



October 29, 2023, Kingdom Divided

1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God who reigns, unite us in love for you and one another, that we might be strengthened for the challenges of life by the mutual love and support we receive by your power and grace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, "What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, O David." So Israel went away to their tents. 1 Kings 12:16



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

A crass and selfish upstart, Rehoboam succeeds his father, Solomon, as king and immediately alienates the vast majority of the people. Their response? They walk away, leaving Israel split into two kingdoms.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Think of an issue that seems to divide your community. How does it shape day to day life? What are relationships like when ideologies don't match?
- Is it easy to continue to work with someone you disagree with? How do you handle working with someone after a fight?
- For the littles: When you fight with someone, how do you fix it?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

In a world divided by human notions, may you feel the wholeness God brings. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Take time to understand someone who you do not agree with. Research an issue on an unbiased news site, or meet face to face with someone to ask questions and learn more about the person inside.

Daily Readings	Narrative Lectionary Readings
Sunday	1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29
Monday	1 Kings 16:29-33
Tuesday	1 Kings 17:1-7
Wednesday	1 Kings 17:8-16
Thursday	1 Kings 17:17-24
Friday	1 Kings 18:1-6
Saturday	1 Kings 18:41-46
Sunday	1 Kings 18:17-39