

BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 31 GOOD KINGS + BAD KINGS

Scripture: 1, 2 Kings, + 1, 2 Chronicles

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Map of the kingdoms of Judah and Israel, print out cards, poster boards or butcher paper (long roll).

Ask:

- What happened in our story last week? (The kingdom of Israel split between Rehoboam and Jeroboam)
- Why did it split? (Rehoboam said he would scourge the people with scorpions, bigger picture: Solomon and Israel's unfaithfulness to God)
- Does anyone remember what the northern kingdom was called? (Israel)
- What about the southern kingdom? (Judah)
- Today, we're going to talk about all the kings that led Israel and Judah

Summarize:

When the kingdoms split, different kings ruled each section. Some ruled for years, others for only days. For around 300 years, these kings reigned. So today, we're going to look at these kings, determine which kingdom they ruled, and whether they did good or evil in God's sight.

Do a Craft:

We're going to make a timeline by making trading cards for the kings. You will grab a card, learn about the king, then draw a picture of the king. (Your kids can learn about the king by the scripture references on the card. If they can't read, you can spend time helping them. Don't be afraid to take two lessons if you need to. After, we'll place them in order on a timeline to hang in our room. Kings of Judah will be in orange boxes, kings of Israel will be in yellow boxes. Whether they were a good or bad king at the beginning and end of their reign is marked by:

Good:



Bad

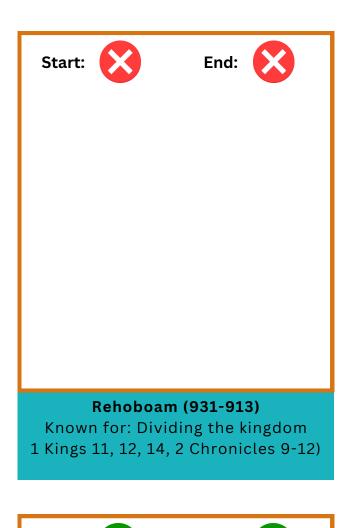


Comic Book Bibles:

If you still have time after all the drawing, have the kids color kings in their comic book Bibles.

Memorize: 1 Kings 12:20

Close in Prayer





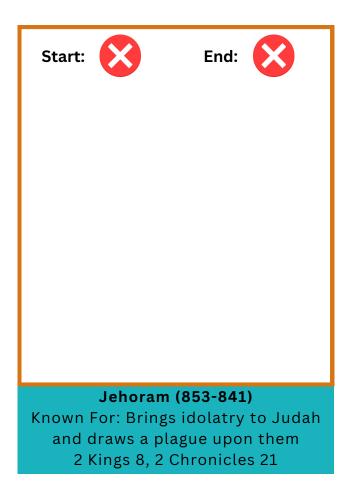
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Known For: Being a good, devout

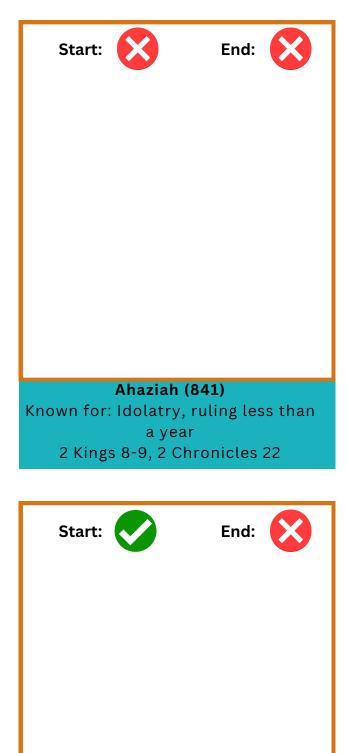
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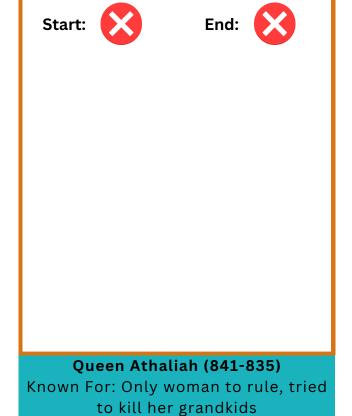
Start:

Known For: Being a good, devout king
(1 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 14-16)

Jehoshaphat (873-848) Known For: Making peace with Israel (1 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 17-21)







2 Kings 11, 2 Chron 22-23

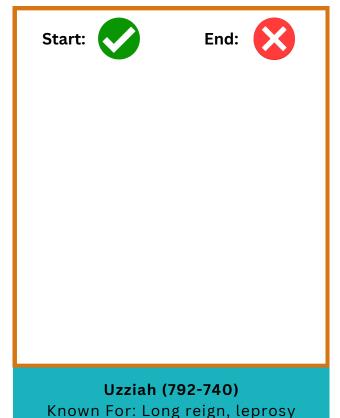
Joash (835-796)

Known For: Began ruling at 7, returned worship to the Temple, didn't depart from idolatry

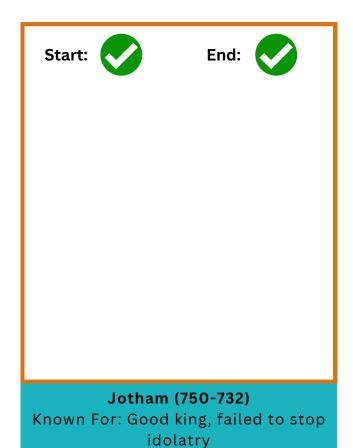
2 Kings 11-12, 2 Chronicles 22-24



2 Kings 12, 14, 2 Chronicles 24-25



2 Kings 14-15, 2 Chronicles 26



2 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 26-27



2 Kings 16, 2 Chron 27-28, Isaiah 7

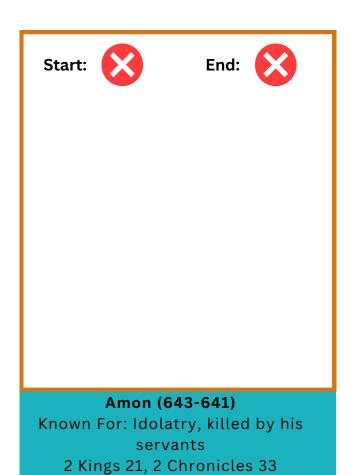


2 Kings 18-20, 2 Chron 28-32, Isaiah 36-39

Manasseh (697-643) Known For: Idolatry, child sacrifice,

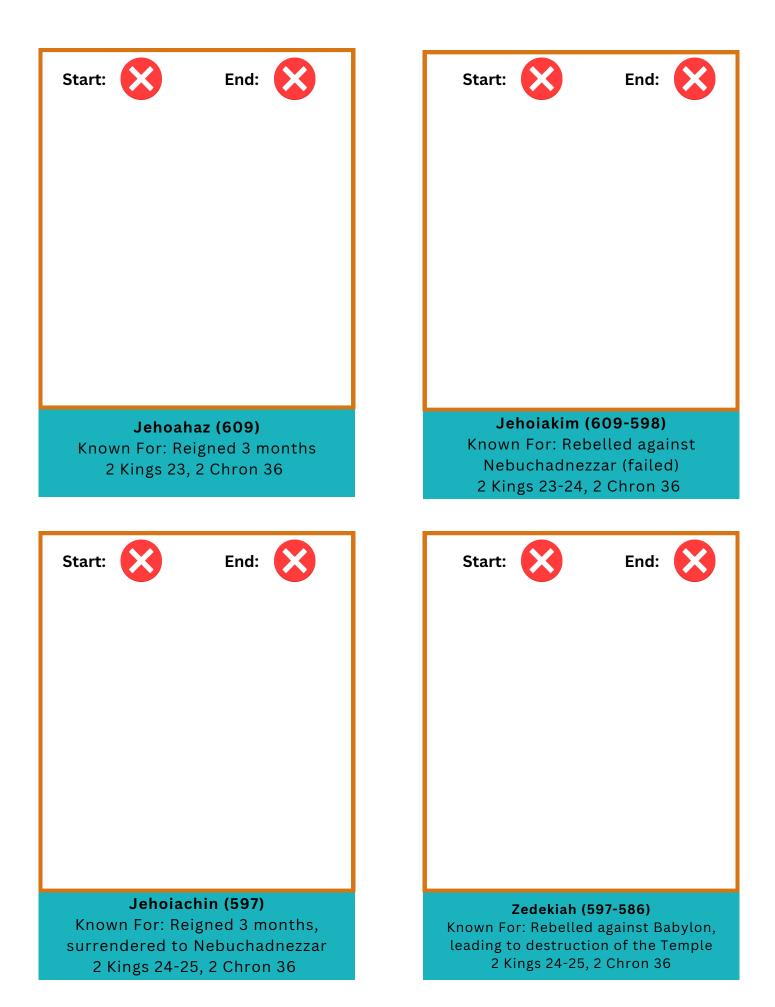
extreme evil, repented in the end

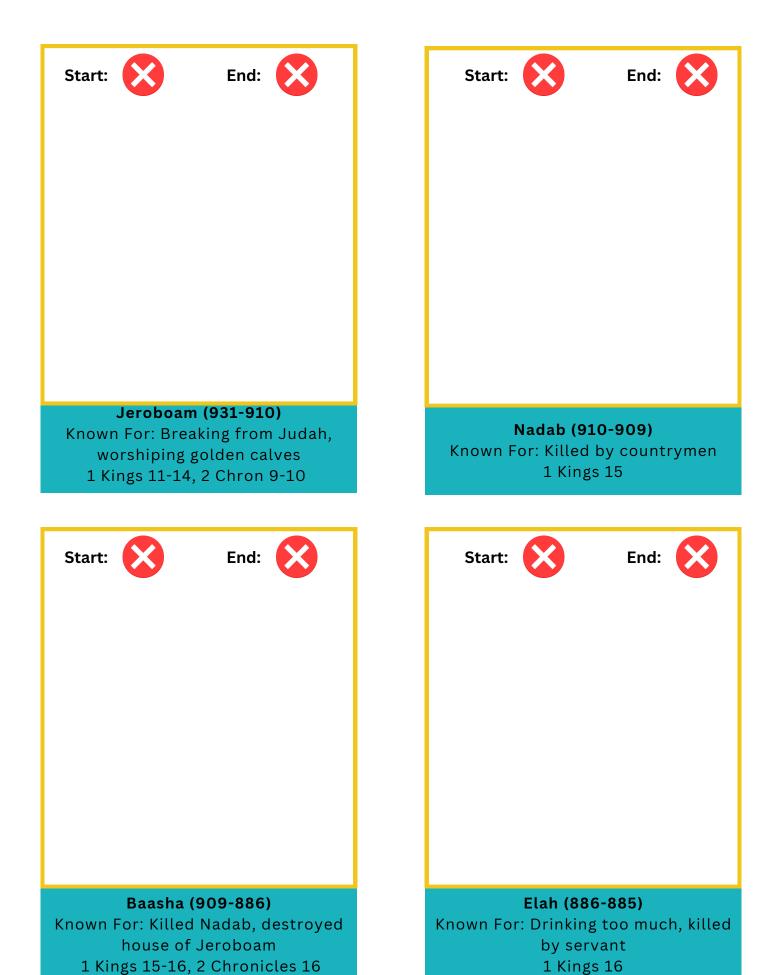
2 Kings 21, 2 Chronicles 32-33

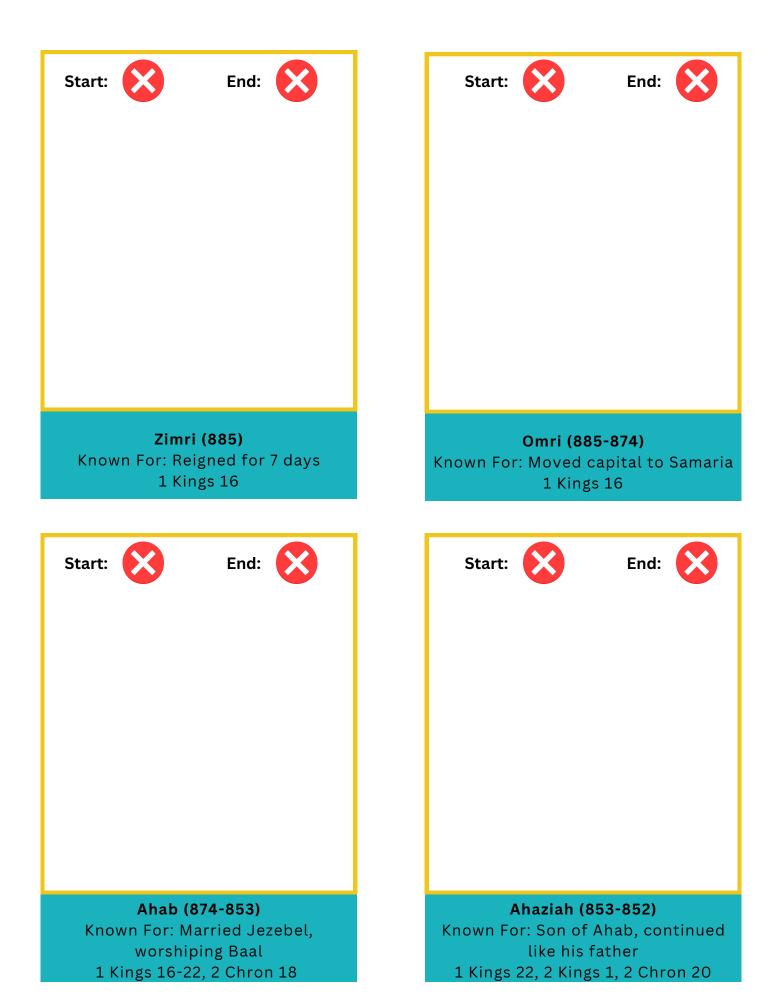




2 Kings 21-23, 2 Chron 33-35







End: Start:

Joram (852-841)

Known For: Removed pillar of Baal, slightly less evil 2 Kings 3, 9, 2 Chron 22

Start: End:

Jehoahaz (814-798)

Known For: Defeated in battle against Aram 2 Kings 13



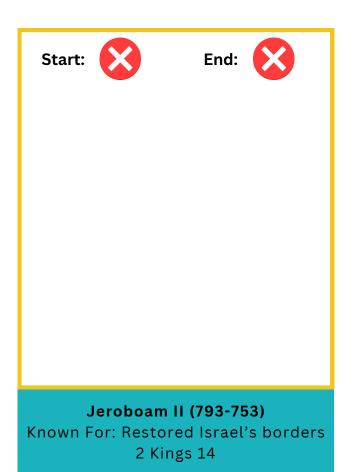
Jehu (841-814)

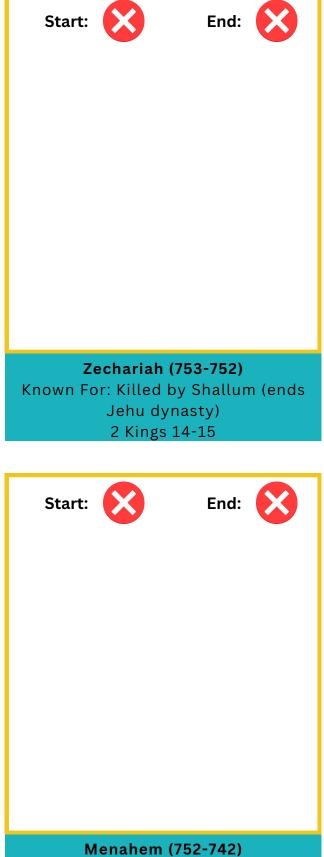
Known For: Anointed by Elisha, killed worshipers of Baal, destroyed Baal's temple, kept idols 2 Kings 9, 10, 2 Chrpn 22

End: Start:

Jehoash (798-782)

Known For: Recovered land from Aram 2 Kings 13-14, 2 Chron 25





Shallum (752)
Known For: Usurping throne, killed
by Menahem

2 Kings 15

End:

Start:

Known For: Taxed wealthy to pay off
Assyrian invaders
2 Kings 15

Pekahiah (742-740)
Known For: Killed by his captain
2 Kings 15

Start: End: End: Pekah (Rival: 752-732)

Known For: Lost much territory to

Assyrian king

2 Kings 15, 2 Chron 28

Hoshea (732-722)
Known For: Imprisoned which led to

capture of Israel by Assyria 2 Kings 15, 17