

**WEEK 6: 1 KINGS**

**DAY 1: SOLOMON, THIRD KING OF ISRAEL**

**1 Kings 1 to 10**

1. We are ready to look at another book of history in the Old Testament. We are in the second period of history called the Rule of Kings. We have learned about Saul, the first king of Israel. We have also learned about David, the second king.

In the last years of his rule, what did David do which displeased the Lord?

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2. King David numbered the people of Israel. Soon another king would take David's place. The next two books of history are 1&2 Kings. When the Bible was first written these two books were one. They tell about the many kings who ruled the people of Israel.

Fill in the missing names of periods and books.

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3 Rule of Foreign Kings
(1) _____	_____	(10) Ezra
(2) _____	(4,5) _____	(11) Nehemiah
(3) _____	(6,7) 1&2 Kings (8,9) 1&2 Chronicles	(12) Esther

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3. This week we shall look at the book of 1 Kings. In this book we shall find the death of King David and the rule of King Solomon. We shall see how the nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms. We shall learn about the wicked kings who ruled these kingdoms. Today we shall learn about Solomon:

- (1) Solomon became the third king of Israel.
- (2) Solomon asked God for wisdom.
- (3) God gave him wisdom and riches and honour.

Take your Bible and read 1 Kings 3:5 to 13.

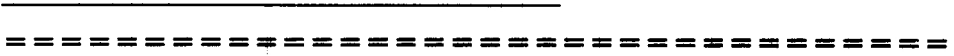
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4. King David was now a very old man. He was not able to rule his kingdom. God told David that Solomon should be the king of Israel. Adonijah, another son of David, tried to make himself king. When David heard this, he said that Solomon should be anointed.

1 Kings 1:34-35:

And let Zadok, the priest, and Nathan, the prophet, there anoint him (Solomon) king over Israel; then blow the trumpet and say, "Long live King Solomon!" ... he shall be king in my stead; and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

From these verses, whom did David appoint to rule over Israel and Judah?



5. He appointed Solomon to rule over Israel and Judah. We are learning this from the book of 1 Kings. You remember that David's own tribe, Judah, made him king first. Later the rest of the tribes of Israel made him their king. That is why David spoke of both Judah and Israel. Israel and Judah together were called the United Kingdom of Israel. Only three kings ruled this United Kingdom.

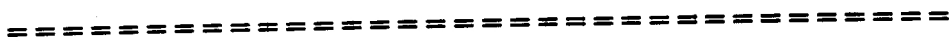
Write the name of the third king. (1) King Saul



(2) King David



(3) King \_\_\_\_\_



6. Solomon became the third king of Israel. We shall learn that he was the last king to rule the United Kingdom of Israel. Before King David died he talked to Solomon. You can read what he said in 1 Kings 2:1-4. In these verses David told Solomon to be faithful to God. He told him to obey God's word.

1 Kings 2:10:

Then David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

In which book of history do we read that Solomon was made the third king of Israel?

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7. The book of 1 Kings tells us about King Solomon.

1 Kings 2:46:

....So the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

1 Kings 3:3-5:

Solomon loved the Lord ... And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there ... At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said "Ask what I shall give you."

Who became the third king of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Solomon became the third king of Israel. God spoke to him in a dream. God told Solomon to ask for what he wanted. Read what Solomon asked for.

1 Kings 3:9:

Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind (or wisdom) to govern thy people, that I may discern (or be able to choose) between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?

Solomon was asking for wisdom. He wanted to govern the people well. He wanted to choose well between good and evil.

Does God speak to people today? \_\_\_\_\_ Write one way God has spoken.

Has God ever spoken to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Be ready to tell about this in class. God sometimes speaks through dreams. But more often he speaks through His word, or through things that happen.

God was pleased with what Solomon asked. Solomon could have asked for many things for himself. Instead he asked for something that would help him rule God's people.

What did Solomon ask for? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Solomon asked God for wisdom. He wanted to choose well between good and evil. God said he would give wisdom to Solomon. He also promised to give him some other things.

In your Bible read 1 Kings 3:10 to 14. Read verse 3 again. Besides wisdom, what other two things did God give to Solomon?

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11. God also gave Solomon riches and honour. Solomon became a great king. 1 Kings 4:30-31:

Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than other men ... and his fame was in all the nations round about.

We read that he wrote 3,000 proverbs. We find some of these in the book of proverbs. He also wrote songs and wise words. We read these in the Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes in the Bible.

What did Solomon ask God for? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Solomon asked God for wisdom. He did not ask for riches and honour. God gave Solomon what he asked for. God does not always give his children just what they ask for in prayer. He knows what is best for us. But God does promise to give His children wisdom.

James 1:5:

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God who gives to all men generously (or freely) and without reproaching (or blaming), and it will be given him.

Have you asked God for wisdom in your work for him? \_\_\_\_\_  
Be ready to tell the class what happened.

What did God give Solomon besides wisdom? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. God gave Solomon wisdom, riches, and honour. Solomon was the third king of Israel. God told him that no other king would be like him in his time. God blessed Solomon with great riches. People came from many places to hear his wisdom. 1 Kings 10 tells how the Queen of Sheba came to Solomon. Solomon was able to answer all her questions.

Read what she said about Solomon in 1 Kings 10:6 to 9. In verse 9, who did she say had made Solomon king?  
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14. She said God had done this. God continued to bless this great King.

1 Kings 10:14:

Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold (or about 20,000 kilos).

1 Kings 10:24:

And the whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put into his mind.

From the book of 1 Kings, who became the third king of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

What did he ask God for? \_\_\_\_\_

What did God give him? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Solomon became the third king of Israel. He asked God for wisdom. God gave him wisdom and riches and honour. Solomon was surely a great king. On the next page you can see the United Kingdom which Solomon ruled.

But there is a King who is greater than Solomon. He is the King of kings, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 2:2-3:

... Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Christ has wisdom and riches. Is the whole earth seeking His presence today?

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Write one reason why you think many men are not seeking Christ today. \_\_\_\_\_

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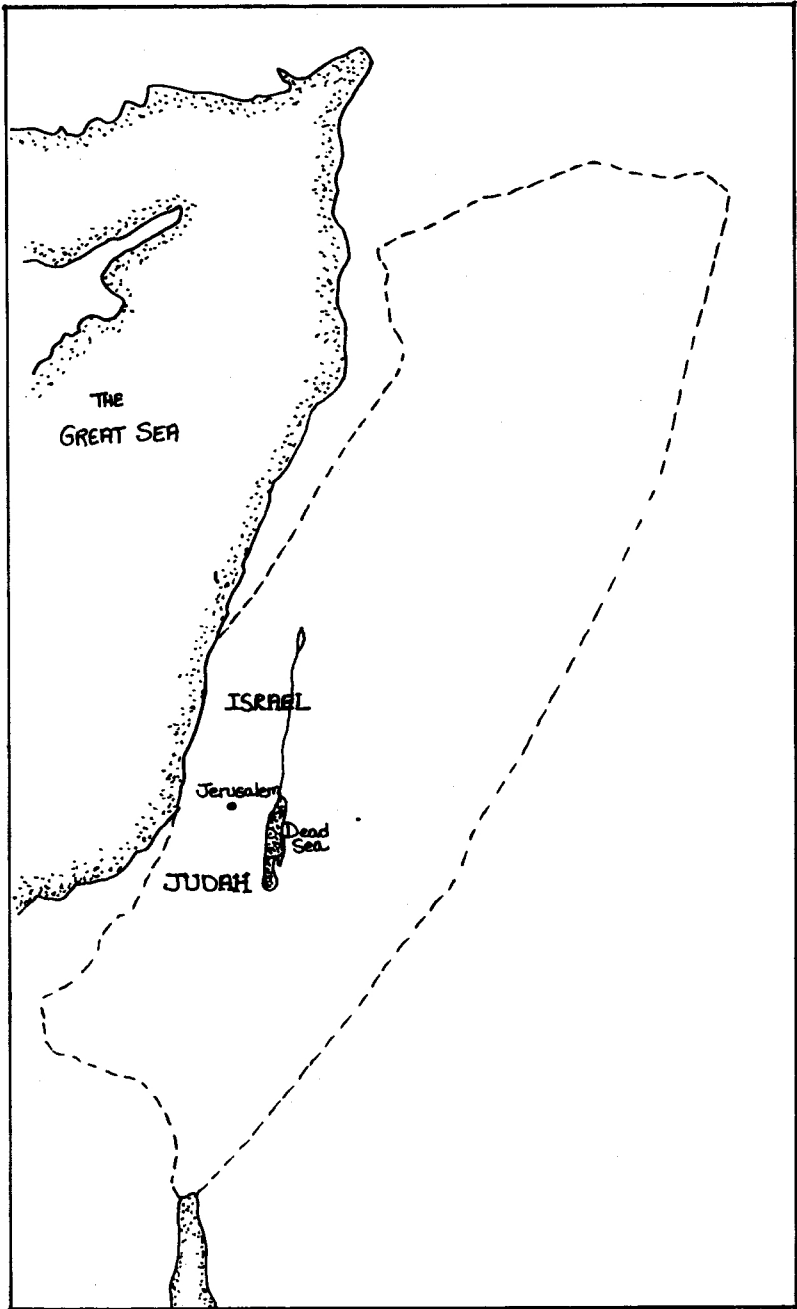
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16. Be ready to talk about this in class.

From the book of 1 Kings, who became the third king of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

What did he ask God for? \_\_\_\_\_

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The United Kingdom of Israel Ruled by Solomon

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**DAY 2: SOLOMON'S SIN DIVIDED THE KINGDOM**

**1 Kings 11**

1. We are learning about the second period of history. It is called the Rule of Kings. During this period many kings ruled the people of Israel. We have learned about Saul and David. They were the first two kings of the United Kingdom of Israel. Yesterday we learned about the third king.

Who became the third king of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

What did he ask God for? \_\_\_\_\_

What did God give him? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Solomon became the third king of Israel. He asked God for wisdom. God gave him wisdom and riches and honour. Solomon ruled over the United Kingdom of Israel for 40 years. God blessed him very much. As long as Solomon obeyed, God fulfilled His promises. But there came a time when Solomon turned away from God. Today we will learn :

Solomon was the last king to rule the United Kingdom of Israel. God brought division because of Solomon's sin.

Solomon was king of the United Kingdom of Israel. What were Saul and David also kings of? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Saul and David were also kings of the United Kingdom of Israel. This kingdom was made up of the 12 tribes of Israel. These 12 tribes were one nation during the rule of three kings. The kings were Saul, David and Solomon. After Solomon died the United Kingdom was divided into two kingdoms. It was Solomon's sin that brought this division.

Take your Bible and read 1 Kings 11:9 to 13.

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4. You remember that God made promises to David. He promised that He would establish David's kingdom for ever. There would always be one of David's family ruling. Solomon was David's son. Read God's promise to Solomon.

1 Kings 9:5:

... I will establish your royal throne over Israel for ever, as I promised David your father, saying, "There shall not fail you a man upon the throne of Israel."

From these verse, over what nation did God promise to establish David's throne?  
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Do you think God ever breaks His promise? \_\_\_\_\_

5. God promised to establish David's throne over Israel. God never breaks His promise. But He often gives man something to do too. There is God's side and man's side to many of God's promises. Look again at God's promise to Solomon.

1 Kings 9:3-5:

And the Lord said ... if you will walk before me ... doing according to all I have commanded you and keeping my statutes (or teachings) and my ordinances (or laws), then I will establish your royal throne over Israel for ever.

What kingdom was made of the 12 tribes of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

6. It was the United Kingdom of Israel. Solomon was the last king to rule over this United Kingdom. He ruled well at first. He loved and obeyed God. Solomon also built God a house, the Temple, and God blessed him. Then Solomon began to disobey God.

In your Bible read 1 Kings 11:1 to 4. Read verse 1 again. What was Solomon's sin in this verse?  
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7. Solomon loved many foreign women. They were women from heathen nations. God had given a clear command about these heathen women.

1 Kings 11:2:

... You shall not enter into marriage with them.

When Solomon married these foreign women what did he do to God's command?  
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8. Solomon broke or disobeyed God's command. This was sin in God's sight. Solomon knew God's command. But he did not obey. Solomon sinned when he married the foreign wives. Read what these foreign wives led Solomon to do.

1 Kings 11:4:

For when Solomon was old these foreign wives turned away his heart after other gods.

Solomon began to worship false gods. What was this in God's sight? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. This was sin. Solomon worshipped false gods and disobeyed God's command.

1 Kings 11:9-10:

And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the Lord ... Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, "Since this has been your mind and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.

What was the kingdom called which was made up of all 12 tribes? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. It was called the United Kingdom of Israel. Solomon sinned and God said He would take the kingdom from him. But God said something else.

1 Kings 11:13:

However I will not tear away all the kingdom but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David, my servant.

Solomon was the last king to rule the United Kingdom of Israel. Instead of one kingdom there would now be two. It was Solomon's sin that brought division to the United Kingdom.

The United Kingdom of Israel was made up of many tribes? \_\_\_\_\_

From the verse, how many tribes would Solomon's son rule over? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. The United Kingdom of Israel was made up of 12 tribes. But the kingdom would soon be divided. Solomon's son would rule over one tribe. The servant of Solomon would rule over the rest of the tribes. God said this was because of Solomon's sin.

Who was the last king to rule over the United Kingdom of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the king's sin bring to the United Kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. It brought division to the United Kingdom. Solomon was the last king to rule this kingdom. God said that he would divide the kingdom. Now there would be two kingdoms and two kings. Solomon wanted his son to be king. But his son would have only one tribe to rule over. The rest of the tribes would go to Solomon's servant.

Why did God say He would divide the United Kingdom after Solomon? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. God said He would divide the kingdom because of Solomon's sin. God had promised to establish Solomon's kingdom for ever if he obeyed. Solomon knew what God wanted, yet he disobeyed. Solomon sinned. His sin brought division.

To what kingdom did Solomon's sin bring division? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Solomon's sin brought division to the United Kingdom of Israel. Sin always brings sorrow, suffering and punishment. God warned Solomon about this, but he did not listen. We too are tempted to disobey God's laws. We can learn the way to victory over sin from God's word.

Psalm 119:11:

I have laid up thy word in my heart that I might not sin against thee.

We can memorise God's word. We can keep it in our hearts. It will help to keep us from sinning against God.

Do you have a plan for memorising verses? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a plan, be ready to share it in class. If you do not have a plan, stop now and ask God to help you make one.

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15. The rest of 1 Kings 11 tells the trouble that came to Solomon. Solomon's enemies began to work against him. One of these enemies was a man called Jeroboam. He had been a servant of Solomon. He was the one whom God would give part of the kingdom.

Solomon was the last king to rule over the United Kingdom of Israel. Why did God say He would divide the kingdom after Solomon? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. God would do this because of Solomon's sin. Tomorrow we will learn how the kingdom was divided. Sin brings division. You remember that sin brought division to David's family. Sin can bring division to our homes too. Sin can bring division to our churches. Isaiah tells us what sin does.

Isaiah 59:2:

But your iniquities (or sins) have made a separation (or division) between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he does not hear.

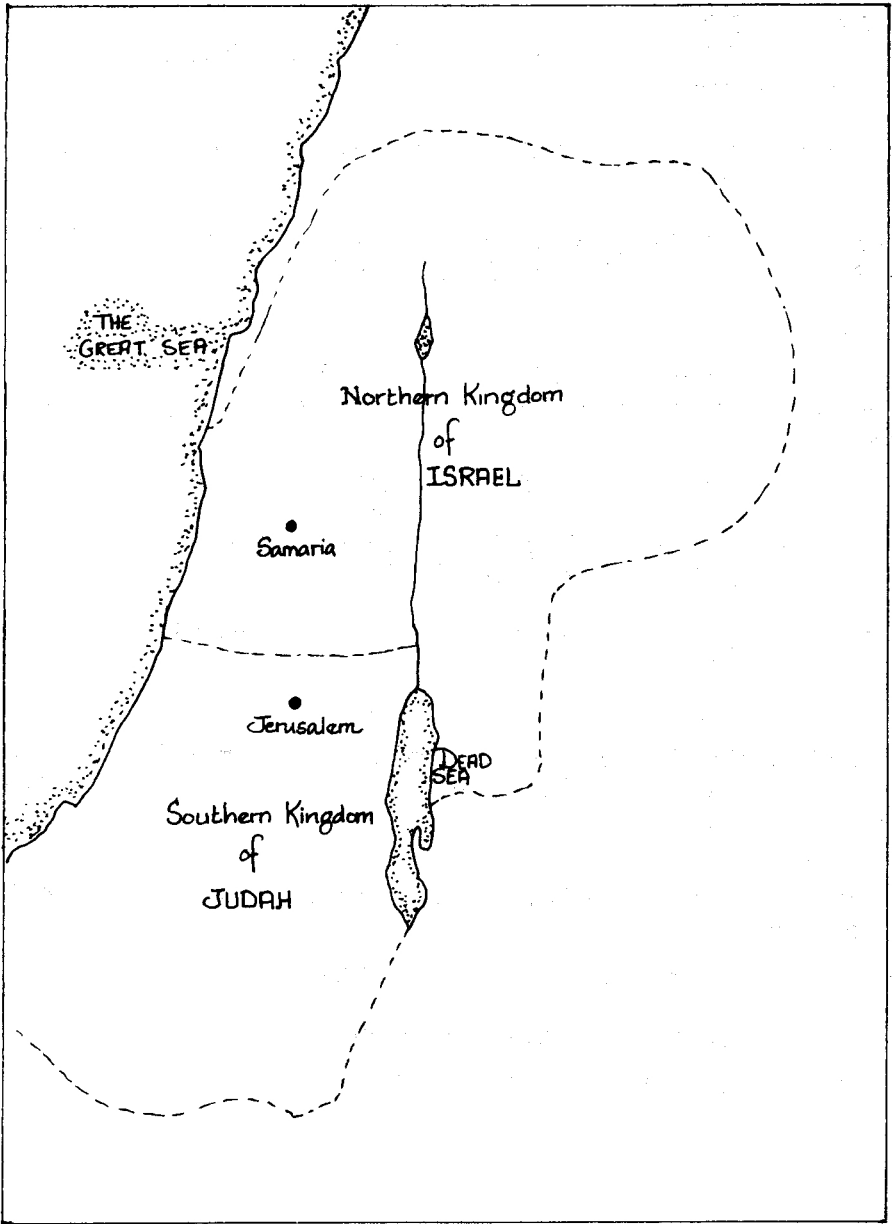
Do you know of a home or church where there is division? \_\_\_\_\_

What sin may be causing that division? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. Be ready to talk about this in class.

Solomon was the last king to rule the United Kingdom of Israel. Why did God say He would divide the kingdom after Solomon? \_\_\_\_\_



The Divided Kingdom

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**DAY 3: THE UNITED KINGDOM OF ISRAEL WAS DIVIDED**

**1 Kings 12**

1. We are learning about the Rule of Kings. Saul, David and Solomon ruled over the united kingdom.

Solomon was the last king to rule the united kingdom of Israel. Why did God say He would divide the kingdom after Solomon? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. God would divide the kingdom because of Solomon's sin. The kingdom would no longer be united. Instead it would be two kingdoms. Today we shall learn:

- (1) Jeroboam became the king of the northern kingdom.
- (2) The northern kingdom was called Israel.
- (3) Rehoboam became king of the southern kingdom.
- (4) The southern kingdom was called Judah.

Look carefully at the map facing this page. With your pencil draw a heavy line between the two kingdoms.

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3. God said that He would take the kingdom from Solomon. He would give it to his servant, Jeroboam. Solomon's son would have only one tribe. But before Solomon died he tried to make his son king in his place.

1 Kings 12:1;

Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

But Solomon's son ruled all Israel for only a short time.

What is the name of Solomon's son who became king? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Solomon's son was called Rehoboam. Solomon's servant was called Jeroboam. God had spoken to Jeroboam through the prophet Abijah. Jeroboam was not in David's family but God told him he would rule the northern kingdom of Israel. God told Jeroboam to obey His commandments. After Solomon died Jeroboam came to Jerusalem.

1 Kings 12:3-4:

... and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, "Your father made our yoke heavy (with taxes and hard work). Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke upon us, and we will serve you."

Write the name of the kingdom that King Solomon ruled over. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Solomon ruled over the united kingdom of Israel. His son Rehoboam became king. But he refused to make the taxes easier for the people. Read what the people said.

1 Kings 12:16-17:

And when all Israel heard that the king did not hearken (or listen) to them, the people answered the king, "What portion have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look to your own house, David." So Israel departed to their tents. But Rehoboam reigned over .. Judah.

From these verses, over which tribe did Rehoboam rule? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Rehoboam ruled over the tribe of Judah. His kingdom was called the kingdom of Judah. It was also known as the southern kingdom. See what the rest of the tribes did. All Israel in this verse means the rest of the tribes besides Judah.

1 Kings 12:20:

And when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel.

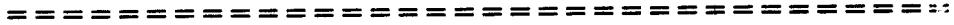
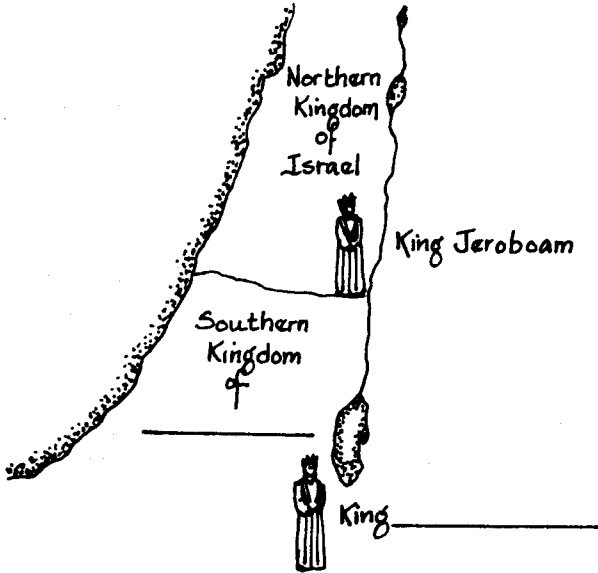
From this verse, who was made king over all the tribes of Israel except Judah?

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7. Jeroboam was made king over Israel. Israel here means all the tribes except Judah. Later we read that people from Benjamin and Levi also joined Judah. Jeroboam's kingdom was called the kingdom of Israel. It was also known as the northern kingdom. There were now two kingdoms, the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah.

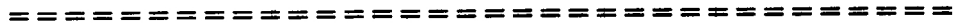
On this map write the name of the southern kingdom. Write the name of its first king.



8. After Solomon died the United Kingdom of Israel was divided. There were two kingdoms. Each had its own king. Rehoboam was the first king of the southern kingdom. The southern kingdom was called Judah.

Who became the first king of the northern kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the northern kingdom called? \_\_\_\_\_



9. The northern kingdom was called Israel. Its first king was Jeroboam. The names of the two kings are alike. You need something to help you separate them. Look at the first letter of each name. J in Jeroboam goes with I in Israel. When you say A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-I-J, J follows I. Israel and Jeroboam go together.

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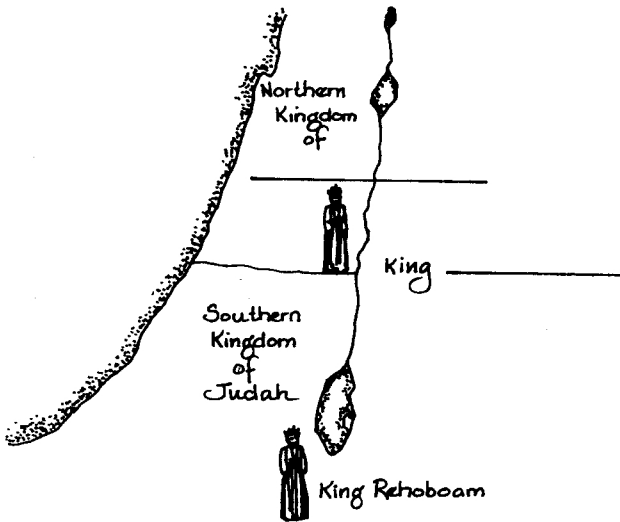
10. The name of the southern kingdom was Judah. Its first king was Rehoboam. Rehoboam tried to fill his father's place. But he was king of the united kingdom for only a short time. Most of the people refused him as their king.

Who was the father of Rehoboam, whose sin divided the kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. The last king of the united kingdom of Israel was Solomon. From that time there were two stories instead of one. We will have to learn about the northern kingdom and the southern kingdom.

On this map write the name of the northern kingdom. Also write the name of its first king.



12. The northern kingdom was Israel. Its first king was Jeroboam. Rehoboam was not happy to rule Judah only. He wanted to get back the rest of the tribes of Israel. He gathered an army and prepared to fight against Israel. But God sent a message to Rehoboam through the prophet Shemaiah.

1 Kings 12:24:

“Thus says the Lord, you shall not go up or fight against your kinsmen the people of Israel. Return every man to his home, for this thing is from me.”  
So they hearkened to the word of the Lord, and went home again,  
according to the word of the Lord.

In what book of history do we read about the division of the united kingdom of Israel?  
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13. We read this in the book of 1 Kings. Yesterday we learned that it was Solomon’s sin that brought division to the united kingdom. After King Solomon died the kingdom became two kingdoms.

Who became the first king of the northern kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the northern kingdom called?

Who became the first king of the southern kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

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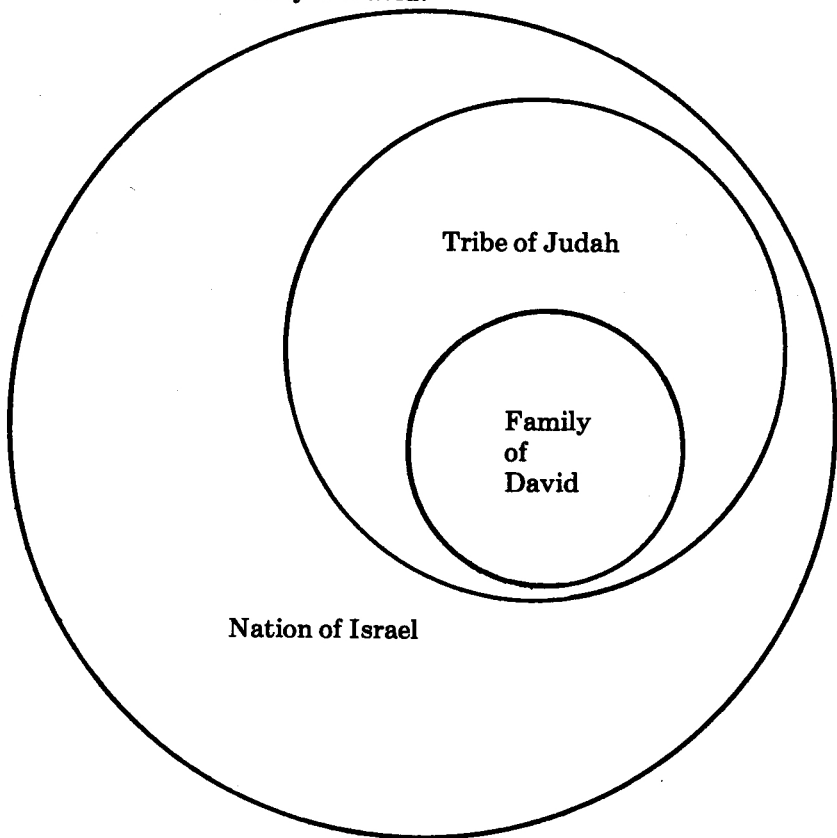
14. Jeroboam became king of the northern kingdom. His kingdom was called Israel. Rehoboam became king of the southern kingdom. His kingdom was called Judah. There was peace between the kingdoms at first. But afterwards there was fighting for many years. We shall learn how God had to punish the people of both kingdoms.

But God had promised David that He would establish his throne for ever. Through David’s tribe and family the greatest promise of God would be fulfilled.

As we learned, whom did God promise to send through the family of David?  
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15. God promised to send the Lord Jesus through the family of David. Rehoboam lost part of the kingdom. But God would not let his family be destroyed. Perhaps this picture will help you understand how God worked. God chose the nation of Israel. Out of that nation chose the tribe of Judah. Out of that tribe He chose the family of David.



In your Bible read Isaiah 9:6-7. On whose throne did the prophet say the prince of peace would rule?

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16. The prince of peace would rule on David's throne.

After the kingdom was divided, who became the first king of the northern kingdom?

What was the northern kingdom called? \_\_\_\_\_

Who became the first king of the southern kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the southern kingdom called? \_\_\_\_\_

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**DAY 4: THE EVIL KINGS OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM**

**1 Kings 12:25 to 16:34**

1. Who became the first king of the northern kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the northern kingdom called? \_\_\_\_\_

Who became the first king of the southern kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the southern kingdom called? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The first king of the northern kingdom was Jeroboam. His kingdom was called Israel. The first king of the southern kingdom was Rehoboam. His kingdom was called Judah. We must not think that the kingdom of Israel is the same as the people of Israel. Remember that the **kingdom of Israel** was all the tribes of Israel except Judah. The people of Israel were all the tribes.

Today we shall study the kings of the northern kingdom. We shall learn:

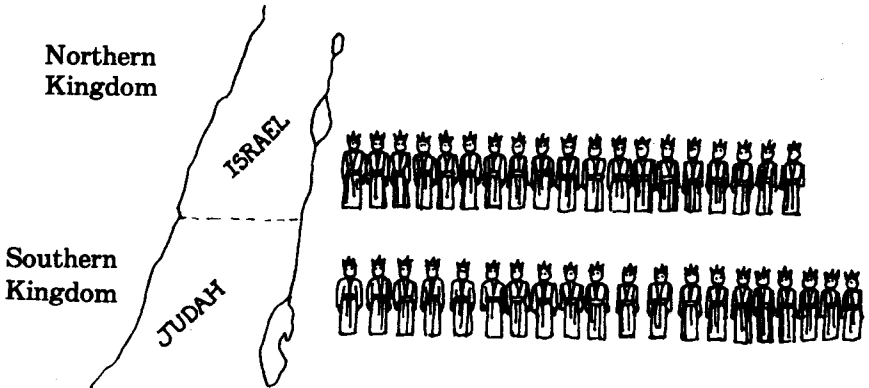
- (1) Jeroboam was an evil king.
- (2) He made Israel to worship idols.
- (3) All the kings who ruled the kingdom of Israel after Jeroboam were evil.

Take your Bible and read 1 Kings 12:25 to 32. From these verses was Jeroboam a good king? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Jeroboam was an evil king. You have read about his sin. He disobeyed God's command. He made the people of the northern kingdom worship idols. In 1 and 2 Kings we will find these words many times about Jeroboam: He sinned and made Israel to sin.

After Solomon died there were two kingdoms. Many kings ruled these kingdoms.



Count the kings. How many kings ruled in the kingdom of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

How many kings ruled in the kingdom of Judah? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The kingdom of Israel had 19 kings who followed each other. The kingdom of Judah has twenty kings. Today we are learning about the kings of the northern kingdom. Jeroboam was the first and was very evil. He made Israel worship Idols.

You remember that in the time of David and Solomon Jerusalem was the place to worship. All the tribes came to the temple in Jerusalem to worship God.

Look at the map facing this page. In whose kingdom was Jerusalem? Was it in Rehoboam's or Jeroboam's kingdom?  
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Do you think Jeroboam would want the people of the northern kingdom to go to Jerusalem to worship?  
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5. Jerusalem was in Rehoboam's kingdom. Jeroboam did not want his people to go to Jerusalem. If people went to Jerusalem to worship they might want Rehoboam as their king. Read again what Jeroboam did.

1 Kings 12:28-29:

So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt." And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

Jeroboam was an evil king. He made Israel worship idols. He sinned and made Israel sin.

Look again at the map opposite. In which kingdom were Bethel and Dan? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Bethel and Dan were in Israel, the northern kingdom. The calves that Jeroboam set up were idols. Jeroboam said: Behold your gods, O Israel. He told his people to worship idols. He told them to break God's commandment.

Exodus 20:3-5:

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a graven (or carved) image, or any likeness of anything ... you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

Jeroboam sinned and made Israel to sin. What kind of king was Jeroboam?

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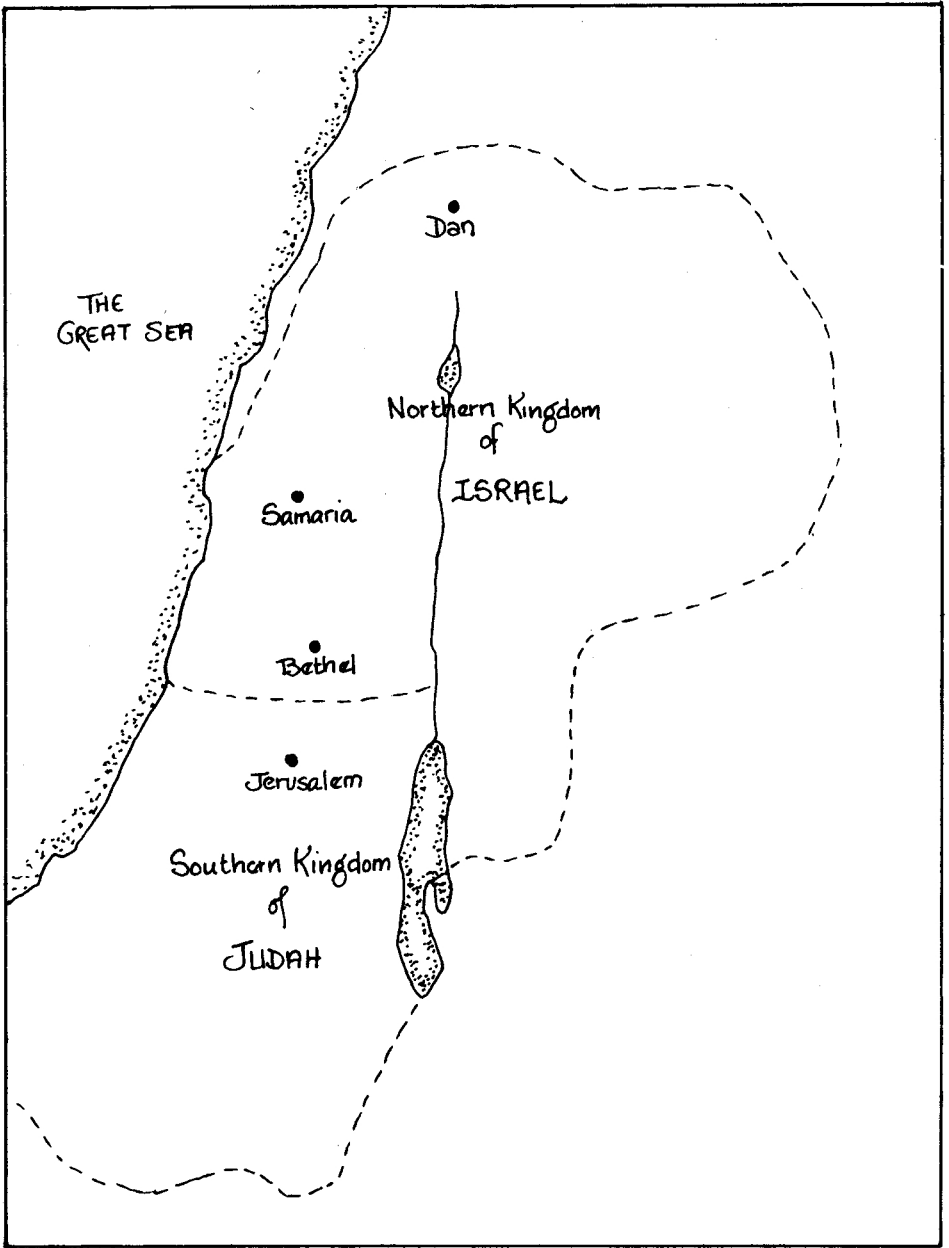
7. Jeroboam was an evil king. Worshipping idols is sin.

1 Kings 12:30:

And this thing became a sin, for the people went to the one (the idol) at Bethel and to the other as far as Dan.

Who told the people of the northern kingdom to worship idols at Bethel and Dan?

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8. Jeroboam told the people to worship at Bethel and Dan. He made his people sin against God. Sin must be punished. God said He would punish the family of Jeroboam and the people of the northern kingdom.

1 Kings 14:9-10:

but you have done evil above all that were before you ... therefore behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 14:15-16:

the Lord will smite Israel ... and scatter them beyond the Euphrates (a river) ... and he will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he sinned and which he made Israel to sin.

What kind of king was Jeroboam? \_\_\_\_\_

What sin did he make Israel do? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Jeroboam was an evil king. He made Israel worship idols. He sinned and made Israel sin. All the kings who ruled Israel after Jeroboam were evil also. They all worshipped idols like Jeroboam. Let us read about one of these kings.

1 Kings 15:25-26:

Nadab, the son of Jeroboam, began to reign over Israel ... He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin which he made Israel to sin.

From this verse, in whose way did Nadab walk? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of king do you think Nadab was? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Nadab walked in the way of his father, Jeroboam. Nadab was an evil king. He and the people of the northern kingdom continued to worship idols. Now let us read about another king of the northern kingdom.

1 Kings 15:28-29:

So Baasha killed him (Nadab) ... he killed all the house of Jeroboam; he left to the house of Jeroboam not one that breathed, until he had destroyed it, according to the word of the Lord.

1 Kings 15:34:

He (Baasha) did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin which he made Israel to sin.

God used Baasha to punish Jeroboam. But Baasha was a wicked king also. What sin of Jeroboam is this verse talking about? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Jeroboam made Israel worship idols. We will read about a few more kings who ruled the northern kingdom.

1 Kings 16:25-26:

Omri ... walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and in the sins which he made Israel to sin, provoking the Lord the God of Israel to anger by their idols.

1 Kings 16:30-31:

and Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord...to walk in the sins of Jeroboam.

2 Kings 3:1-3:

Jehoram...clung to the sin of Jeroboam.

2 Kings 10:31:

Jehu ... did not turn from the sins of Jeroboam.

You have read about six of the 19 kings who ruled Israel. What kind of kings were they? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. They were evil kings. All the kings who ruled the northern kingdom after Jeroboam were evil. They all sinned by worshipping idols. All walked in the sins of Jeroboam.

What period of history are we learning about? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. We are learning about the Rule of Kings. Today we have been learning about the kings of the northern kingdom. Jeroboam was the first king of the northern kingdom.

What kind of kings ruled in the northern kingdom after Jeroboam? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. All of them were evil kings. It is hard to forget the work of a bad leader. The things he does may trouble the people for many years.

What kind of king was Jeroboam? \_\_\_\_\_

What sin did he make Israel do? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Jeroboam was an evil king. He made Israel worship idols. If Jeroboam had been a good king, he could have helped the people. Perhaps the kings who followed him would also have followed God. They would have been encouraged by the example Jeroboam gave. But Jeroboam did not help his people and the kings who followed him.

What kind of kings ruled the kingdom of Israel after Jeroboam? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. They were all evil kings. Israel continued to worship idols. We see that Jeroboam's sin was passed on for many years. What a warning this should be to us! We must remember that our lives are examples of good or evil to others. In the New Testament Paul could say that people should follow him.

Romans 14:7:

None of us lives to himself.

Philippians 4:9:

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Could you say this to the people you lead? \_\_\_\_\_

Stop now and pray. Ask God to show you anything in your life that may cause someone to sin. God will show you what to do about it.

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17. What kind of king was Jeroboam? \_\_\_\_\_

What sin did he make Israel do? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of kings ruled the northern kingdom after Jeroboam? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 6: 1 KINGS**  
**DAY 5: THE PROPHET ELIJAH**  
**1 Kings 17 to 22**

1. Today we will finish looking at the book of 1 Kings. From this book we have learned about King Solomon. We have learned how the united kingdom was divided. Jeroboam was the first king of the northern kingdom.

What kind of king was Jeroboam? \_\_\_\_\_

What sin did he make Israel do? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of king ruled in the northern kingdom after Jeroboam? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Jeroboam was an evil king. He made Israel worship idols. All the kings who ruled the northern kingdom after Jeroboam were evil. Israel continued to worship idols. God loved His people and wanted them to turn from sin. He sent the prophet Elijah to them. God gave Elijah power to do miracles. This would help the people to turn back to Him. Today we shall learn: God wanted Elijah to show the people of the northern kingdom two things.

- (1) Baal was a false god.
- (2) The Lord God is the true God.

Take your Bible and read 1 Kings 18:20-24. Would the God who did not answer be true, or false?

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3. The God who did not answer would be false. We know that the northern kingdom was ruled by evil kings. One of these evil kings was called Ahab.

1 Kings 16:30-31:

And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord and as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for wife Jezebel ... of the Sidonians (a heathen nation), and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

From this verse, what false god did Ahab worship? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Ahab worshipped Baal. He sinned against God by worshipping a false god. He also made Israel to sin. The worship of Baal was very evil. People who worshipped Baal even offered their children as sacrifices.

1 Kings 16:32:

He erected (built) an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria.

What kind of god was Baal? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Baal was a false god. The people followed their king and started to worship this god. Ahab built an altar in Samaria so the people could worship Baal.

Look at the map on page 161. In which kingdom was Samaria? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Samaria was in the northern kingdom. This was the kingdom of Israel. Ahab and the people of the northern kingdom sinned by worshipping Baal. Sin must be punished. But God is a loving God. He wanted to give the people a chance to repent. He sent Elijah to the northern kingdom with a special message. God sent Elijah to show the people that:

- (1) Baal was a false god.
- (2) The Lord God is the true God.

Ahab and the people of the northern kingdom were worshipping the false god, Baal. Whom should they have been worshipping? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. The people of the northern kingdom should have been worshipping the true God. He is sometimes called the Lord God. God loved them. They were His people. God sent Elijah to prove to them that He, the Lord God, was the true God.

We know very little about the prophet Elijah. We just know his name and his home village.

1 Kings 17:1:

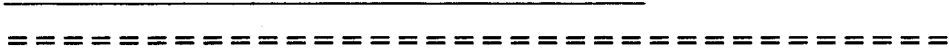
Now Elijah, the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab ...

Elijah was a prophet. Samuel did the work of a prophet. What does a prophet give people from God? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. I hope you remember that a prophet gives people messages or words from God. Elijah was a prophet. He had a message from God for the people. God sent him to show the people that: Baal was a false god. The Lord God is the true God.

To which people did God send Elijah with the message that Baal was a false god? Was it the people of the northern kingdom, or the southern kingdom?



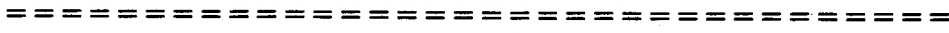
9. God sent Elijah to the people of the northern kingdom. In 1 Kings 18 we read what Elijah did. There had been a long time without rain. No rain had fallen for three years. God allowed His people to suffer to help them think about their sin. They had been worshipping Baal. God wanted them to repent. He wanted them to worship Him, the true God, again. Read what Elijah said to the people.

1 Kings 18:21:

... "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him."

God sent Elijah to show two things to the people of the northern kingdom. What was the first one?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) The Lord God is the true God.



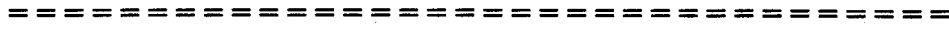
10. Elijah was to show that Baal was a false god. He said that two altars should be built. One was for the true God and one was for the false god. No fire should be put under the sacrifices. Elijah explained what they would do.

1 Kings 18:24:

And you call upon the name of your god and I will call upon the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by fire, He is God.

Write the name of the god that the people of the northern kingdom would call on.

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11. The people of the northern kingdom would call on Baal. The prophets of Baal prepared their altar. They prepared the bull for the sacrifice.

1 Kings 18:26:

And they ... called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice and no one answered.

The prophets of Baal continued to call on their god until the evening. Still there was no answer.

Why do you think the prophets of Baal got no answer?\_\_\_\_\_

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12. Perhaps you wrote that Baal was a false god. Perhaps you wrote that Baal could not hear. Baal was only an idol. He could not answer. In the evening Elijah prepared his altar. He prepared to pray to the Lord God, the true God.

In your Bible read 1 Kings 18:30-35.

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13. Elijah wanted to show the people that the Lord God is the true God. You have read what he did. He built the altar and prepared the bull. Then he poured water over the altar.

1 Kings 18:38-39:

Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord he is God; the Lord he is God."

From this verse, who sent the fire that burnt up Elijah's sacrifice?\_\_\_\_\_

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14. It was the Lord. This means the Lord God. We read that the fire of the Lord fell. The Lord God answered by sending fire to burn up the sacrifice. It burned the water and even the altar of stones. The Lord was able to do this because He is the true God.



Who did God send to the people of the northern kingdom to show that the Lord God is the true God? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. God sent Elijah to the people of the northern kingdom.

What is the second thing Elijah was sent to show them?

(1) Baal was a false god.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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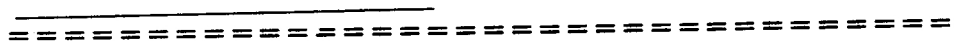
16. God sent Elijah to show that the Lord God is the true God. God still shows that He is the true God today. He does this in different ways.

In the Janjero mountains of Ethiopia there was a strong witchdoctor. He served 33 demons who lived in a big hut. Some of the demons had their own pots and coffee cups. One day the man's wife became ill. Some of her relatives were believers. They told her that only Christ could overcome demons. So she sent for the elders of the church.

The elders first spent the night in prayer. Then they went to the village. For three hours the witchdoctor and his wife listened. Finally they asked for prayer to be saved. They stood and raised their hands to show they were rejecting Satan.

The people were afraid when the witchdoctor pulled down the spirit house. They said, "If you live a month, we will all believe." That night three black snakes came into the sleeping hut. The witchdoctor called on the name of Jesus and speared the snakes. Later he began to take Bible courses and witness to people.

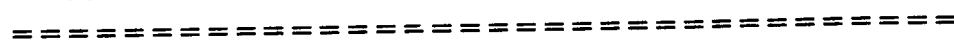
Church elders came to show Christ to the strong witchdoctor. In 1 Kings who came to show the true God to the people of the northern kingdom?



17. God sent Elijah to the people of the northern kingdom.

What two things did God want the prophet Elijah to show them?

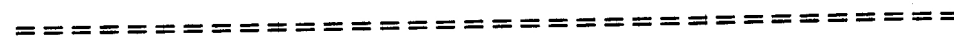
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18. God sent Elijah to show: Baal was a false god. The Lord is the true God.

Do people worship false gods today? \_\_\_\_\_

What kinds of idols do people worship today? \_\_\_\_\_



19. Be ready to share your answer in class.

What two things did God want the prophet Elijah to show the people of the northern kingdom?

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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_