

WWYG — Session 64
THE KINGDOM SPLITS IN TWO
1 Kings 11-12

Name _____

Guide _____

The Lord said to Solomon: "You did what you wanted and not what I told you to do. Now I'm going to take your kingdom from you and give it to one of your officials."

— 1 Kings 11:11

1. What are some of the qualities of a good President, Governor, or other leader? What makes a leader "bad"?

2. Read **1 Kings 11:1-13**. Solomon did some good things for the country. According to this account, where had he failed?

3. What did God tell Solomon would happen because of his disobedience?

4. Who was Jeroboam, and where was he from?

Jeroboam was one of Solomon's officials. He was from the town of Zeredah in Ephraim

5. What did the prophet Ahijah promise him?

6. Who was Rehoboam?

7. Where did Rehoboam go to become king. Find it on a map.

8. Read **1 Kings 12:1-20**. Why did the people rebel against Rehoboam?
9. Why do you suppose Rehoboam listened to his younger advisers rather than his older advisers?
10. Jeroboam made the town of Shechem a stronger town. He also put up golden calves in Bethel and Dan. Why do you suppose he did this? What was God's reaction?
11. Choose one of these questions to discuss:
- (a) Instead of golden calves, what kind of "idols" do we have today? What do we worship instead of God?
- (b) Where do you think people are oppressed these days? How are they oppressed? What can we do about it?

Terms of the Week Discuss these terms, then write a working definition of each one.

Rehoboam —	Jeroboam —	Bethel —
Jerusalem —	Israel —	Shechem —

