



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

Start:



End:



Rehoboam (931-913)

Known for: Dividing the kingdom
1 Kings 11, 12, 14, 2 Chronicles 9-12)

Start:



End:



Abijah (913-911)

Known For: War with Jeroboam I
1 Kings 14-15, 2 Chronicles 12-14

Start:



End:



Asa: 911-870

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

Start:



End:



Jehoshaphat (873-848)

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

Start:



End:



Jehoram (853-841)

Known For: Brings idolatry to Judah
and draws a plague upon them
2 Kings 8, 2 Chronicles 21

Start:



End:



Ahaziah (841)

Known for: Idolatry, ruling less than
a year
2 Kings 8-9, 2 Chronicles 22

Start:



End:



Queen Athaliah (841-835)

Known For: Only woman to rule, tried
to kill her grandkids
2 Kings 11, 2 Chron 22-23

Start:



End:



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

Start:



End:



Amaziah (796-767)

Known For: Humiliating defeat from
Israel
2 Kings 12, 14, 2 Chronicles 24-25

Start:



End:



Uzziah (792-740)

Known For: Long reign, leprosy
2 Kings 14-15, 2 Chronicles 26

Start:



End:



Jotham (750-732)

Known For: Good king, failed to stop
idolatry
2 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 26-27

Start:



End:



Ahaz (735-716)

Known For: Paganism, child sacrifice,
vassal state to Assyria
2 Kings 16, 2 Chron 27-28, Isaiah 7

Start:



End:



Hezekiah (716-687)

Known For: Removed high places, stopped idolatry, rebelled against Assyria
2 Kings 18-20, 2 Chron 28-32, Isaiah 36-39

Start:



End:



Manasseh (697-643)

Known For: Idolatry, child sacrifice, extreme evil, repented in the end
2 Kings 21, 2 Chronicles 32-33

Start:



End:



Amon (643-641)

Known For: Idolatry, killed by his servants
2 Kings 21, 2 Chronicles 33

Start:



End:



Josiah (641-609)

Known For: Ended idolatry, ruled at 8, last king before exile
2 Kings 21-23, 2 Chron 33-35

Start:



End:



Jehoahaz (609)

Known For: Reigned 3 months
2 Kings 23, 2 Chron 36

Start:



End:



Jehoiakim (609-598)

Known For: Rebelled against
Nebuchadnezzar (failed)
2 Kings 23-24, 2 Chron 36

Start:



End:



Jehoiachin (597)

Known For: Reigned 3 months,
surrendered to Nebuchadnezzar
2 Kings 24-25, 2 Chron 36

Start:



End:



Zedekiah (597-586)

Known For: Rebelled against Babylon,
leading to destruction of the Temple
2 Kings 24-25, 2 Chron 36

Start:



End:



Jeroboam (931-910)

Known For: Breaking from Judah,
worshiping golden calves
1 Kings 11-14, 2 Chron 9-10

Start:



End:



Nadab (910-909)

Known For: Killed by countrymen
1 Kings 15

Start:



End:



Baasha (909-886)

Known For: Killed Nadab, destroyed
house of Jeroboam
1 Kings 15-16, 2 Chronicles 16

Start:



End:



Elah (886-885)

Known For: Drinking too much, killed
by servant
1 Kings 16

Start:



End:



Zimri (885)

Known For: Reigned for 7 days
1 Kings 16

Start:



End:



Omri (885-874)

Known For: Moved capital to Samaria
1 Kings 16

Start:



End:



Ahab (874-853)

Known For: Married Jezebel,
worshiping Baal
1 Kings 16-22, 2 Chron 18

Start:



End:



Ahaziah (853-852)

Known For: Son of Ahab, continued
like his father
1 Kings 22, 2 Kings 1, 2 Chron 20

Start:



End:



Joram (852-841)

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

Start:



End:



Jehu (841-814)

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

Start:



End:



Jehoahaz (814-798)

Known For: Defeated in battle
against Aram
2 Kings 13

Start:



End:



Jehoash (798-782)

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

Start:



End:



Jeroboam II (793-753)

Known For: Restored Israel's borders
2 Kings 14

Start:



End:



Zechariah (753-752)

Known For: Killed by Shallum (ends
Jehu dynasty)
2 Kings 14-15

Start:



End:



Shallum (752)

Known For: Usurping throne, killed
by Menahem
2 Kings 15

Start:



End:



Menahem (752-742)

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

Start:



End:



Pekahiah (742-740)

Known For: Killed by his captain
2 Kings 15

Start:



End:



Pekah (Rival: 752-732)

Known For: Lost much territory to
Assyrian king
2 Kings 15, 2 Chron 28

Start:



End:



Hoshea (732-722)

Known For: Imprisoned which led to
capture of Israel by Assyria
2 Kings 15, 17