

LESSON 1

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM: REHOBOAM AND JEROBOAM

OBJECTIVES

1. To learn about the choices Rehoboam and Jeroboam made and the consequences of their choices upon the people of Israel.
2. To learn that our decisions in life carry consequences.
3. To learn the importance of discerning between good advice and bad advice.

MEMORY VERSE

“Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days.”

(Proverbs 19:20)

PRAYER

Thank You, God, for guiding us into Your presence to worship and praise You. Lord, open and enlighten our hearts to know You better and to understand Your teachings. Give us a wise heart to make choices that are pleasing and glorifying to You. Amen.



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Background Knowledge for Teachers

In the later part of Solomon's life, his many foreign wives turned his heart away from following God's commands. God was very displeased with Solomon and told him that his kingdom would be taken away from the hand of his son Rehoboam (1 Kgs 11:11-13). As a result, the Lord raised up adversaries against Solomon: Hadad the Edomite, Rezon the son of Eliadah, and Jeroboam the son of Nebat (1 Kgs 11:14-40). All three rebels had revolted against King Solomon, but it was Jeroboam who would take the kingdom from his hands, thus fulfilling the words of God.

Division of the Kingdom

1 Kings 11:31-35 indicate that ten tribes would be ascribed to the northern kingdom and one tribe to the southern kingdom. However, some Bible references say that two tribes followed Rehoboam, those being Judah and Benjamin (cf. 1 Kgs 12:21; 2 Chr 11:1, 5-12).



Reaching Out to Your Students

Your students are anxious to learn the reasons behind why some things are right and some things are wrong. They are eager to make the right choice, but need your understanding and thoughtful help. They value the guidance from parents and teachers when making decisions. Children of this age are just beginning to develop the ability to think abstractly and about their future as adults. Consequently, you may need to guide them with firsthand experiences that relate to their lives. Allow your students to think and express their opinions and ideas freely, even if they may be wrong. Logically discuss their ideas and show them the fallacy in their wrong reasoning and help them understand the importance of making the right decisions. Role-playing is an effective way to help them identify the possible outcomes and it gives them practice in making decisions.



Opener

5 Minutes

People tell us what to do and give us advice all the time. Some people tell us what to do because they love us and want the best for us; others tell us what to do for their own benefit. Sometimes, the advice is good for us and sometimes it is not. Ask the students to share some advice they have been told before and then discuss if this advice is good or bad. "In today's story, we are going to learn about two people who were given advice, but then made choices that brought severe consequences."



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

FOR TEACHERS

Use a large Bible atlas or the maps provided in Bibles to show students how the kingdom of Israel was divided. Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet to the students now. As you go over the lesson, the students will fill in the boxes on the worksheet. Keep a copy of the Teacher Version for reference.

God's Nation Is Divided

I. Rehoboam

When King Solomon became king of Israel, he asked God for wisdom to rule the people of God well, and he did rule well for a long time. He built a beautiful temple for the Lord. He wrote wise proverbs to teach others the right way to live. Under Solomon, Israel became a prosperous, strong, and powerful nation, a nation that was greatly blessed by God. Unfortunately, as King Solomon grew older, he grew careless about obeying God. He married foreign women who brought their pagan gods into Israel. Solomon followed his wives in worshipping these false gods. He became proud of his beautiful cities and huge army. He imposed heavy taxes on his people, and he drafted them to work for him and serve in the army (cf. 1 Kgs 11).

Because of his great sins, God decided that he would take the kingdom away from Solomon and give it to someone else (1 Kgs 11:9-13; 11:33). But God would not tear the kingdom away from his hand while Solomon was king. It

would happen when his son was king.

After King Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king. Let's read 1 Kings 12:1-17 to find out how Rehoboam became king.

This passage mentions how the Israelite people came to Shechem to make Rehoboam king. Who was present at the coronation ceremony? The whole of Israel and a man called Jeroboam; together they made a request to Rehoboam. They told Rehoboam that King Solomon gave them a lot of heavy work. Solomon's kingdom was so vast and powerful; he needed his people to help run it, so they became men of war, captains of officers, chariots, and cavalry. But now, they wanted Rehoboam to lower their taxes and lessen the work demands. If Rehoboam agreed, they promised to be loyal subjects of the new king.

Rehoboam told the people to come back after three days, by which time he would let them know. Then, Rehoboam went to ask for advice.

Which two parties did Rehoboam consult and what were their answers?

- a. Rehoboam first went to consult the elders who used to counsel his father King Solomon. They told Rehoboam that if he agreed to treat the people with kindness, they would remain faithful to him and continue to serve him.

- b. Rehoboam then went to seek the advice of the young men he had grown up with. They told him to tell the people, "If my father was hard on you, I will be harder. If my father used whips on you, I will use scorpions."

If you were Rehoboam whose advice would you have followed, and why?

Rehoboam asked for advice, but he didn't carefully evaluate that advice. If he had, he would have realized that the advice offered by the elders was wiser than his peers. The men who had served King Solomon knew more about the needs of the people and could perhaps see what might happen if Rehoboam did not treat them nicely. The elders understood that the taxes and the work bore heavily upon the people.

The young men whom Rehoboam consulted may have been his peers who did not experience the suffering of the people as they were growing up. Rehoboam was a new king, and likewise, these men had little knowledge about governing an entire people and country. They probably did not care about the struggles of the common people. The young men advised Rehoboam to let the people know that he was the boss by making taxes higher, demanding more work, and punishing people more severely if they displeased him.

Most surprisingly, Rehoboam did not consult God about which choice was better. Instead, he chose what was good for himself and not good for the people. He chose to follow the advice of his peers.

Why was it a bad choice for Rehoboam to follow the advice of his peers?

Rehoboam's Bad Choices

- a. Rehoboam's decision resulted in real and long-lasting consequences; his kingdom became a divided kingdom and never united again. The tribe of Judah remained loyal to Rehoboam. This became the nation of Judah, or the Southern Kingdom. The ten other tribes followed Jeroboam and called their new nation Israel, or the Northern Kingdom.

What are the characteristics of a divided kingdom?

- It is vulnerable. With less manpower, it would be prone to enemy attack.
- It is hostile. Instead of being brothers, the people treated each other like enemies. There were constant wars between the two nations.
- It is weak. Two kingdoms are not as strong as a single, united kingdom.

- b. Later when Rehoboam's kingdom became prosperous, Rehoboam's heart turned from God. The people of Judah built shrines, sacred pillars, which were places for pagan worship, and wooden images everywhere. There were also perverted persons in the land. They followed all the abominations of the nations, which had been cast out (1 Kgs 14:21-24).
- c. Rehoboam followed the example of his father by taking many wives and concubines (2 Chr 11:18-21).
- d. The Bible summarizes Rehoboam as doing evil because he did not prepare his heart to seek God (2 Chr 12:14). At the beginning of his reign, Rehoboam obeyed God for three years. As a result, he was blessed with a prosperous and strong nation. But when things were going well, he forgot about God and turned to idols. So ultimately, his heart was not set to please God or continue in His ways.

God's Judgment Upon Rehoboam

Read 2 Chronicles 12:1-5, 9-12. Who did God use to punish King Rehoboam and Judah? God allowed King Shishak of Egypt to come up against Jerusalem. King Shishak brought a huge army of 1,200 chariots, 60,000 horsemen, as well as an unnumbered host of infantrymen—Egyptians, Lubim, Sukkiim, and Ethiopians.

What did King Shishak take from Judah? King Shishak took away the treasures of the house of God and the king's house and all the gold shields that Solomon had made. During Solomon's reign, gold was in great abundance. Solomon made 200 large shields of hammered gold and 300 smaller shields of hammered gold. The king placed all the shields in the House of the Forest of Lebanon (2 Chr 9:13-16). Sadly, because King Rehoboam sinned against God, the king of Egypt stripped Israel of its treasures.

When Shishak the king of Egypt came and attacked Judah, King Rehoboam repented and humbled himself before the Lord. God then sent the prophet Shemaiah to tell him that He would not completely destroy them and that He would not use Shishak to pour out his anger on Judah. But God wanted still Rehoboam to be responsible for his actions for disobeying God, so he would still need to pay annual tribute to Egypt. God used this to make him learn that when we rebel against God, we have to pay the consequences.

II. Jeroboam

We mentioned earlier that because of Solomon's sin, God had decided to give his kingdom away to someone else. God was giving the kingdom to a man called Jeroboam. Let's read 1 Kings 11:26-40.

Who was Jeroboam?

When King Solomon was reigning in Israel, there was a man called Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, from the tribe of Ephraim. He was a mighty man of valor, and Solomon, seeing that he was a very diligent and hard-working man, put him in charge of the labor force.

What did the prophet Ahijah tell Jeroboam?

When Jeroboam met the prophet Ahijah, who was wearing a new robe at the time, Ahijah took the new garment he was wearing and tore it into twelve pieces to represent the twelve tribes of Israel. Ahijah told Jeroboam to take ten pieces for himself. This represents how the Lord will tear the kingdom from Solomon and give the ten tribes to Jeroboam. But God was to keep one tribe for Solomon and his son because of the promise that God had made to David. God reminded Jeroboam that if he listened to God and walked in his ways and did whatever is right, then he and his descendants would be blessed and rule Israel forever. When King Solomon learned of this, he wanted to kill Jeroboam, but Jeroboam took refuge in Egypt. He stayed there until Solomon died and returned to Israel when Rehoboam was to be made king.

Jeroboam's Bad Choices

When the people heard that Rehoboam would be harder on them than his father had been, the people all deserted him, except for the tribe of Judah, just as how God told Jeroboam through the prophet. The people then turned to Jeroboam and made him their new king instead. The ten tribes that followed Jeroboam called themselves "Israel" or "the Northern Kingdom."

When Jeroboam became king, what fear did he have and what choices did he make? Read 1 Kings 12:26-27. Jeroboam feared that the people might change their minds and return to their original king, Rehoboam. To ensure that this did not happen, he had to keep the people away from Jerusalem.

- a. Jeroboam made his capital in the city of Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim.
- b. According to the law, all the Jewish men were required to travel to the temple in Jerusalem three times a year to worship God and make sacrifices (cf. Deut 16:16). Jeroboam was afraid that when the people went to Jerusalem, they might change their minds and decide to return to Rehoboam. If they did that, Jeroboam would be killed. As a result, Jeroboam made some very bad choices. What did Jeroboam do?

- He established worship centers and worshipped idols. Read 1 Kings 12:28-33. Jeroboam sought the advice of his counselors. Following their counsel, Jeroboam made two golden calves; one he set up in

Bethel and the other in Dan. He told the people that these were the gods that brought them out of Egypt and, since it was too much trouble to go to Jerusalem to worship, they would worship these gods from now on.

- He appointed priests from tribes outside the tribe of Levi. Read 1 Kings 12:31, 33 and 2 Chronicles 11:14-16. Jeroboam also set up altars and made priests from people outside the tribe of Levi. Numbers 3:6-8 states very clearly that God had specifically chosen the tribe of Levi to serve Him in the tabernacle. No other tribes, and not even the king, were allowed and if they did, they were to be put to death (cf. Num 3:10). Jeroboam knew God's laws, but he deliberately violated them by getting rid of all the priests and Levites who served God and instead appointing priests from different tribes. And to make matters worse, Jeroboam himself offered sacrifices to the calves at Bethel.
- He set up his own feast date (1 Kgs 12:32-33). Jeroboam did not follow the feasts that the Lord had set up. Rather than following the annual festivals in Jerusalem, he came up with a feast at a time he had decided himself.

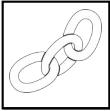
God's Judgment upon Jeroboam

Read 1 Kings 14:7-16. Jeroboam had done more evil than all the other kings before him. He had made false idols and caused Israel to sin greatly against God. God was furious and pronounced the following judgment:

- Jeroboam's son Abijah would die.
- God will bring disaster upon his home and destroy all his sons; dogs will eat those who die in the city and birds will eat those who die in the field.
- God will raise up a king who will wipe out the family of Jeroboam (cf. 1 Kgs 15:27-30).
- God will also punish the nation of Israel and cause them to be taken from their home country.

Consequences of Jeroboam's Bad Choices

Jeroboam was a man whom God favored. God especially chose him from the rest of the common people to become the first king of the divided kingdom. God made the same promise to him that he made to King David—he would be blessed and he and his descendants would rule Israel forever, if they listened to God and walked in His ways. Jeroboam was given ten of the tribes to rule and govern. Although Jeroboam received very clear directions from God, he did not obey. To secure his kingship, Jeroboam chose to do things his own way, even if it meant breaking God's commands and even if it caused the people of Israel to commit great sin. At the end, instead of securing his kingship, Jeroboam lost his life, his kingship, his family, and his people.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

The Holy Bible

The Holy Bible is inspired by God and given to us so that we can have the knowledge and wisdom to live lives pleasing to God, to know how to conduct ourselves in this wicked world, to avoid temptations, and to make godly choices.



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

True or False

1. **After the split, Rehoboam's kingdom was called "Israel" or "the Northern Kingdom."** False. Rehoboam was king of Judah, or the Southern Kingdom.
2. **God used the king of Babylon to punish Rehoboam.** False. He used the king of Egypt, King Shishak, to punish Rehoboam.
3. **Jeroboam made two golden calves for the people to worship, appointed his own priests, and set up his own festival times to keep the people from going to Jerusalem and returning to Rehoboam.** True.
4. **God gave ten tribes to Rehoboam and one tribe to Jeroboam.** False. God gave ten tribes to Jeroboam.
5. **Because of Jeroboam's abominable sins, God would wipe out Jeroboam and all his descendants. He would also allow Israel to be taken from their country.** True.

Questions to Think About

6. **Why did God cause the kingdom of Israel to be divided?** King Solomon had sinned by worshipping other gods and marrying heathen wives.
7. **God already told Jeroboam that he and his descendants could rule forever if they only did what?** If Jeroboam obeyed God's commandments and walked in His ways, he would be blessed forever.
8. **What happened after Rehoboam's kingdom became strong?** He and his kingdom abandoned God's laws.
9. **What things did King Shishak take from Rehoboam?** King Shishak took away the treasures of the house of God and the king's house and all the gold shields that Solomon had made.
10. **What advice did the young men give Rehoboam, and why was it favored over the advice of the elders?** The young men advised Rehoboam to let the people know that he would be harsher than his father and give the people greater burdens. He favored this advice in order to let the people know that he was in charge and not weak.
11. **What can we learn from Rehoboam's and Jeroboam's bad choices and consequences?** It is important to set our hearts to seek after God. If we place God, rather than our own selfish desires, as our first priority, we can avoid making bad choices.



Life Application

10 Minutes

Making Wise Choices

From our Bible story today, we realize how important it is to think through the advice and counsel that others give us, as the choices we make can have real and long-lasting consequences. The Bible gives us many examples of people who received advice from others; some followed the suggestions, while others did not. Read the Bible passages and then fill in the table to see what happened to those who followed/did not follow the advice offered to them.

[Hand out the Life Application Worksheet and guide students to complete the chart in Section A using the information in the Bible passages.]

Bible Passage	Who received the advice?	Who gave the advice?	What was the advice?	What was the consequence?
Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7, 22-24	Adam and Eve	Satan	Eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.	By eating the fruit, Adam and eve sinned against God's command and were cast out of the garden of Eden.
1 Sam 24:2-5, 10-12	David	His men	His men told him to take revenge on Saul, who had tried to kill him.	David had the word of God in his heart; he knew that he could not kill the king, who was the Lord's anointed, even though he had the chance.
2 Kgs 5:1-4	Naaman's wife	Maid servant	The maidservant told her mistress that Naaman should go to the prophet in Israel for help in curing Naaman's leprosy.	Naaman went to see the prophet Elisha and was cured.
2 Kgs 5:10-14	Naaman	His servants	Naaman's servants told him to do what the prophet said and go bathe in the river Jordan.	Naaman was completely cured of his leprosy.
Ex 18:13-22, 24-26	Moses	Jethro, Moses' father-in-law	Jethro advised Moses to appoint judges to help deal with the problems of the people instead of simply judging all by himself.	The other judges were able to help Moses so that he was not worn out.

[When the students have completed Section A, review what happened when the people followed the good advice or bad advice. Then, continue with Section B. Ask the students to fill in the blanks as you go over this section.]

It is important to evaluate carefully the advice we get from others, as these choices will lead to good or bad consequences. While some choices may not affect us too much, other choices may greatly affect our lives and faith. Rehoboam and Jeroboam both asked others for counsel, but at the end, they both made bad choices because they followed the wrong advice.

How do we know whether the advice we have received is good or bad?

- We need to examine the advice to see if it is according to the **teachings** of the **Bible**. If it is not, then we will know that this is not advice that we should follow. However, there may be some choices that are not so clear-cut. For this, we can pray and ask God to give us wisdom to discern whether the advice is good or bad and to help us make the correct choice that is according to **God's** will.
- We need to ask God to give us a **heart** to **do** His **will**. Rehoboam never really decided to do what pleased God; therefore, when everything was going smoothly, he departed from God. As for Jeroboam, all he wanted was his kingship; it didn't matter if God's commands were violated as long as he got what he wanted. If our will and desire are very strong and don't align with God's will, it is hard to make choices that are according to God's will.
- When we face a problem, we should ask for help or advice from **people** who make choices that are **wise** and godly (Prov 24:6; Ps 1:1).

[Reinforce the three main points regarding advice in Section B, then move onto Section C. You can complete this section as a class, or divide the students into pairs or groups and assign a scenario to each group. If you choose to divide the students, ask the students each to share with their group members, and then come together as a class at the end. Ask a volunteer from each group to share their answer.]

Scenarios

1. There is a school baseball team that you want to join. Your best friend is also trying out for it, and he really hopes that you can both play on the same team. The problem is that the practices are held on Saturdays. Your best friend says that the practices will be every Saturday, and since God is love, He will forgive you for missing church services during practice sessions. **What do you do?**
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Activity

Good Advice and Bad Advice

10-15 Minutes

Materials

- 3x5 index cards

Instructions

1. Prepare 3x5 index cards.
2. Write a piece of advice on each card; it can be good or bad advice. Some examples have been listed below. Another option is to have the students write down their own piece of advice on a card. Make sure to have enough written advice to allow for more than a round of sharing.
3. Gather the students to sit in a circle.
4. Pass out one card per student, and then leave the remaining cards in the middle of the circle. Have the students look at the advice on the cards. Go around the circle and ask the students to share why they consider the advice to be good/bad advice. When each student has shared, pass out another round of cards and continue sharing.

Examples

- If someone is mean to you, be mean back.
- Don't talk with your mouth full.
- You need to be the best.
- Eat your greens.
- "Please" and "Thank You" are still magic words.
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
- Early to bed, early to rise keeps a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
- Think before you act.
- Respect your elders.
- Do not run with scissors.
- Don't judge a person by how they look.
- Choose your friends wisely.
- It doesn't matter what we do, God will still love us.
- Waste not, want not.
- The purpose of life is to be happy.
- Practice makes perfect.
- Put your homework in your school bag the night before.
- Treat others the way you would like to be treated.
- If you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say anything at all.

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. kingdom, one, ten, Jeroboam
2. elders, young men
3. heart, seek, false gods, wives
4. golden calves, Bethel, Dan
5. Judah, Southern Kingdom, Israel, Northern Kingdom
6. If we follow bad advice and make the wrong choices that are not according to God's will, He will not be pleased with us and negative consequences will follow.
7. Answers may vary.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

Rehoboam



Jeroboam



1. Who did they seek advice from?

- a. The elders who used to counsel his father King Solomon.
- b. The young men with whom he had grown up.

His counselors

2. What bad choices did they make?

- a. Rehoboam followed the bad advice of the young men.
- b. His heart turned from God. He built shrines and wooden images throughout Judah.
- c. He had many wives and concubines.
- d. He did not set his heart to seek God.

- a. Jeroboam established his own worship centers and worshipped idols.
- b. He appointed priests from tribes outside the tribe of Levi.
- c. He set his own feast dates.

3. What were the consequences of their actions?

- a. Rehoboam's kingdom was divided into two kingdoms.
- b. God allowed King Shishak of Egypt to come up against Jerusalem and take away the treasures of the house of God and the king's house and all the gold shields that King Solomon had made.

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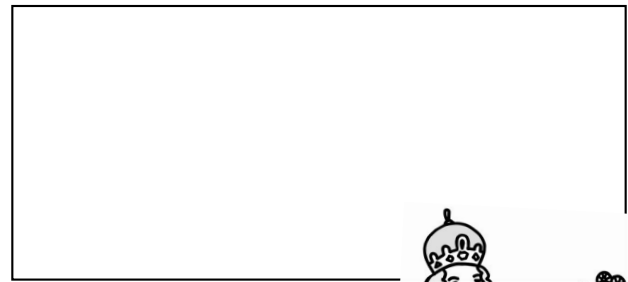
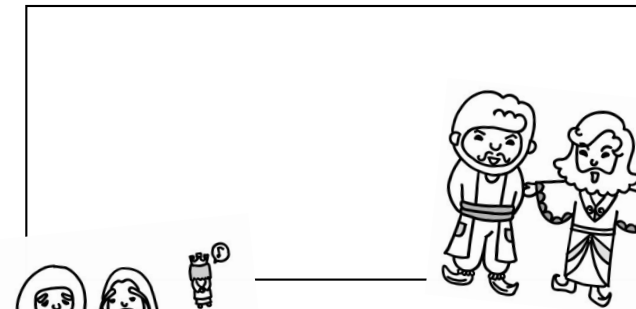
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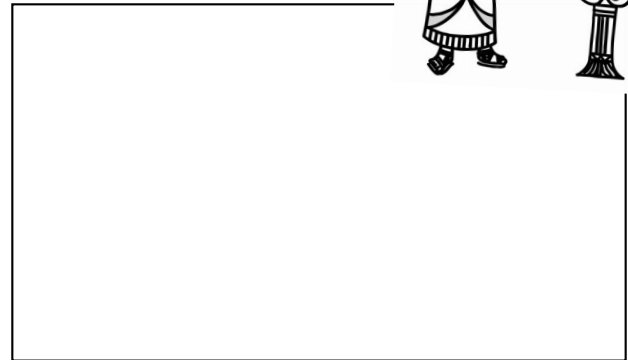
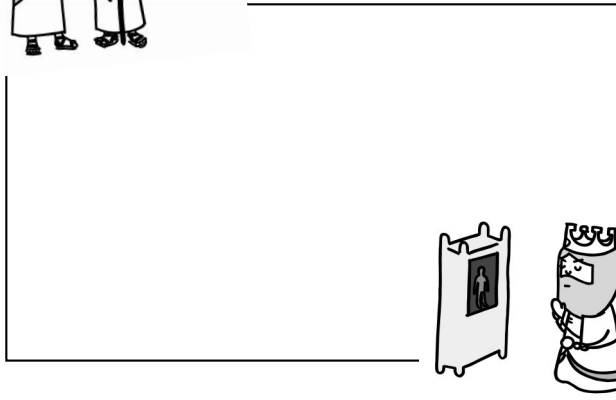
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Making Wise Choices

A. Read the Bible passage to find out whose advice each of the Bible characters followed and what happened as a result of following that advice.

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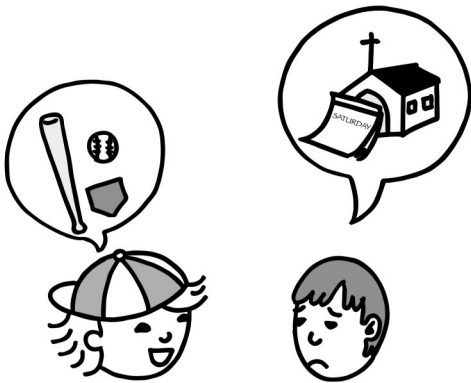


B. How do we know whether the advice we have received is good or bad? Fill in the blanks.

- See if the advice is in accordance with the _____ of the _____ and _____ will.
- Ask God to give us a _____ to _____ His _____.
- Seek advice from _____ who are _____ and godly.

C. What Do I Do?

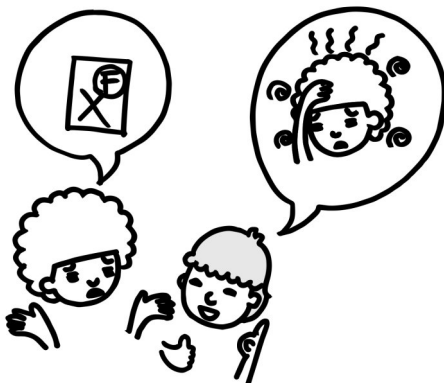
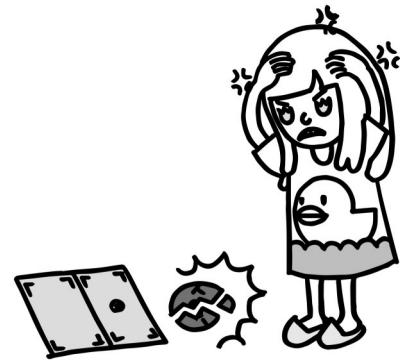
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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Proverbs 19:20**)

Fill In the Blank

Dan Southern Kingdom heart Bethel kingdom Jeroboam false gods elders Judah
 wives Northern Kingdom one Israel golden calves Rehoboam young men ten seek

1. Because of the sins of King Solomon, God took the _____ away from him. _____ tribe was given to his son _____; _____ tribes were given to _____.
2. Rehoboam first consulted the _____ and then the _____ for advice.
3. Rehoboam did not set his _____ to _____ after God. As a result, he sinned against God by worshipping _____ and marrying many _____.
4. Jeroboam tried to keep the people from going to Jerusalem by making two _____ for the people to worship, one in _____ and the other in _____.
5. After the nation was divided, Rehoboam's kingdom was called _____, or the _____. Jeroboam's kingdom was called _____, or the _____.

Short Answer

1. What can we learn from Rehoboam's and Jeroboam's bad choices and consequences?
2. Share one piece of good advice that you have received before. Who gave it to you, and how did you know it was good advice?