

Gospel Project

# **DEVOTIONAL**

Studying God's Word Together!

#### THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

#### **STORY POINT:**

Rehoboam's sin divided the kingdom.

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

Rehoboam made a wrong choice, and God's people split into two groups. But Jesus, our good King, brings together all who trust in Him and welcomes them into His kingdom forever.



Read: I Kings II-I3

### Bible Story Recap:



- King Solomon stopped listening to God. God said, "Since you didn't listen to me, your kingdom will be split."
- After Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became the king. But the people liked a man named Jeroboam. The people told Rehoboam, "Solomon made life hard. If you are nice to us, we will be happy to have you as our king."
- Some wise men told Rehoboam, "If you are kind and help the people, they will follow you." But Rehoboam's friends said, "Be even tougher than your dad!"
- Rehoboam told the people, "I'm going to be even tougher than my dad!" The people didn't like that, so they made Jeroboam their king instead.
- The kingdom split. Now there were two kings: Rehoboam was the king of Judah, and Jeroboam was the king of Israel.



## How many gods are there?

There is one true God.

### **Big Question & Answer**

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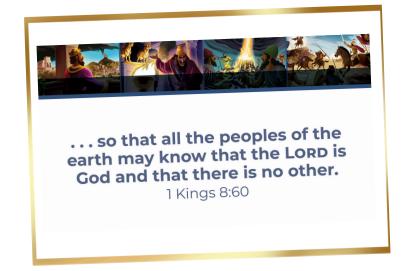


Choose a stretch of sidewalk near your home and create a cheerful art walk by drawing pictures and writing encouraging messages and Scripture verses. If possible, encourage neighbors to continue the art walk in the area in front of their homes.

### Make it Fun:



Tear newspaper, magazines, or colored paper into small pieces.
Retell the story of Rehoboam and discuss the ways his decisions split the kingdom into two parts. Then, glue pieces of torn paper to a sheet of poster board or cardboard to create a mosaic or similar work of art. Talk about how Jesus offers new life to all who believe in Him and brings them into His forever kingdom.



Name of Child:

Parent Signature:

Parents: Please sign and return this devotional for your child to earn a prize from the PreK Treasure Box. You may hand this to Pastor Julie Llewellyn, her assistant Katie Dorsey or hand to their teachers when you drop them off at the classroom. Thank you.