



Grades 2-3 • Lesson 89

Israel Is Divided

Deuteronomy 17:16-17; 1 Kings 11:1-4, 11:11-13, 12:13-15, 12:24

Solomon's sins affected the whole nation, and it was divided.

Fill in the blanks with the missing vowels (A, E, I, O, U) then color the pictures.

1. J _ r _ b _ _ m

2. s _ rv _ nt

3. n _ rth _ rn

4. R _ h _ b _ _ m

5. s _ n

6. s _ _ th _ rn

7. _ sr _ _ l

8. J _ d _ h

Name _____



Memory Verse

Write the letters of the numbers they have replaced on the clock to complete the verse.

If _ ny of y _ u la _ ks
8 11 5

wi _ dom, le _ him
2 12

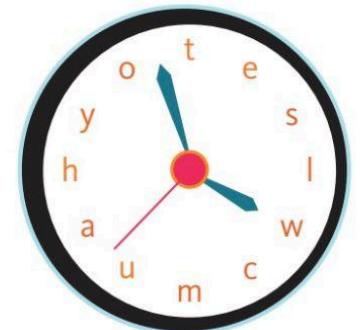
a _ k God, w _ o gives
2 9

g _ nero _ sl _ to a _ l
1 7 10 3

withou _ reproa _ h,
12 5

and it _ ill be giv _ n
4 1

him. Ja _ es 1:5
6



What You Heard *In the Word*

- God became angry with Solomon when Solomon collected wealth for selfish gain and married many wives who led him to the worship of false gods.
- God judged Solomon's sin by dividing the kingdom. The northern kingdom of Israel was ruled by Solomon's servant Jeroboam, and the smaller southern kingdom of Judah was ruled by Rehoboam, Solomon's son.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend makes the statement, "I love the Lord and would never worship an idol. I can't understand how Solomon could have turned to worship the idols of his wives."

What could you say?

I know you love the Lord, and so do I. But Solomon did, too. Remember, God called him the wisest man ever. There are many people who have been sure of their love for the Lord one day and have found themselves slipping away from God the next. The influence of the people and things around us can be strong—just as it was for Solomon. Everyday things like sports, TV, hobbies, or friends can turn into idols—things we love more than God. It's easy to start taking God for granted. If we don't put God above everything else, we may find ourselves sinning like Solomon, too.

