



Jan 25, 2026

8:30am & 11:15am

## ISRAEL'S EVIL KINGS

1 KINGS 14-15; 2 CHRONICLES 12-13

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

The kings of Israel led the people away from God. We all disobey God when we sin. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins and rose again to bring us back to God.

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How many gods are there? There is one true God.

### KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

1 Kings 8:60

### STORY POINT:

Israel's evil kings worshiped idols.

### LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

#### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

**SAY**

It is really hard to listen to other people when you're wearing headphones. There are two kings in today's story who also had trouble listening to others, but not because they were wearing headphones! They did not listen to others because of their sin. Let's listen to the story together to learn how **King Rehoboam's sin divided the kingdom**.

#### 2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

\*Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.\*

\*Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.\*

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date  
(If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

*If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.*



## TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

### GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

### STORY SCRIPT

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In the time of King Solomon, God's people lived together in a big kingdom. Then the kingdom was split into two parts because Solomon's son, Rehoboam, was not a kind king. Most of the people decided to follow another man named Jeroboam instead. Jeroboam was the king of Israel, and Rehoboam was the king of a smaller area called Judah.

**Judah was special because it had a city called Jerusalem where people went to worship God in a big temple. King Jeroboam** got worried that if his people went to Jerusalem to worship, they might stop following him. So, he **made two golden calves—baby cows—and told the people to worship them instead of going to Jerusalem. But only God deserves our worship, not golden calves!**

**What Jeroboam did was wrong. God was very upset. God sent a man** named Ahijah **to tell Jeroboam that because he did these bad things, someone else would become king.**

**Later, the people from Israel and Judah fought. God helped the people of Judah win the battle because of a promise He had made to King David.**

**After Israel's King Jeroboam died,** his son Nadab became king, but Nadab wasn't good either. Another man named Baasha became king after that, and he was bad too. **The kings kept leading the people of Israel away from God.**

#### Story Telling Tips

- **Move away:** As you tell the Bible story, physically move farther and farther away from the preschoolers to illustrate that the people moved further and further away from God.
- **Point to the sky:** Whenever the story speaks of the one true God, point your finger to the sky.

#### 1. CHRIST CONNECTION

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### 3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

Ask the following review questions:

- a. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- b. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- c. How many parts was the nation of Israel split into? (Two)
- d. Were the kings of Israel good kings or bad kings? (They were bad kings. Israel's evil kings worshiped idols.)
- e. Whom should we worship? (The one true God.)
- f. How many gods are there? There is one true God.**

**SAY**

The kingdom of Israel was split into two kingdoms: Israel and Judah. The king of Israel did not want his people going to Judah to worship the one true God. He made two golden calves for the people to worship. Those calves were idols. **Israel's evil kings worshiped idols** and led the people to worship idols, too. There were consequences for the sin of these evil kings.

### 4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

**SAY**

The evil kings of Israel led the people away from God. King Jeroboam created idols out of gold for the people to worship. Those calves made of gold were not God.

**How many gods are there? There is only one true God.**

We should only worship one god in our lives—the one true God. Say our big picture question and answer again with me.

**How many gods are there? There is only one true God.**

### 5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **1 Kings 8:60**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

**SAY**

A circle reminds me of the earth. God made the earth. We can tell people living here on the earth that the Lord is God. Who is someone you can tell about God today? [Allow responses.]

**HINT:** You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **No Other**.

### 6. PRAY

**SAY**

God, You are the one true God and You are worthy of all our worship. Help us turn away from our sin and to turn to You. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die for us and rise again for our sin. Amen.

## ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

### 1. SHAPE DOUGH INTO ANIMALS

Provide each preschooler with some play dough. Invite preschoolers to shape their play dough into an animal. After preschoolers are finished, allow the group to tell about what kind of animal they made.

**SAY**

Tell me about the animals you made. [Allow responses.] Would it be silly to worship the animals you just made? Of course it would! These animals are made of play dough. They are not God! The evil king of Israel made golden calves for the people to worship. **Israel's evil kings worshiped idols** and led the people to do the same. **There is only one God, and only He is worthy of our worship. How many gods are there? There is one true God.**

### 2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

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## DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.