

THE SPLIT IN THE KINGDOM

Timeless Truth: God detests idol worshipers.

Bible Basis: 1 Kings 11:4–6; 12:1–33; 14:22–23, 26–28; 15:11–14

Key Verse: Asa did what was right in the sight of the Lord. —1 Kings 15:11 NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 14: “The Split in the Kingdom”

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 14 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child remember that the good kings learned from mistakes. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

God uses even bad things to teach his people. I can learn from mistakes.

TABLE TALK

- **This week's Bible story was about good kings and bad kings. What did the bad kings do?** *(They didn't follow God and didn't learn from their mistakes.)*
- **What did the good kings do?** *(They learned from mistakes and followed God. They got rid of the things the bad kings had done.)*
- **What mistakes have you made?**
- **What can you learn from your mistakes?**

LIVING FAITH

Make a cheesy edible crown to remember that good King Asa learned from mistakes. Using a knife, cut a crown shape out of a tortilla. Let your child sprinkle cheese and vegetable jewels on the crown. Toast the crown in the microwave, oven, or stovetop. You can also make a sweet crown using cream cheese, fruit, and candies. As you eat your crowns, talk about what bad kings and good kings do.

EXTRA MILE

There are many children's songs about obedience. Your child may already know one from Sunday school or you can find one online. Learn one this week or make up a song of your own.

As mistakes are made this week by your family, stop and talk about the mistakes. What can you learn from them?

Read books where the characters make mistakes. Talk about those mistakes and what they learned.

Use these motions to help your child remember the key verse.

Asa did (*Make a crown with your hands on your head.*)

What was right (*Put thumbs up.*)

In the eyes (*Point to your eyes.*)

Of the Lord. (*Make an L with your right hand. Take the L across your body from your left shoulder to your right hip.*)

1 Kings 15:11 (*Open hands like a book.*)