



***Listening to Godly Counsel: The Kingdom Divided (1 Kings 12)***  
**June 26, 2022**

**One Story Resources – Day 176**

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**1 Kings 12**

**Rehoboam failed to lead for God as a servant leader - 1 Kings 12:1-7**

And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king.  
**1 Kings 12:1 NKJV**

So it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard it (he was still in Egypt, for he had fled from the presence of King Solomon and had been dwelling in Egypt, **1 Kings 12:2 NKJV**

that they sent and called him. Then Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, **1 Kings 12:3 NKJV**

“Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you.” **1 Kings 12:4 NKJV**

So he said to them, “Depart for three days, then come back to me.” And the people departed.  
**1 Kings 12:5 NKJV**

Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, “How do you advise me to answer these people?” **1 Kings 12:6 NKJV**

And they spoke to him, saying, “If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.  
**1 Kings 12:7 NKJV**

### **Rehoboam failed to seek God through wise counsel - 1 Kings 12:8-11**

But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. **1 Kings 12:8 NKJV**

And he said to them, “What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, ‘Lighten the yoke which your father put on us’?” **1 Kings 12:9 NKJV**

Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, “Thus you should speak to this people who have spoken to you, saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter on us’—thus you shall say to them: ‘My little finger shall be thicker than my father’s waist!  
**1 Kings 12:10 NKJV**

And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!’ **1 Kings 12:11 NKJV**

### **Rehoboam failed to minister for God with a humble attitude - 1 Kings 12:12-15**

“So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had directed, saying, “Come back to me the third day.” **1 Kings 12:12 NKJV**

Then the king answered the people roughly, and rejected the advice which the elders had given him;  
**1 Kings 12:13 NKJV**

and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!" **1 Kings 12:14 NKJV**

So the king did not listen to the people; for the turn of events was from the Lord, that He might fulfill His word, which the Lord had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

**1 Kings 12:15 NKJV**

## **We avoid the downward spiral by living like Jesus**

### **Living like Jesus means serving others**

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. **Matthew 20:26 NKJV**

And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave -- **Matthew 20:27 NKJV**

just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. **Matthew 20:28 NKJV**

### **Living like Jesus means seeking Godly counsel**

Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety. **Proverbs 11:14 NKJV**

### **Living like Jesus means modeling humility**

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **Philippians 2:3 NKJV**

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. **Philippians 2:4 NKJV**

**This Week's [One Story Bible Readings](#):**

- 176. 2 Chronicles 18:1-4, 1 Kings 22:1-40, Jeremiah 42:1-6
- 177. 2 Chronicles 19, 2 Chronicles 20, 1 Kings 22:41-50
- 178. 2 Chronicles 21, 2 Samuel 7:16-17, Psalm 132:10-12
- 179. 2 Kings 2, John 1:19-28, Matthew 17:1-13
- 180. 2 Kings 3, 2 Kings 4, John 6:1-14
- 181. 2 Kings 5, Luke 4:16-30, Luke 5:12-15
- 182. Reflection & Prayer

## GOD IS WITH US

CROSSING THE RED SEA



For the next few weeks we're going to be learning about how strong God is! We will learn the story of crossing the Red Sea and how God showed the Israelite people and Egypt just how strong he can be. Our big strong God loves us, hears our prayers, and takes care of us all the time.

**Memory Verse:** God is strong and always ready to help us. Psalm 46:1 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** God is Strong

**Parent Connect:** (Sing this song to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

*God is very strong;  
Powerful is He.  
God will help us as we walk  
Across the big Red Sea.*

*God is very strong;  
Powerful is He.  
I'm so glad that God is strong;  
Let's thank Him happily.*

## KING DAVID

ONE STORY



This is a busy summer month of promotion, SBO and vacations so we are taking the time to review David with videos and introduce them to the life of Solomon.

**Memory Verse:** I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the Lord was watching over me. Psalm 3:5

**Heart of the Lesson:** Ask God for Wisdom - Solomon Asks for Wisdom - 1 Kings 3, 10

**Parent Connect:** Use blocks or Legos to build a temple with your kids. Discuss today's story about King Solomon. King Solomon got to build God a very special house called a temple. Imagine with your kids how the temple might have looked as you build. Then look up pictures on the internet of what we think the temple actually looked like. Discuss with your kid what it would be like to build such an important building!

## ISRAEL GETS A KING

HEROS OF FAITH



Each summer we change it up and show our kids heroes of the faith that lived after the Bible was completed. These are people that were outward focused followers of Jesus even when it was really hard. Our kids can be heroes of the faith too if they choose to believe and trust God.

**Memory Verse:** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” Hebrews 12:1

**Heart of the Lesson:** William Tyndale: Translator of the first English Bible

**Parent Connect:** Tell your parent what you remember about today’s story. Go to [seedcompany.com](http://seedcompany.com) (one of our partners) and watch one of the videos sharing about the impact of Bible translations in people groups today.



You Asked For It is back and better than ever! We’re putting a fun twist on our classic You Asked For It series by watching videos of Tim answering the questions that YOU, the students of G56, have asked!

**Memory Verse:** Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

**Heart of the Lesson:** Why does God let bad things happen (like letting people die)? - Job 42:2, Luke 1:37, Nahum 1:7, James 1:13, Luke 18:19, Matthew 22:37-38, Exodus 20:3, Psalm 97:10, Romans 12:9

**Parent Connect:** How would you answer a friend who asked you this question? Discuss as a family: how have you seen God turn a really hard situation into something that pointed people to Him?



The further we get into the Old Testament, the more clear it is that people needed help to follow God. Just like the people of Israel needed to follow God to stay on track, we need to follow God to stay on track too!

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 119:133 (NIRV) “Teach me how to live as you have promised. Don’t let any sin be my master.”

**Heart of the Lesson:** Godly counsel can protect us from sin (Rehoboam - 1 Kings 12)

**Connect:**

- Did Rehoboam listen to the wise advice from the elders or the foolish advice of the young men?
- Have you ever gotten yourself into a bad situation because you didn’t listen to the wisdom another person gave you?
- What is something specific you do or can start doing to help you make wiser choices?
- Is there something you’ve learned in your life that you can share with someone else when God gives you the opportunity?