

A Kingdom Torn in Two

Week 14



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Table Talk

The people of Judah started fighting against Israel and decided to start their own country. Have you ever had two of your friends fight and decide not to be friends anymore?

What happened because of this fight?

Was there a way your friends could’ve settled their differences better?

In the midst of all these bad kings in Israel and Judah, Asa became king of Judah and “did what was right in the eyes of the Lord” (1 Kings 15:11). Do you think it was hard for him to do good things when everybody around him was making bad choices?

Tell about a time when others were making poor choices and you decided to follow God. Was it hard? How did it make you feel?

Extra Mile

You don’t run into a lot of golden cow worshipers at church these days. But the problem of idols still plagues God followers. Anything that comes before God in your life could be an idol, especially if you look to that thing for comfort or satisfaction.

Have all family members fill out the chart to see how they spend their time. At the end, answer some questions to see if any idols have crept into your daily life.

On average how much time each day do you spend doing these things?

Activity	Watching TV	Video Games	On the phone	Reading Bible	Shopping	On the computer
Time spent						

What area in your life do you think has the greatest possibility of becoming an idol? How can you prevent that from happening?

What changes can you make in your schedule to show God that he’s first in your life?

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