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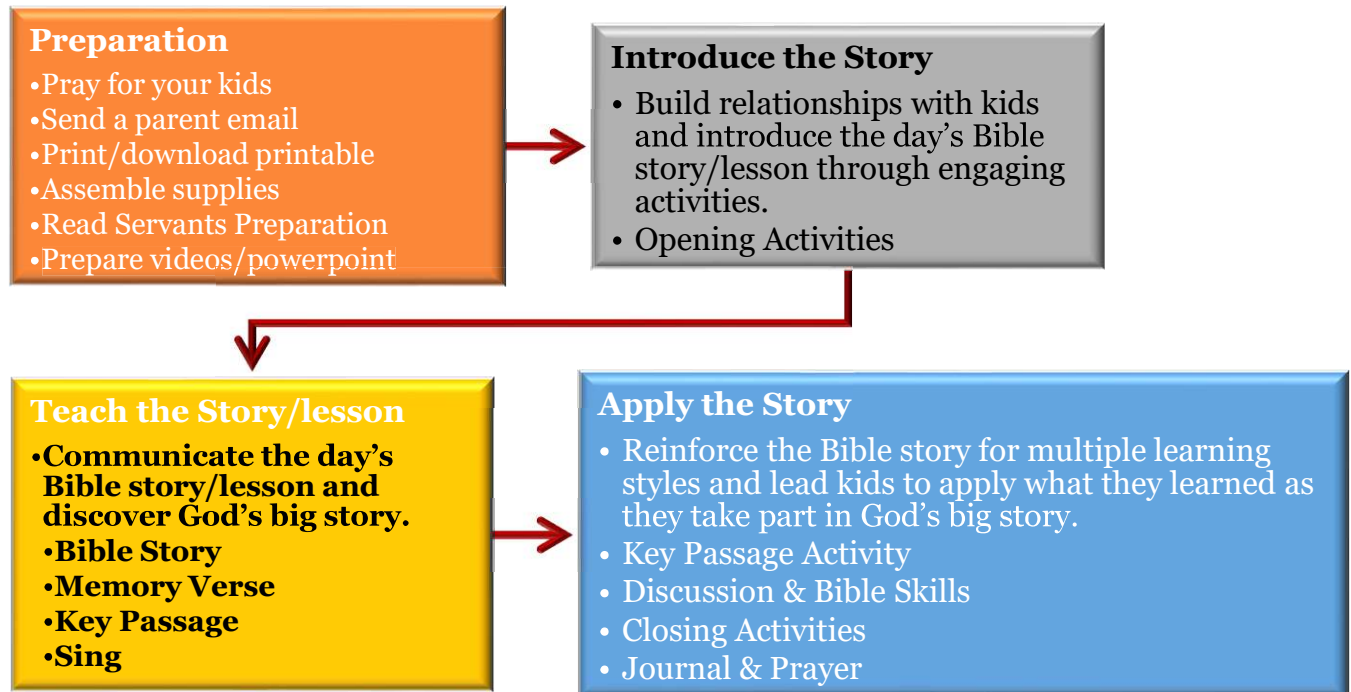
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PRE-LESSON PLAN:



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Pre-class reading and assignment (add)

Class session

Opening hook – (add), i.e., a question(s) opening activity.

Short intro (add): review application of last session, and homework.

Chapters in the plan, the story- by chapter,

Learning Goals – Application

Activities (add): (in beginning or end)- linguistic questions, verse memorization activity, true/false questions, emotional questions, fact questions,

Memory Verse (add) - ways of memorization.

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Add: linguistic questions, true/false questions, emotional questions, fact questions, Memory Verse- verse memorization activity, ways of memorization (add)

Homework – or after class maybe

<http://www.joyfulmeditations.org/resources/kids/bible-activity-sheets#1%20kings>

UNIT #3 THE DIVIDED KINGDOM, THE FIRST PERIOD OF ANTAGONISM 12- 22

Week #8: CHAPTER 12 -14 THE DIVISION: REHOBOAM AND JEROBOAM

Week #9: CHAPTER 15-16:28, KINGS OF ISREAL AND JUDAH, EVIL AND GOOD

Week #10: CHAPTER 16:29-19, AHAB'S EVIL REIGN IN ISRAEL, ELIJAH

Week #11: CHAPTER 20-22, AHAB'S EVIL REIGN IN ISRAEL

WEEK # 12: CONCLUSION OF 1 KINGS

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WEEK #8: CHAPTER 12 -14 THE DIVISION: REHOBOAM AND JEROBOAM

Chapter# 12

Class Outlines:

1. Rehoboam as king.
2. Rehoboam negative reply and revolt in Israel.
3. So, all Israel except Judah made Jeroboam king.

Civil War

1. Rehoboam as king. 12:1-11

- Rehoboam (we'll call him Ray for short) goes to Shechem to be crowned king of all Israel.
- Jeroboam (we'll call him Jerry), who's still hiding in Egypt, hears that Solomon is dead, which means it's time for him to take over ten of the tribes of Israel.
- Jerry gathers supporters and appears before Ray. He tells him, "Your father was a pretty oppressive ruler. Do us a favor: don't be like that, and we'll serve you, no problem."
- Ray says, "Let me think about it for a few days."
- He counsels with the old men who counseled his father, and they suggest that he be kind and just toward his people.
- But Ray doesn't like the sound of that. He asks some of his younger counselors what to do, and they're like, "Tell them that you're a bigger man than your dad was, and you'll oppress them even worse than he did. He afflicted them with whips. You'll use—picture this—scorpions."
- Ray thinks this sounds pretty cool, so he goes ahead and tells the people about it.
- Remember God's plan for Ray to lose most of the kingdom? Yeah—this is all part of it.

2. Rehoboam negative reply and revolt in Israel. 12:12-21

- The Israelites do not like the plan one bit, so everyone but the tribe of Judah rebels against Ray.
- But Ray's thinking, "Well, you still have to pay your taxes," so he sends a servant to collect his treasure, as usual.
- The people stone him to death. That's when Ray realizes this is serious, and he flees to Jerusalem for protection.
- The other tribes hear that Jerry's back in town, and they make him their king.

- Ray isn't going to stand for this, so he gathers an army of 180,000 warriors to fight against Jerry's tribes.

3. So, all Israel except Judah made Jeroboam king. 12:22-33

- But there is this prophet named Shemaiah, and the Lord told Ray through him not to attack the other tribes because this is the way it's meant to be. Ray's like, "Fine."
- So now there are 2 kings and 2 kingdoms: Rehoboam over Judah and Jeroboam over Israel.
- But Jerry has a problem: Ray still controls Jerusalem, which means he controls the temple. So anytime anyone wants to worship, they must go to Jerusalem.
- With Ray in control of the people's spiritual lives, he could potentially gain their favor back, and then they'd kill Jerry. Jerry doesn't want this to happen, so he comes up with a plan.
- He makes two golden calves and puts one in Bethel and the other in Dan, both far from Jerusalem. He then makes some priests and builds some temples of his own.
- He tells the people that these were the gods that brought them out of Egypt, and they totally buy it. He institutes some feasts, makes some sacrifices, and voila: Problem-solved.



Chapter# 13

Class Outlines:

1. A man of God spoke against Jeroboam.
2. The Man of God Disobeyed and Died.
3. Jeroboam Continued in His Sins.

1. A man of God spoke against Jeroboam. 13:1-19

- One day Jerry is burning incense by his new altar in Bethel. A man of God who has come from Judah walks up and starts talking to the altar.
- He says, "Hey altar. A kid named Josiah's going to be born into David's house, and he'll sacrifice humans on top of you and burn their bones" (this really happens later in 2 Kings 23:16-20).
- "And," he says, "this altar's going to break, and the ashes will spill out. That's how you'll know I'm for real."
- Jerry gets mad that this person's prophesying bad stuff about his altar, and he grabs him. But when he touches him, Jerry's hand shrivels up.
- Then the altar breaks, and the ashes pour out. Uh-oh.
- Jerry's not so high-and-mighty anymore, and he asks the man of God to pray for his hand to be restored. He does, and his hand goes back to normal.
- Jerry invites the man of God to come to his house to freshen up and collect a reward, but he says no way—not even if he offered him half of his kingdom, buster.
- "The Lord told me not to eat or drink anything around here, and just to go straight home when I was done talking to your altar," he says. And that's what he does.
- But there is this old prophet living in Bethel, and his sons tell him about what the man of God had said and done. He asks his sons which way the man went, and they tell him.
- The old prophet climbs on his donkey and rides off toward Judah.
- He finds the man of God sitting under an oak tree and invites him to come eat with him at his home.

2. The Man of God Disobeyed and Died. 13:14-32

- The man of God's like, "No can do. The Lord said so."
- "But I'm a prophet," says the prophet. "It's cool." So, the man of God goes with him to his house for some food and drink.
- But while they're eating, the word of God comes to the man of God (say that five times fast), who says, "You disobeyed God by coming here, and now you're going to die before you return home."
- Sure enough, the man of God leaves and gets killed by a lion, who stands guard by his body.
- The prophet hears about this and goes to collect the body. He buries him in his own grave and mourns over him and the sad prophesy that he uttered to Jerry.

3. Jeroboam Continued in His Sins. 13:33:34

- Despite this little episode, though, Jerry still does evil in God's eyes by setting up false priests and worshipping idols.



Chapter 14

Class Outlines:

1. Jeroboam's evil reign in Juda,
2. Jeroboam's wife visits Anijah.
3. Death of Jeroboam.

1. Jeroboam's evil reign in Juda, 14:1-16

- Jerry has a son named Abijah (not to be confused with Anijah) who gets really sick.

- Jerry says to his wife, "Disguise yourself and go to Anijah the prophet and give him some gifts and find out what's going to happen to our son, only don't let him know you're my wife."
- So, she goes in disguise to visit Abijah. It turns out he's old and blind, but the Lord tells him that Jerry's wife's going to come ask about her son, so he knows it's her when she shows up.
- He tells her that because Jerry worshipped idols after God gave him the kingdom, he will take away all of Jerry's descendants. Dogs will eat those of his family who die in the city, and birds will eat those who die in the field.
- Their son will die as soon as Jerry's wife's feet enter into the city, because God will take away everything good in his house and raise up a new king instead.
- Oh—and God will also smite and scatter Israel because of Jerry's wickedness and that of Israel.

2. Jeroboam's wife visits Anijah. 14:17-30

- Jerry's wife goes home, and as soon as her foot touches the threshold of her house, Abijah dies. That's a bummer.
- All told, Jeroboam reigns for twenty-two years, and then he dies, and his son Nadab becomes king.
- Meanwhile, back in Judah, Ray is made king when he's forty-one years old, and he presides over seventeen years of wickedness in Jerusalem.
- The people are worshipping idols and building pagan temples, and there are all these ritualistic temple prostitutes running around everywhere. God is not happy.
- And during the fifth year of Ray's reign, King Shishak of Egypt comes and plunders Jerusalem's treasures. He sacks the temple and Ray's palace, and steals all of the gold shields Solomon has made. Now Ray has to use bronze shields.
- And despite what God said back in chapter 12 about not fighting, Jerry and Ray fight constantly throughout their reigns.

3. Death of Jeroboam. 14:31

- Finally, Ray dies and is buried, and his son Abijam (not to be confused with Abijah) rules in his place.

POST-LESSON:

LEARNING GOAL 11: God Sees Through Our Disguises-1 Kings 14.1-18

When death threatened Jeroboam's son, Abijah, the king wanted to turn to the Lord's prophet, Anijah, for help. Why didn't Jeroboam pray to the idols he had been worshipping? Perhaps he realized that they were powerless and could not help his son. Jeroboam was afraid to approach the Lord's prophet himself, so he sent his wife in disguise.

Even though the prophet was blind, God told Anijah who his visitor was and what to say. And the resulting word from God was not a word of healing, but of death - death to Jeroboam's son, to Jeroboam and his family, and to Jeroboam's kingdom.

When we try to disguise our true motives, we may be able to fool our family members or friends by our actions, but God knows our hearts. He knows and judges our motives behind our actions.

Activities:(in beginning or end)- linguistic questions, verse memorization activity, true/ false questions, emotional questions, fact questions, (add)

Memory Verse- ways of memorization (add)

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Homework – take home sheet (add)

Look for the themes, [Jesus Christ](#), [Politics Religion](#), [Power](#), [Spirituality](#), [Wisdom](#)

Lesson delivery ideas:

Creative Application – More Than Meets the Eye

We already have talked about how God knows us better than anyone. Sometimes we can hide things from people, but we can never hide from God. He knows exactly what is in our hearts and minds.

Give each child a coffee filter and have them draw a stick figure about one inch tall near the bottom edge of the large side of their coffee filter with a black felt-tipped marker (not a perma-marker). Point out to children that the figure represents them and how others may see them.

Ask the children what color their figures are? Are they sure they are black? Tell them that next we are going to pretend that putting our stick figures into the water is like God looking at us to see what we're like.

Give each child a small cup half-filled with water and tell them to gently dip the end of their filters (where their figure is drawn) into the water slightly. What do you notice about your black stick figure? What colors do you see now? (The water will move up the filter and begin to separate the black ink into other colors. What looks like one color is really a combination of many colors together.) Point out to children that we can only see what is on the outside (just the black ink) but God can see what is in our hearts (the blue or other colors that appear).

Prayer: Lead children in a time of prayer acknowledging that God knows everything about them and still loves them. Encourage children to confess any hidden sin in their hearts and bring any other requests before Him.

MEMORY VERSE:

1 KINGS 13:30

"Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan."