

Year 2

Week 85

Solomon Forgets God – The Kingdom Divides

Scriptures: 1 Kings 11 and 12

Key Verse: 1 Kings 11:9 “So the Lord became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the Lord God of Israel...”

Key Points:

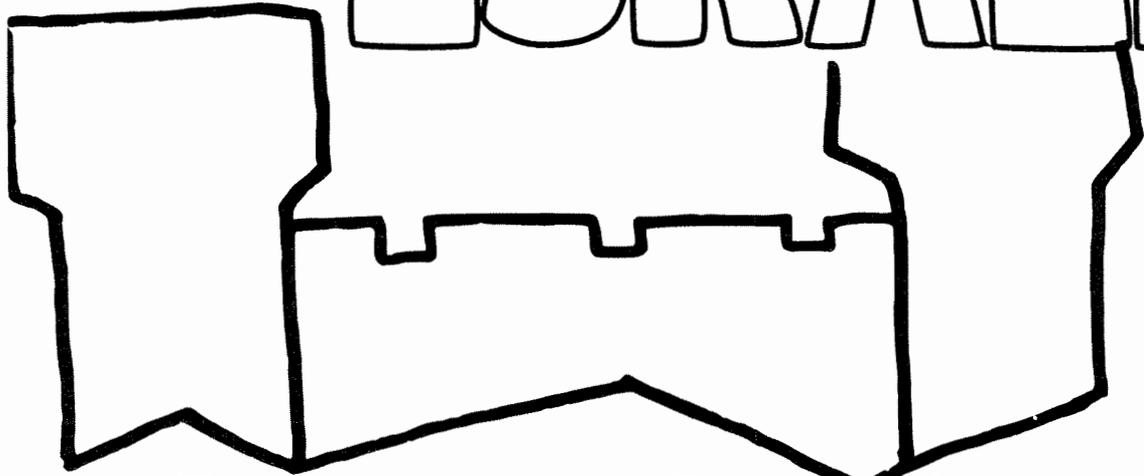
1. Solomon loved and married women who worshiped idols rather than God. God had given laws not to intermarry with those who were idolatrous. Solomon had 700 wives and princesses and 300 concubines. They turned his heart away from God and he did evil by worshiping idols.

2. The Lord became angry with him, told him Israel would rebel. He told him that all but one tribe would be taken from his son, Rehoboam, who would be king after him. He would retain these because of God’s love for his father David. 10 tribes would be under another king. God promised not to do this while Solomon lived, but after he died.

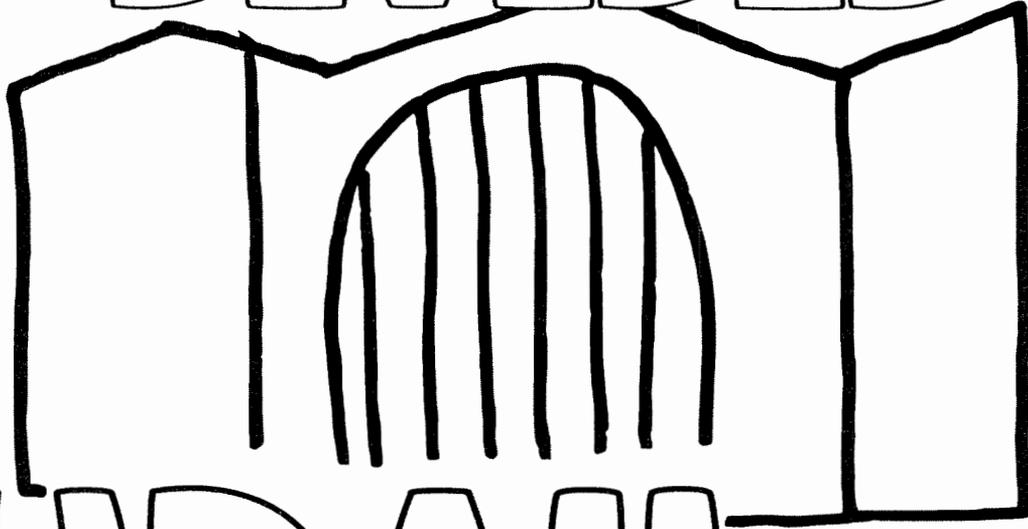
3. God instructed his prophet Ahijah to meet a mighty man of valor, Jeroboam, and show him that 10 tribes would be given to him as king. He showed this by taking fabric and tearing it into 10 pieces. Solomon wanted to kill Jeroboam because of this but he escaped to Egypt until Solomon died.

4. After the death of Solomon, Rehoboam ruled very harshly, thinking he would gain loyalty. It did not work and a rebellion took place. A battle had been planned against Jeroboam to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam. God sent Shemaiah, a prophet, to tell them not to fight. The kingdom would be divided, Judah and Benjamin remained with Rehoboam the rest with Jeroboam. Solomon reigned over Israel 40 years.

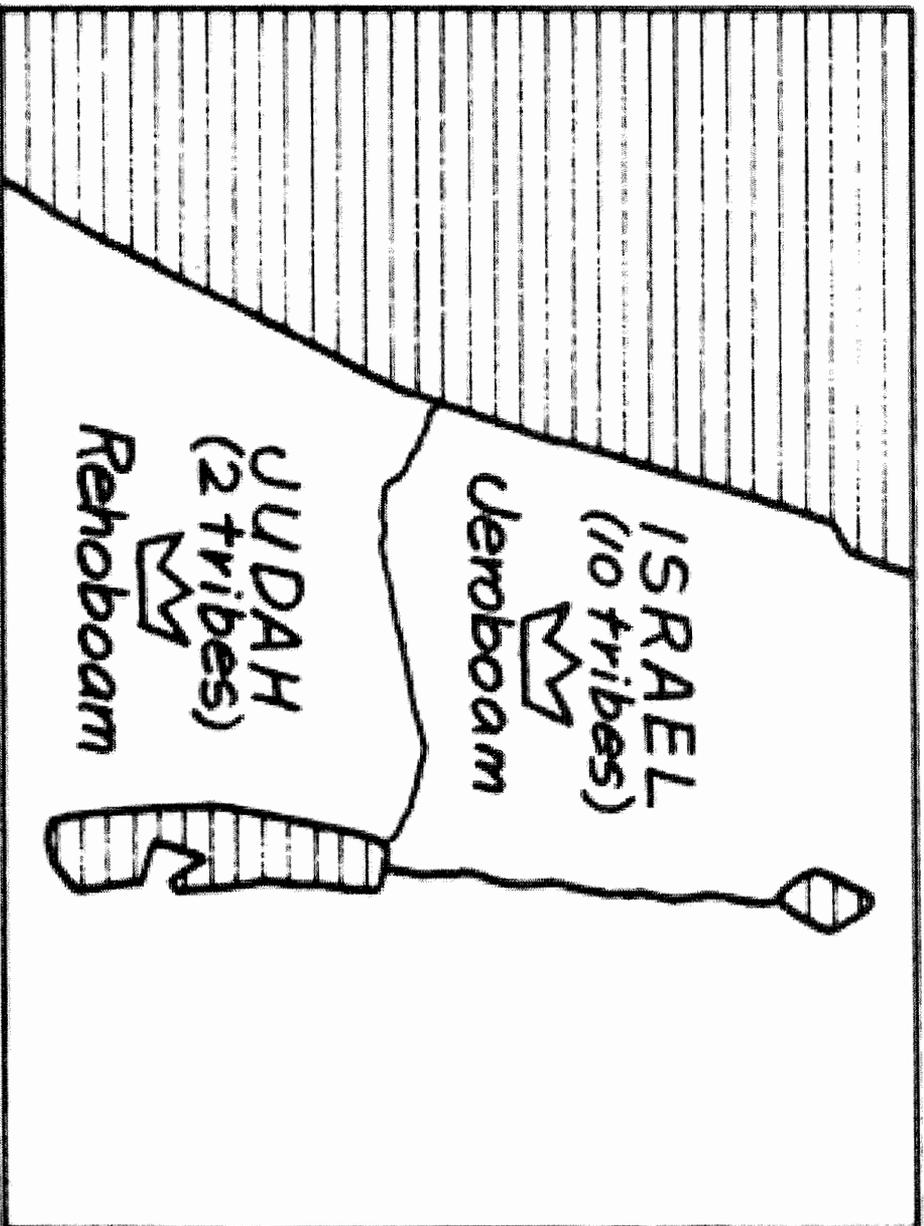
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SOLOMON'S SINS

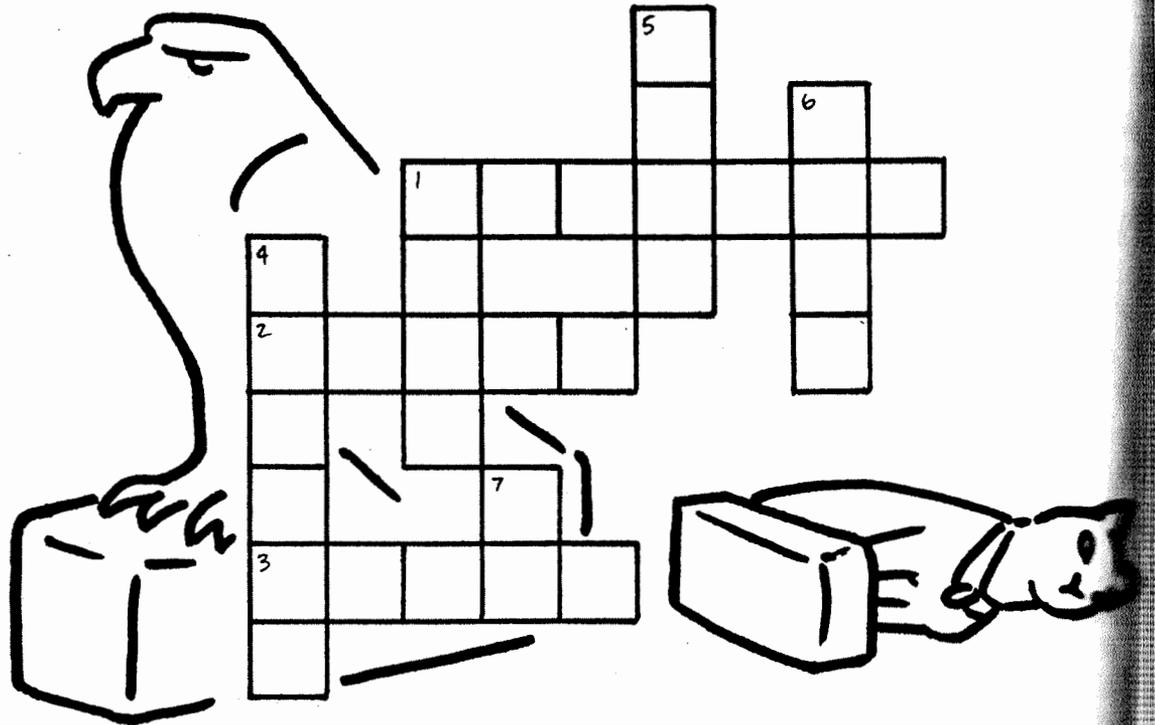
2 KINGS 11

ACROSS

- 1) KING OF EGYPT
- 2) FALSE GODS
- 3) SOLOMON MARRIED THE PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER WHO WAS FROM _____.

DOWN

- 1) OPPOSITE OF RICH
- 4) EVIL, BAD
- 5) SOLOMON MADE LIFE _____ (DIFFICULT) FOR THE POOR PEOPLE. (RHYMES WITH "CARD")
- 6) PRECIOUS YELLOW METAL
- 7) OPPOSITE OF DOWN



SOLOMON TURNS FROM THE LORD

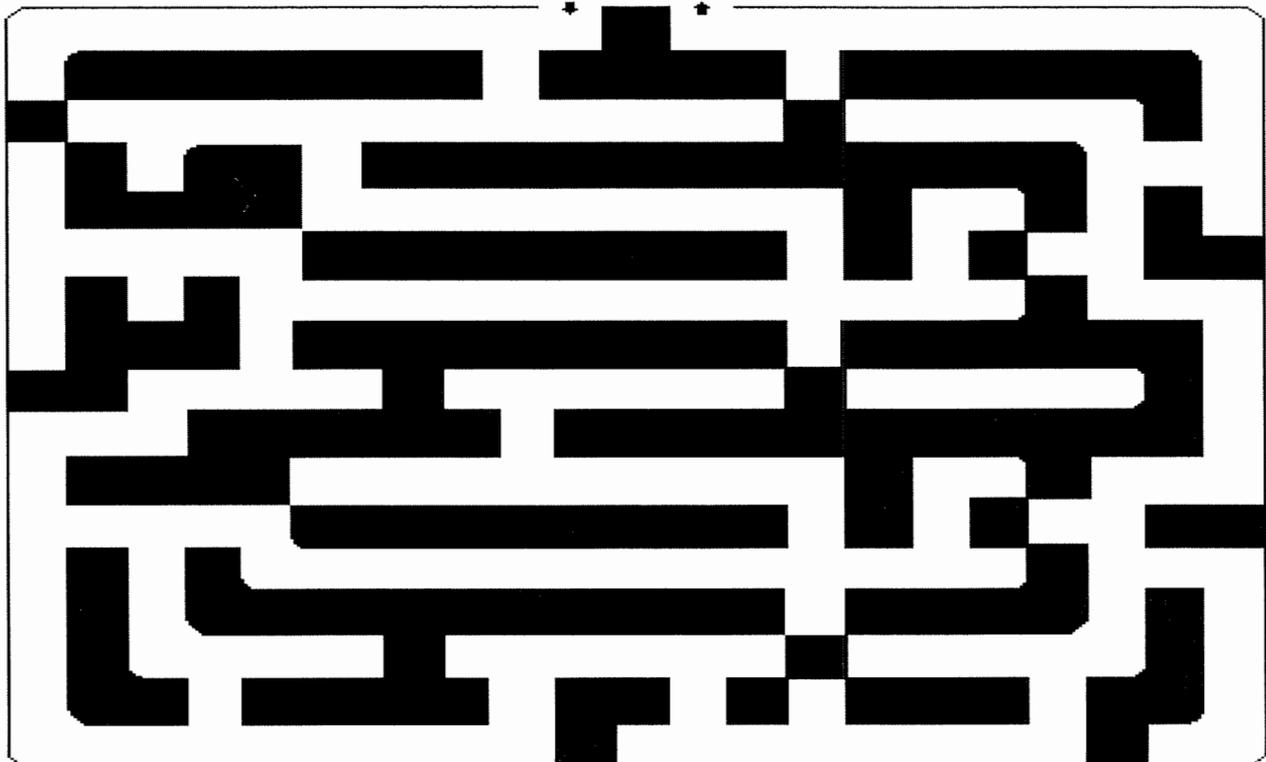
(1 KINGS 11:1-13, 41-43)

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SOLOMON TURNS FROM THE LORD

(1 KINGS 11:1-13, 41-43)

MEMORY VERSE:

"So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel." 1 KINGS 11:9

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. "For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his _____ after other gods; and his _____ was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the _____ of his father David." 1 KINGS 11:4

TRUE OR FALSE:

2. "For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites." 1 KINGS 11:5
TRUE OR FALSE
3. "Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon." 1 KINGS 11:7
TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

4. "And he did likewise for _____ his _____, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods." 1 KINGS 11:8
5. "So the LORD became _____ with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice." 1 KINGS 11:9
6. The LORD "had commanded him concerning this thing, that he _____ go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded." 1 KINGS 11:10

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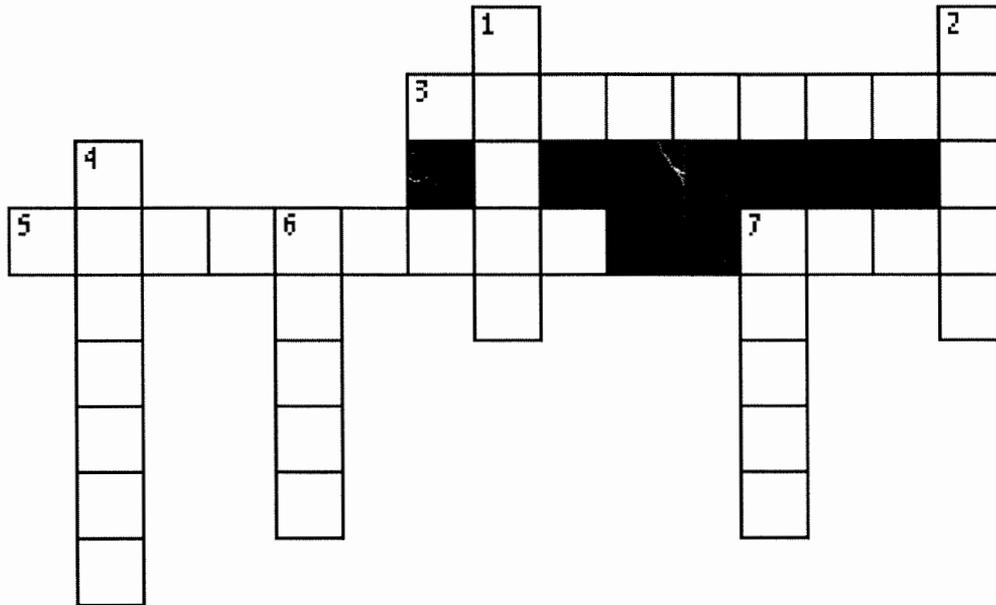
7. "Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, 'Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.' " 1 KINGS 11:11
TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

8. The LORD said, "However I will not tear away the whole kingdom, but I will give _____ to your son for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen." 1 KINGS 11:13

SOLOMON TURNS FROM THE LORD

(1 KINGS 11:1-13, 41-43)



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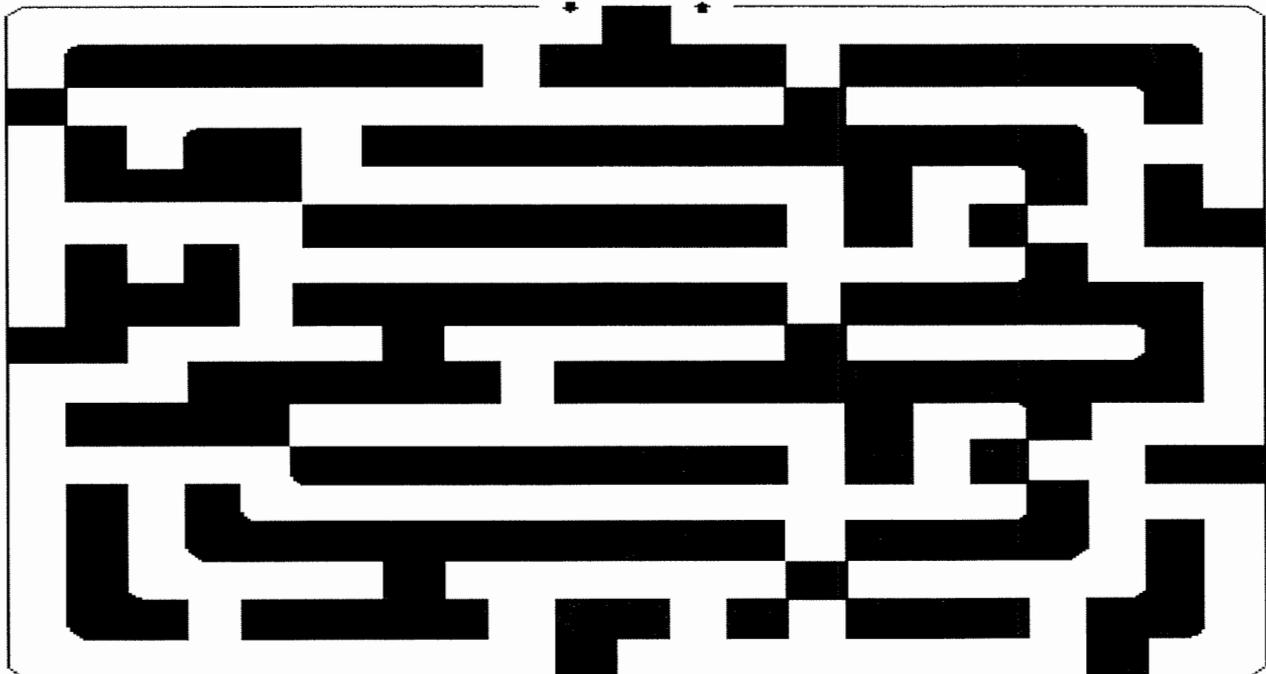
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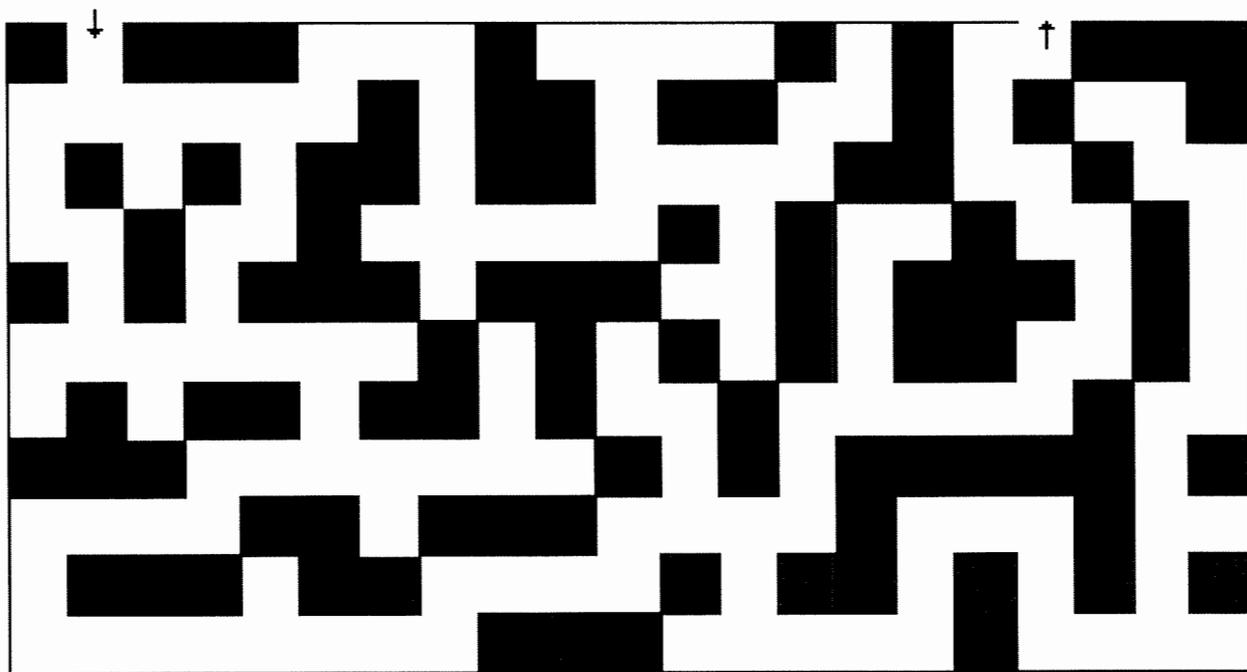


THE KINGDOM IS DIVIDED

(1 KINGS 11:26-40; 12:1-24)

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MEMORY VERSE:

"For the turn of affairs was from the LORD, that He might fulfill His word." 1 KINGS 12:15

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, made him the officer over all the labor force of the house of Joseph." 1 KINGS 11:28

TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

2. "Now it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the (KING, PROPHET) Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the way; and he had clothed himself with a new garment, and the two were alone in the field." 1 KINGS 11:29
3. "Then Ahijah took hold of the new (GARMENT, CARPET) that was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces." 1 KINGS 11:30
4. "And he said to Jeroboam, 'Take for yourself (TWO, TEN) pieces, for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give (TWO, TEN) tribes to you.' " 1 KINGS 11:31

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

5. The LORD said, "I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and give it to you- ten tribes. And to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may always have a _____ before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Myself, to put My name there." 1 KINGS 11:36
6. "Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in _____ ways, and do what is right in _____ sight, to keep _____ statutes and _____ commandments, as _____ servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you." 1 KINGS 11:38

TRUE OR FALSE:

7. "Now Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king." 1 KINGS 12:1

TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

8. "Then Jeroboam and the whole congregation of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 'Your father made our (YOKE, JOKE) heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy (YOKE, JOKE) which he put on us, and we will serve you.' " 1 KINGS 12:3-4

TRUE OR FALSE:

9. "King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived." 1 KINGS 12:6

TRUE OR FALSE

10. And King Rehoboam accepted the counsel which the elders gave him. 1 KINGS 12:8

TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

11. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam "and he spoke to them according to the counsel 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, COURAGE)!' " 1 KINGS 12:14

THE BENEFITS OF WISDOM

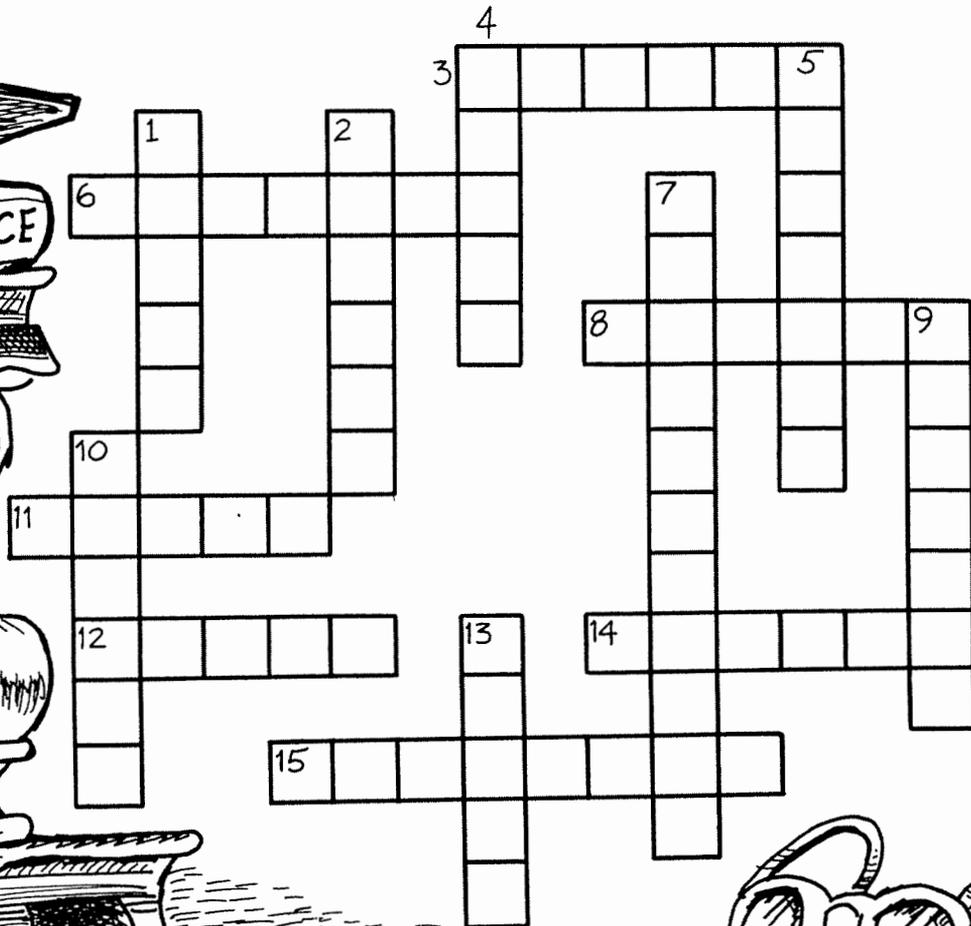
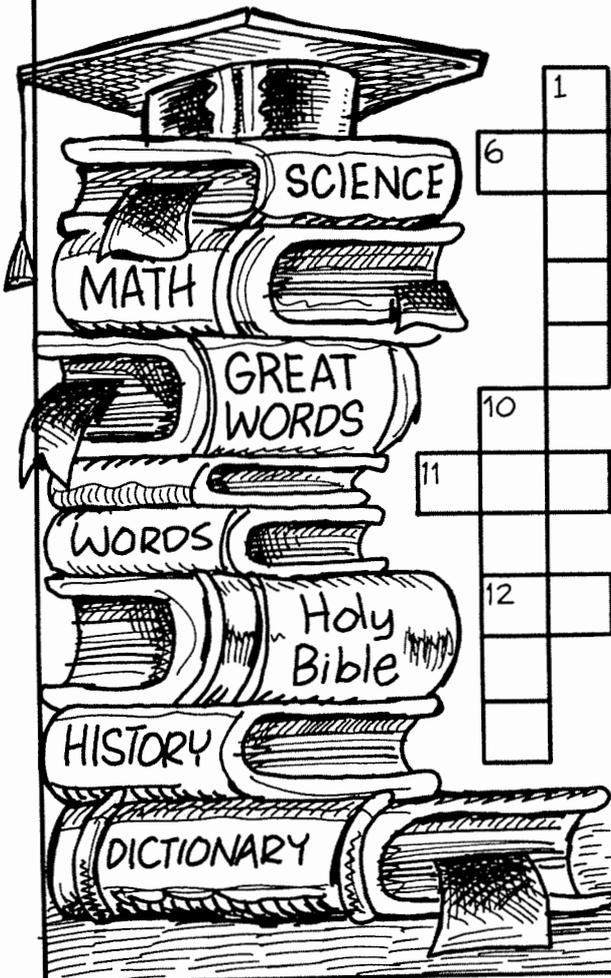
THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON • CHAPTERS 2,3,4

Across

3. Wisdom will save you from the ways of _____ men. v. 2:12
6. Wisdom will _____ you. v. 4:6
8. Wisdom is more precious than _____. v. 3:15
11. The paths of wisdom are _____. v. 3:17
12. The Lord disciplines those he _____. v. 3:12
14. The Lord gives _____. v. 2:6
15. Knowledge will be _____ to your soul. v. 2:10

Down

1. _____ in the Lord with all your heart. v. 3:5
2. The fear of the Lord will bring _____ to your body. v. 3:8
4. Wisdom will _____ over you. v. 4:6
5. Do not _____ the Lord's discipline. v. 3:11
7. By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's _____. v. 3:19
9. Wisdom is _____. v. 4:7
10. Honor the Lord with your _____. v. 3:9
13. Keep the commandments of God in your _____. v. 3:1



Solomon

1. David promised Bathsheba that _____ would be the next king.
2. _____ tried to take the throne from Solomon.
3. Solomon was the _____ king of Israel.
4. Solomon asked God for _____ to judge the people.
5. Solomon built the _____ according to the plans given to him by David.
6. It took _____ years to build the Temple.
7. The Temple was _____ the size of the Tabernacle.
8. Solomon's kingdom was so wealthy that even his drinking cups were made of _____.
9. Solomon disobeyed God when he built _____ to his wives' false gods.
10. Because of Solomon's sin, the kingdom of Israel was _____ after Solomon died.

REVIEWING THE KINGS GAME:

Materials needed: three paper or plastic cups, marker, 3" x 5" cards or paper cut to those dimensions

Take 3 plastic cups and write one king's name on each: Saul, David, Solomon

Write questions on 3x5 cards and have kids take turns putting the answer to the correct cup.

You may also have the kids work in teams to answer the question.

Older kids may incorporate verses and finding a verse to back up each question.

Sample Questions:

1. Which king met the Queen of Sheba? (Solomon)
2. Which king was taller than everyone? (Saul)
3. Which king fought the Philistines all of his life? (Saul)
4. Which king played the harp? (David)
5. Which king had a good friend named Jonathan? (David)
6. Which king killed a giant? (David)
7. Which king built a temple for the LORD? (Solomon)
8. Which king had a peaceful kingdom? (Solomon)
9. Which king was kind to a past king's son who couldn't walk? (David)
10. Which king threw javelins? (Saul)
11. Which king spared King Saul's life? (David)
12. Which king spared King Agag and lost his own kingdom? (Saul)
13. Which king was jealous of David? (Saul)
14. Which king was the wisest king? (Solomon)
15. (Trick question because there are two answers!) Which king was anointed by Samuel? (Saul and David)
16. Feel free to add many more!