

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: Thijs Vaandrager - Aug. 5	
2 minutes	Leader: Today we're going to hear about kings who made good choices and kings who made bad choices. What do we learn from them? Kids: God wants us to follow Him with all our hearts! Leader: People may change, but does God ever change? Kids: No! God is always faithful and true! Leader: Sometimes we make wrong choices too. What should we do? Kids: We can turn to God because He forgives and helps us! Leader: Who is the perfect King who always obeyed God and leads us forever? Kids: Jesus is our perfect King! Leader: Then let's worship our faithful	Bible

	God with joyful hearts! Kids: We will love, trust, and praise the Lord together!	
10 minutes singing		Video
	Tell the story – Page 21	
3 minutes	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
	Questions: 1. How did Jeroboam sin against God? 2. Who were the other two kings of Israel we learned about? 3.	
	Questions from kids video: 1. If you have a friend who follows a different religion and thinks many gods exist, is it wrong to tell her about God? 2. Why is telling others about Jesus the best news they could hear?	
	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 14–15; 2 Chronicles 12–13. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Israel’s Evil Kings.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

ISRAEL’S EVIL KINGS

“When God’s people split into two separate kingdoms, King Jeroboam became king over Israel in the north. Unlike King David, **Jeroboam did not keep God’s commands and follow Him with all his heart**, doing what is right. **Jeroboam acted wickedly and made false gods for the people to worship.**

God was angry with Jeroboam. He sent the prophet Ahijah to tell him: “You have behaved wickedly, and I am going to bring disaster on you. **There will be a new king over Israel.** The new king will completely destroy the house of Jeroboam.”

Then the kingdom of Israel went to war with the kingdom of Judah. The king of Judah said to the people of Israel, “You have left the LORD your God! **You worship golden calves**, and you banished the priests of the LORD and made new priests. **But we continue to worship God.** We make offerings to Him every morning and every evening. **We are obeying the commandments of the LORD, but you are not. Do not fight against us, because you will not win!**”

God was with the people of Judah because of a promise He had made to King David, and they defeated Jeroboam and the army of Israel. Then the Lord struck Jeroboam, and he died.

After Jeroboam died, his son Nadab became king of Israel. Unfortunately, Nadab was just as evil as his father. Another man named Baasha (BAY uh shuh) attacked and killed Nadab and all his family, just as God said through the prophet Ahijah. Baasha became the new king of Israel. Baasha followed the same pattern as the evil kings who came before him, leading the people away from God to worship idols.

Christ Connection: The first kings of Israel led the people to disobey God and to worship idols. Israel’s kings suffered the consequences of their sin. We all sin when we disobey God and worship other things. Jesus died and rose again to pay for our sin and bring us back to God. ”

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use movement: Move about the room as you tell the story, emphasizing how the kings of Israel did not follow God.

Create two groups: Form two groups and lead each group to sit on opposite sides of the room, mirroring Israel and Judah.



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2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 🗣️ The first king of the Northern Kingdom of Israel was Jeroboam. Even though God had shown kindness to Jeroboam and allowed him to become king, Jeroboam turned away from God. How did Jeroboam sin against God? **[Allow responses.]** Jeroboam made two golden calves for the people to worship. He lied and said the golden calves had rescued God's people from Egypt. But God had rescued His people from Egypt. Jeroboam lied and led the people to worship idols instead of the one true God. Jeroboam was more concerned with remaining king than following God. Because of Jeroboam's sin, God said he would not remain king.

Who were the other two kings of Israel we learned about? **[Allow responses.]** Nadab and Baasha became king after Jeroboam. But they followed in Jeroboam's wicked ways. **ISRAEL'S KINGS DID EVIL IN GOD'S SIGHT AND WORSHIPED IDOLS.** The first kings of Israel led the people to disobey God. Israel's kings suffered the consequences of their sin. We all sin when we disobey God and worship other things. Jesus died and rose again to pay for our sin and bring us back to God. 🙏

3 GOSPEL DISCUSSION

SAY 🗣️ The Bible tells us that we have all sinned and are separated from God because of our sin. Jesus died and rose again so we can be saved from our sin. When we trust in Jesus, God washes away our sin and makes us right with Him. Have you trusted in Jesus? 🙏

(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 2" Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. If you have a friend who follows a different religion and thinks many gods exist, is it wrong to tell her about God?
2. Why is telling others about Jesus the best news they could hear?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Display the "Aaron Taylor and Ohio Map Photos" printable. Point to Ohio on the map. Tell kids that Aaron Taylor is the church planter and teaching pastor of Living Hope Church in Columbus, Ohio. The church, started in 2018, has been sharing the good news about Jesus with people in the area. Aaron and his church began two local nonprofits and a new ministry center called the Finding Hope Center.

SAY 🗣️ The center is a place where families who need help can receive household items like mattresses, bedding, and furniture. The center often helps single moms, immigrants, refugees, and others at no cost. They want to be a place for families to receive needed materials while also providing hope as they tell them about Jesus. Over time, the Finding Hope Center has been able to partner with other organizations like Send Relief to expand their reach and meet the needs of



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| families in their community. ”

Pray for Aaron and his wife, Elizabeth, and their two daughters as they serve at Living Hope Church. Pray for the ministries of Living Hope Church and the Finding Hope Center.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

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

| **SAY** “ Nothing compares to God. He is the only true God who rules over all. ”

Gather kids together and direct them to form a large circle. Say the first word of the key passage. Then move around the circle, clockwise, challenging the next kid to say the next word of the key passage. Continue around the circle until the entire key passage has been said.

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 providing Jesus as our Savior to bring us back to You. Help us obey Your commands and encourage others to do the same. In Jesus’ name, amen. ”

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



