



# Weekly Family Worship

Dec. 7, 2014

**Theme:** Pride

**Our Point:** Sinful pride is a path to destruction.

## **Read** — Listen to God: 1 Kings 12:1-24, 14:21-31

Solomon's great wisdom did not keep him from foolish choices that led to idolatry and division for his people. The result was a divided, diminished pair of kingdoms: Israel in the north, and Judah in the south. As we will see, poor decisions fueled by pride carry a high price tag, both then and now.

## **Worship** — Praise to God.

**Empty Me** — Chris Sligh

You may go to YouTube.com, use a CD, or choose a different song.

## **Do** — Walk with God.

**Option 1:** Ask your children what they would do if they could be in charge. What kinds of rules would they instate? Would they make up silly rules? Would they be kind and fair? Allow your children to act out how they would rule. When everyone has had a turn, compare your actions to King Rehoboam's actions. Were you acting prideful? Would the light of Christ shine through your reign? Ponder these questions with your family.

**Option 2:** Ask your family the following questions:

- *What are some examples of small, even insignificant choices that can lead to serious consequences?*
- *Why do people make poor choices such as these?*
- *What should we do when we realize we have made a poor choice?*

## **Pray** — Talk to God.

Rehoboam received conflicting advice from two different sources, and chose to go with the one that appealed more to him, the answer he wanted to hear. Pray that God would give you the wisdom to accept godly advice, instead of following your own prideful desires.

### **Pray for the Unreached...**

*Country:* China

*People:* Pula

*Main Religion:* Phola

*Christ-Followers:* Few less than 2%

*Status:* Least-Reached

*Bible:* None

**Declare his glory among the nations. Psalm 96:3**

## **Memorize** — Meditate on God.

2 Corinthians 9:15 — Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.

## **This week in Sunday School...**

### **Preschool**

Today your child learned an angel visited Mary to tell her she had been chosen by God to have baby Jesus, God's Son. Mary was engaged to Joseph. After they were married, they went to Bethlehem. There were many people there so they spent the night in a stable. That night, baby Jesus was born. Jesus Is a Gift of Love. Your child also began learning 2 Corinthians 9:15.

### **Elementary**

The *Explorers Guide* should have come home with your student. This quarter your student will learn about good and bad paths that lead us toward or away from God. Today your student learned how Rehoboam's choices led him down the wrong path. Because of his pride, ten tribes chose Jeroboam as their leader instead of Rehoboam.

### **Youth**

Teens discussed how pride affects the life of the believer and creates a barrier between them and God. Make sure your teen received *Forward* student magazine and your parent newsletter, *What's Up?* Talk about why unity matters.

### **How Should We Pray for Unreached People Groups?**

#### **Pray these same prayers for our City, County, State and Nation.**

- **Pray for great outpouring of God's Spirit on the people group bringing conviction of sin!**
- **Pray for clear, biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus drawing people to Him!**
- **Pray for powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance and miracles!**
- **Pray for great revival on the Church to cleanse, empower and send them out to the lost!**
- **Pray that God will send more workers into His harvest in obedience to Luke 10:2!**
- **Pray for great people movements to Christ and Church Planting Movements!**
- **Pray that new converts will be biblically disciplined and will grow in Jesus!**

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