



# God Talk At Home

## **This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:**

Rehoboam Listens to Bad Advice

### **Take Home Point:**

Listen to God and his advice.

## **Drive Time Home**

Tickler Question: What did you do with balloons in Kingdom Quest today? *(In small group the kids had a balloon man whose britches were too big. In large group there was a contest to see how many balloons could be stuffed into a contestant's "britches".) How is that like King Rehoboam? (He was too puffed up with pride to listen to godly advice. He was too big for his britches.)*

## **God Time at Home**

*Select questions and adapt for your family.*

**FOR STARTERS:** Have kids share what they would do if they were principal of the school. Parents then share what they would do if they were mayor of the town or governor of the state. Does anyone want to share advice with another about the choices he/she should make in their position? Sometimes it might be hard to take advice from others, especially if we are puffed up with pride. This lesson tells what happened when Solomon's son, Rehoboam, was prideful

**READ THE BIBLE:** 1 Kings 12:1-24, 14:21-30. Rehoboam listens to bad advice.

**KEY VERSE:** Proverbs 22:17, 19, *"Open your ears, and hear the words of wise people, and set your mind on the knowledge I give you...so that your trust may be in the Lord."*

**TALK ABOUT IT:** King Solomon taxed the ten tribes of northern Israel, and they had worked very hard for him. When Rehoboam wanted to rule over the northern ten tribes of Israel, what did they ask of him? *(1 Kings 12:3-4. The people asked Rehoboam if he would ease their burden.)* Rehoboam needed advice to answer the people of Israel. What did the older leaders who had served Solomon say? *(1 Kings 12:7. They advised Rehoboam to ease the burden of the people.)* What did the young rich friends advise? *(1 Kings 12:10-11. They advised Rehoboam to increase the people's burden and make them afraid.)* What did Rehoboam do? *(1 Kings 12:13-14. He ignored the advice of the older leaders and increased the people's burden.)* What wicked thing did Rehoboam do that his mother also did? *(1 Kings 14:21-24. He worshiped idols.)* What did God do to Rehoboam because he worshiped idols? *(1 Kings 14:25-28. He sent the king of Egypt to attack Rehoboam's land.)*

Do you think Rehoboam was a wise or foolish king? Why? If Rehoboam had accepted godly advice, how might his life and kingship been different?

How should we look for godly advice when we need it? *(If you can't find an answer clearly in the Bible you can go to older leaders like Christian adults or friends.)*

**PRAYER POWER:** When faced with problems, pray to hear and discern godly advice.

## **Family Time Option**

*One day this week, try...*

Having pride can be spiritually very dangerous. We can get puffed up in thinking of ourselves and miss the blessings of God because we are so focused on our own abilities or position. A great way to reduce pride is to serve others. As a family, think of a service project to help others. It will help you keep a humble perspective.

## **Lookin' for a Leader - Lesson 24**