

In God's Big Story

Afraid Israel might split, King Rehoboam chooses his friends' advice over that of wise elders, leading to the very split he wanted to avoid. Jeroboam, leader of the northern kingdom, also listens to unwise advice, which leads to idol worship.

Elementary Wonder Truth: God Wants Us to Follow Godly Advice

Early Childhood Wonder Truth: We Can Follow God

Scripture: 1 Kings 12

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WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse! Use our [motions video](#) or this [video](#) to help you!

Come near to God, and he will come near to you.

— James 4:8a (NIRV)

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What's one thing you're learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- Who do you go to for godly advice in our family? Who do you go to outside of our family?
- What is a wise decision you've made?
- What is an unwise decision you've made?
- What is a hard decision or situation you're facing? How can we as a family help you with it?



CREATE IT!

My People

To help your child connect personally with the Wonder Truth, create a photo board of people your child trusts to offer godly wisdom. Use a posterboard or tape several sheets of paper together to make a poster. Across the top of the poster, write "My People" in big letters. Across the bottom of the poster, write this week's Wonder Truth in smaller letters: "God Wants Us to Follow Godly Advice" (Or "We Can Follow God"). Invite your child to draw pictures on the poster (or cut out and glue on printed photos) of people they know who love and follow Jesus, those they can go to for help and wisdom.

Display the board in your child's room or your kitchen to remind her that she doesn't have to figure out how to make hard decisions on her own—she can ask people for godly advice!

Parent Tip: As kids grow, there will be times they will seek advice from people other than their parents, and that's OK! Giving your child freedom to do this now builds trust with godly influences as they grow.



INTERACTIVE PRAYER

Praying for My People

As a family, create a list of trustworthy people you know who love and follow Jesus. After dinner or before bed each night for a week, invite your family to choose one person from that list to pray for.

Encourage family members to pay attention to how the Holy Spirit might be prompting them to pray. Then pray together for the person you chose. After praying, fold a sheet of paper in half to make a card for that person. Invite each family member to write a short, encouraging message or draw a picture on the card. Let them know your family prayed for them, and thank them for speaking into your child's life. Invite your child to decorate the card; then address an envelope and send it to that person.

(Alternatively, write an encouraging text message as a family and send it to the person.)