



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 30

KINGDOM SPLITS (1 KINGS 11 + 12)

Scripture: 1 Kings 11:27-39, 12:1-20

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Puppet show coloring pages, popsicle sticks, pool noodles

Ask:

- What do you remember about Solomon?
- Solomon did a lot of great things, but he also did some bad things. He allowed the worship of fake gods to spread throughout the land, and God was not pleased with this. Today, we're going to see what God does.

Summarize:

This is a long and hard lesson. The popsicle puppets will make it easier, but if the story is too long, you can summarize it or read from a children's Bible.

Read: 1 Kings 11:27-39

Ask:

- Why did God plan to give Israel to Jeroboam? (The Israelites were worshipping idols)
- Why didn't Jeroboam get the entire kingdom? (God promised David a descendent on his throne)

Craft:

Color and cut out the people for the popsicle stick puppet show. Have the kids reenact the first part of the story with Ahijah and Jeroboam

Explain:

That was foretold to Jeroboam, but now we're going to see what Solomon's son was up to. Israel was going to make him king after his father died. Let's see what happens.

Read: 1 Kings 12:1-20

Ask:

Do you think Rehoboam was wise in his answer?

Sometimes we think it's better to listen to our friends over people who are older than us. And though older people aren't always right, sometimes they have a perspective and understanding that young people don't.

Is there someone you can go to when you have a problem?

It's really important to talk to people when we are facing a problem, but it's equally important to make sure that the people we are consulting are wise.

Think of some people you can go to when you have a problem. If you can't think of any, ask God to bring a wise friend into your life.

Act it Out:

Reenact this with popsicle sticks as well.

Explain that this is how the Kingdom of Israel split in two. From now on, there would be the Kingdom of Israel in the North and the Kingdom of Judah in the South.

Play a Game:

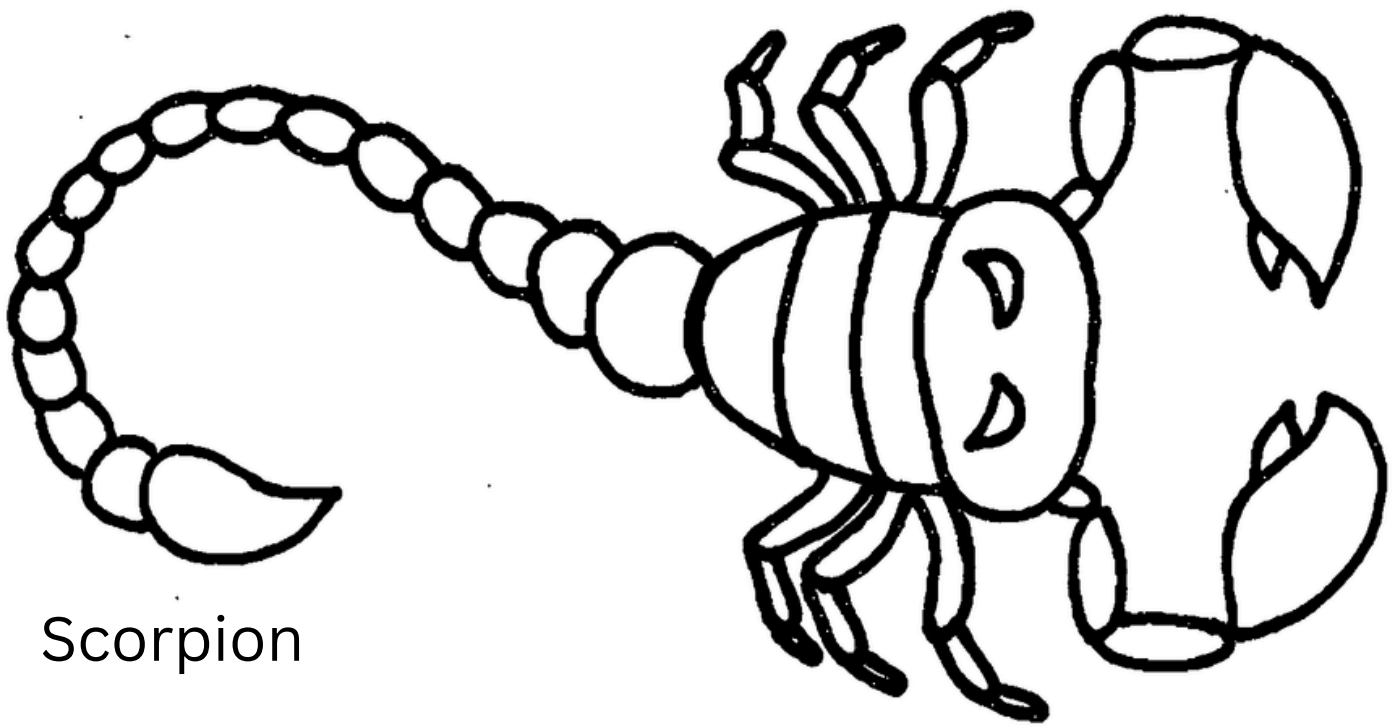
Play scorpion freeze tag. Have two kids with pool noodles. They are the ones that will "scourge them with scorpions." They must tag the other players with their pool noodles. Once they do, the player is frozen until a friend unfreezes them.

Comic Book Bibles:

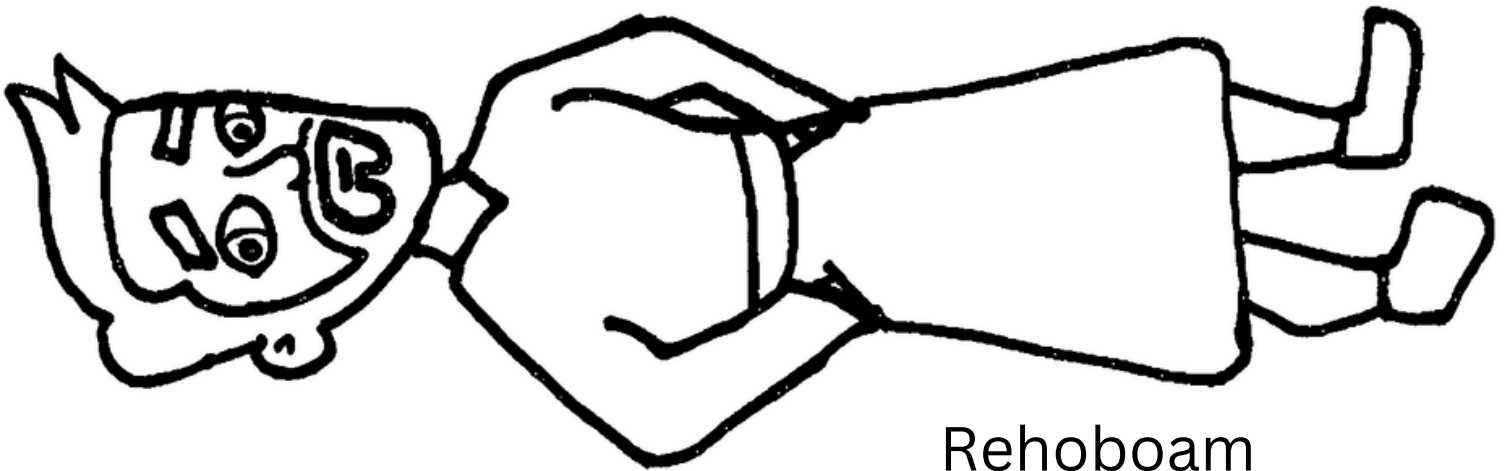
Have the kids draw the kingdom split of Jeroboam and Rehoboam. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

Memorize: 1 Kings 11:39

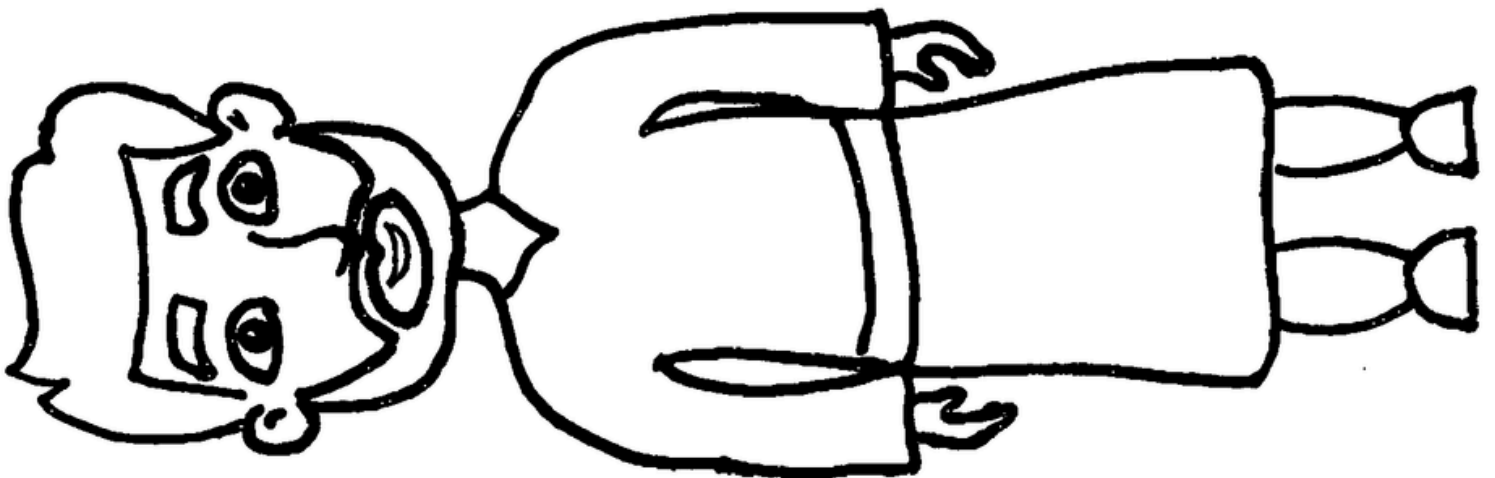
Close in Prayer



Scorpion



Rehoboam



Jeroboam



Ahijah