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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 12 • Session 3

SOLOMON'S SIN DIVIDED THE KINGDOM

1 Kings 10-12

WHAT IS MERCY? MERCY IS WHEN GOD DOES NOT GIVE US THE PUNISHMENT THAT WE DESERVE.

King Solomon was wiser and richer than any other king on earth. He loved God and God blessed him, but Solomon wanted more. He built altars on a hill near Jerusalem to worship idols. Then the people in Israel began to worship the false gods too.

When this happened, God was angry. God said to Solomon, "You will be king the rest of your life, but when your son becomes king, he will lose everything except for one tribe." And that is exactly what happened.

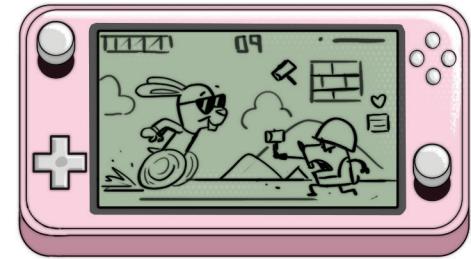
Solomon had a servant named Jeroboam. One day, a prophet named Ahijah told Jeroboam, "God is going to take the kingdom of Israel away from Solomon. He will let Solomon and his family keep a small part, but you will get the bigger part."

When Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king. The people did not want to serve a king like Rehoboam because he treated them so harshly, so they made Jeroboam king. The kingdom of Israel was now divided. Jeroboam ruled over the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Solomon's son only ruled over the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

Christ Connection: King Solomon's sin led to the division of the kingdom. God's people needed a better king. Through David's family, God would send His own Son, Jesus, to be a perfect King over God's people forever. Jesus is greater than Solomon. Jesus brings His people together and leads them back to God.

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Divided Hearts | Circle the pictures of things that take your attention away from God.



The Divided Kingdom | Number the events in the order they happened.

- Solomon's wives turned his heart away from God.
- Solomon wanted more than he was given.
- God was angry.
- The people of Israel also began to worship idols.
- Solomon built altars and began to worship false gods.
- God told Solomon that his son would not be king forever.
- When Solomon died, his son only ruled over the Southern Kingdom and Jeroboam ruled over the Northern Kingdom.
- Ahijah told Jeroboam that God was going to punish Solomon's descendants for their unfaithfulness.