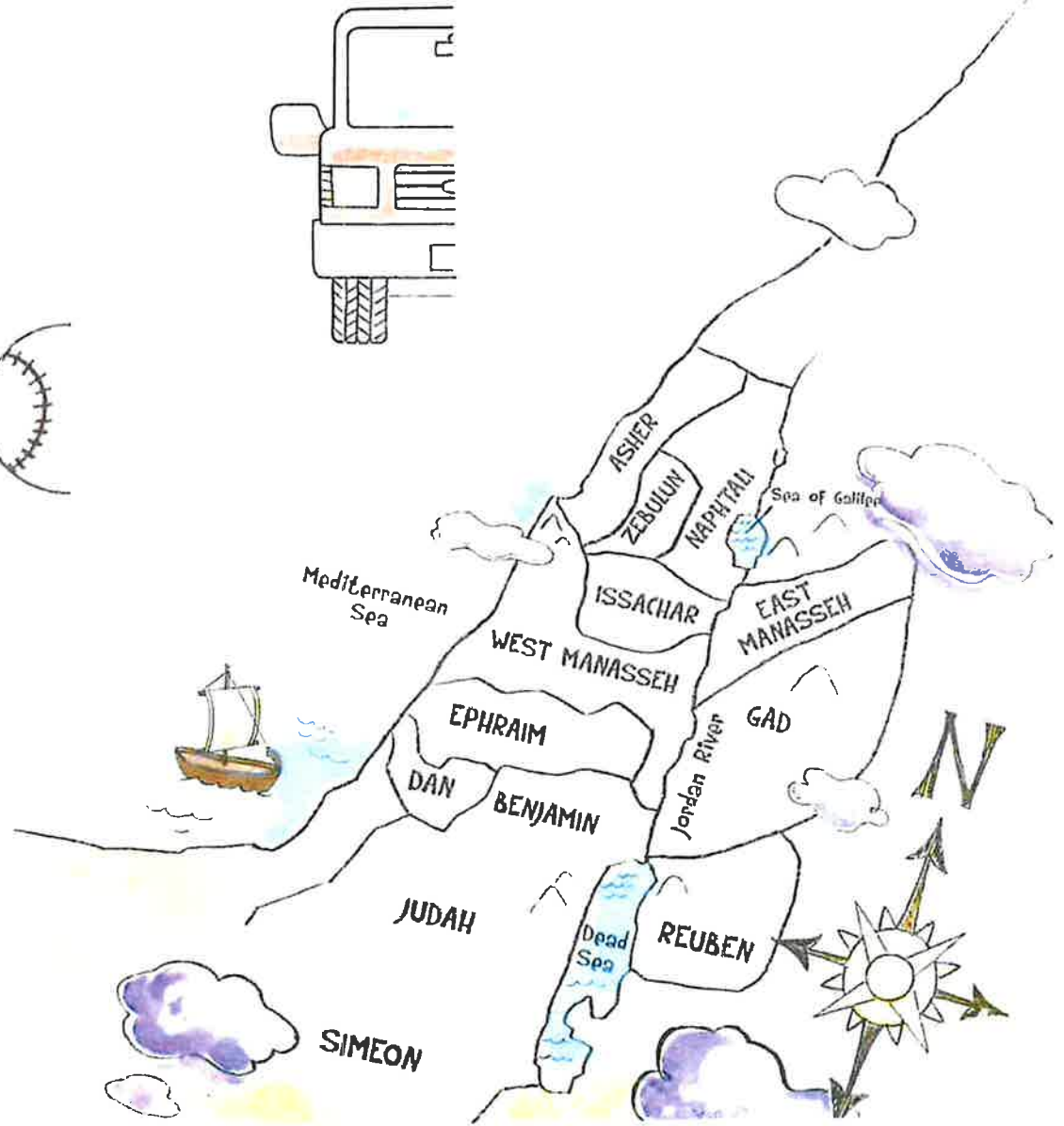
Jeroboam became the king of the Northern Kingdom (Israel).

Color these tribes yellow:

- Judah
- Benjamin
- Simeon

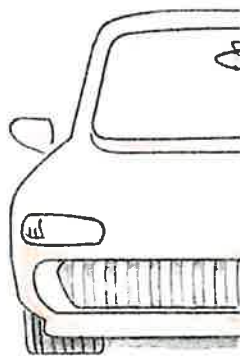
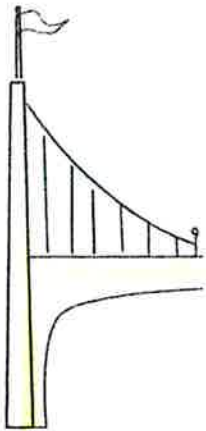
Color these tribes red:

- West & East Manasseh
- Naphtali
- Ephraim
- Issachar
- Zebulun
- Reuben
- Asher
- Gad
- Dan



Half and Half

INSTRUCTIONS: Look at the half pictures below and try to complete them by drawing the missing half.



KEY PASSAGE: Proverbs 2:6-7

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Where does wisdom come from? Wisdom comes from God through His Word.

BIBLE STORY:

SOLOMON'S SIN DIVIDED THE KINGDOM

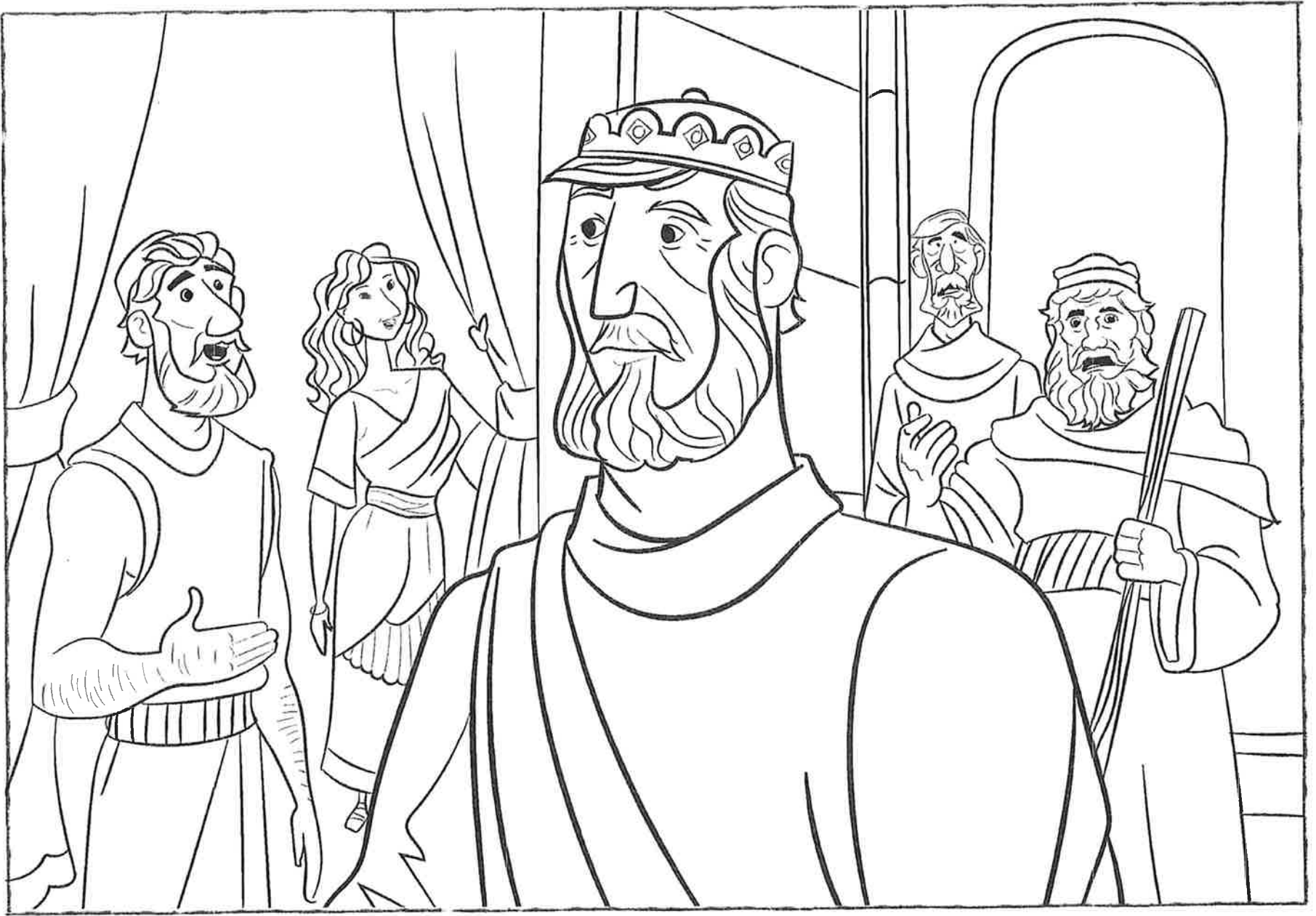
- Solomon had wives who turned his heart away from God.
- God was angry because of Solomon's sin.
- Solomon's son promised the people hard work, not rest.
- God divided Israel into two kingdoms.

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FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Use a knife or a saw to cut some things in half. Show your kids the inside of the objects. Explain how Jesus unites us with God and each other.



How Many?

INSTRUCTIONS: Count the people. Draw a line to split the people into two groups. Count how many people are in each group.

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BIBLE STORY:

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- Solomon's wives led him to worship false gods.
- God split the kingdom because of Solomon's sin.
- Rehoboam, Solomon's son, led the kingdom of Judah.
- Jeroboam, Solomon's servant, led the kingdom of Israel.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did each king mess up?
- Tell about a time someone led you to do something wrong.
- Tell about a time you had to suffer because someone else made a wrong choice.

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Play a game as a family. Talk about how even though you are playing against each other, you are still one family.
- Invite several families from your neighborhood to a family game night.

Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 11, Session 4

