

Large Group Leader:

Time	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For wells in Africa	Offering bag
	Birthdays: Noah Arends - Aug.1	
2 minutes	Leader: Good morning, everyone! Who is the wisest King ever? Kids: Jesus is our wise King! Leader: Sometimes people make foolish choices instead of listening to good advice. Kids: We want to listen to God's wisdom! Leader: King Rehoboam's pride divided God's people. Kids: Jesus brings God's people together! Leader: Jesus welcomes everyone who trusts in Him into His forever kingdom. Kids: We belong to King Jesus! Leader: Will we follow Jesus with humble hearts? Kids: Yes! We will trust and follow Him!	Bible

	Leader: Let's worship our wise and loving King together! Kids: Jesus is our King forever! Amen!	
10 minutes singing	Your way is better - Forrest Frank	Video
	Trust in You - VBS song	
	Tell the story – Page 11	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions: 1. Why did the people not trust Rehoboam? 2. What two groups of people gave Rehoboam advice? 3. What happened because of Rehoboam's sin?	
	Questions from kids video: 1. If God knows what we are going to do, why does He give us a choice? 2. How does God help us make wise choices that honor Him?	
	Summer Scripture Bingo - Tell kids to work on the different bingo sheets, read scripture throughout the summer, and bring it back for a candy!	
2 minutes	God, thank You for leading us in Your wisdom and truth. Guide us on the path of righteousness through faith in Jesus. Help us share the gospel with others so they can find life in You. Amen.	
1 minute	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to 1 Kings 11–13. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “The Kingdom Divided.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

“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 worshipping 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.’

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.

Christ Connection: 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. ”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Active listening: Invite kids to say “boo” when they hear bad advice or when they hear how people sinned.

Display a map: Display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map and point to the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.



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THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 🗣️ Rehoboam became king after his father Solomon. Why did the people not trust Rehoboam? [Allow responses.] Rehoboam's father, King Solomon, ordered the people to do hard work and didn't always treat the people kindly. The people were concerned that Rehoboam may be like his father. They asked Rehoboam to lighten their work.

What two groups of people gave Rehoboam advice? [Allow responses.] First, the elders or older leaders told Solomon to be a servant-king. They encouraged him to be a king who would care for the people and speak kindly to them. But Rehoboam didn't listen to them. Next, Rehoboam's friends gave him advice. They told Rehoboam to make the people work even harder. They encouraged Rehoboam to use his power for his own pride.

What happened because of Rehoboam's sin? [Allow responses.] All the tribes of Israel, except the tribe of Judah, rebelled against Rehoboam and made Jeroboam their king. **REHOBAM'S FOOLISH SIN DIVIDED THE KINGDOM.** The Northern Kingdom was known as Israel, and the Southern Kingdom was known as Judah.

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3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY 🗣️ Rehoboam was a foolish and selfish king. But King Jesus is the wise and serving King. Jesus laid down His life to save people from sin. When we trust in Jesus, we will be with Him forever. Do you have questions about what it means to follow Jesus as your Savior and Lord? 🙏

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Create an environment where kids are welcome to ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 13, Session 1" Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. If God knows what we are going to do, why does He give us a choice?
2. How does God help us make wise choices that honor Him?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

SAY 🗣️ Columbus, Ohio, is in the Midwest region of the United States and is home to many college students. But Columbus is also home to many people who have moved there from around the world. Many people who live in Columbus need to hear the good news about Jesus. Only 1 out of 10 people in Columbus are believers. 🙏

Play the video. Tell kids that the number of churches in Columbus, Ohio, has grown in recent years, but more churches are needed to help share the gospel. Pray for the missionaries working in Columbus, Ohio. Pray for more churches to partner with Columbus' local churches.



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6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 MINUTES)

Show the Key Passage Poster. Lead kids in reading aloud 1 Kings 8:60 together.

| **SAY** “ There is no one like our God! He is our perfect King who rules over the whole world. ”

Provide each kid with a Bible and invite them to find 1 Kings 8:60. Read the key passage aloud together. Then point to a world map and discuss how God created the world and made people to know He is the one true God.

Lead kids to sing “There Is No Other (1 Kings 8:60).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

| **SAY** “ Thank You, Lord, for being the perfect King who loves and cares for us. Help us serve You and others as we follow Your Son, Jesus. In Jesus’ name, amen. ”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



