



Unit 12 | Session 3

SOLOMON'S SIN DIVIDED THE KINGDOM

1 Kings 10-12

King Solomon was wiser and richer than any other king on earth. He loved God and God blessed him, but Solomon wanted more. He built altars on a hill near Jerusalem to worship idols. Then the people in Israel began to worship the false gods too.

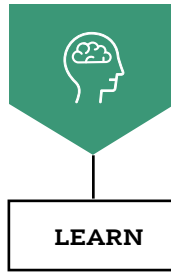
When this happened, God was angry. God said to Solomon, “You will be king the rest of your life, but when your son becomes king, he will lose everything except for one tribe.” And that is exactly what happened.

Solomon had a servant named Jeroboam. One day, a prophet named Ahijah told Jeroboam, “God is going to take the kingdom of Israel away from Solomon. He will let Solomon and his family keep a small part, but you will get the bigger part.”

When Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king. The people did not want to

serve a king like Rehoboam because he treated them so harshly, so they made Jeroboam king. The kingdom of Israel was now divided. Jeroboam ruled over the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Solomon's son only ruled over the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

Christ Connection: King Solomon's sin led to the division of the kingdom. God's people needed a better king. Through David's family, God would send His own Son, Jesus, to be a perfect King over God's people forever. Jesus is greater than Solomon. Jesus brings His people together and leads them back to God.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Circle which things pull your attention away from God.

Phone

Video Games

Friendships

Social Media

TV Shows

Popularity

Sports

Money

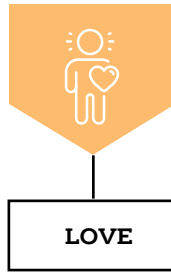
Hobbies

» What does this story teach us about God?

» How was God merciful to Solomon?

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THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

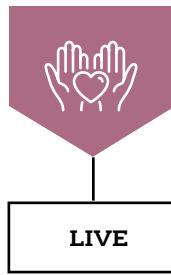
- » How can the people we spend time with affect our walk with God?

- » Retell the meeting of Ahijah and Jeroboam in your own words.

- » Explain how Jesus is better than an earthly king.

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Exodus 34:6-7 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, praising God for His mercy, faithfulness, and unending love.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ 1 Kings 11:7-8

☐ Ephesians 2:17-18

☐ 1 Kings 11:29-33

☐ Colossians 1:20

☐ Isaiah 9:6-7

☐ 2 Corinthians 5:18