

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring the story of Jeroboam and the division of the Kingdom.

You can find it in your Bible in:

1 Kings 11 v 26–43

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Jeroboam and the divided Kingdom. Help us to be like Ahijah who listened to you and shared your words with others.

Would you help us not to be tempted to do things which are not pleasing to you as Solomon did. Thank you that when we do make mistakes we can come to you and say sorry, that in spite of our mistakes you never stop loving us.

We pray for the leaders of our nation and nations around the world particularly those where there is war or disruption. Would you bring your peace and raise up good leaders in the world.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Why do you think Ahijah ripped up his new coat rather than just telling Jeroboam the message from God?

Sometimes it is difficult to understand or believe something just by hearing about it, we need to experience it and see it for ourselves. When we read about God speaking through prophets in the Bible they often use visual aids or pictures to help others understanding. During the next period of Bible history when the Kingdom was divided God used many different prophets to speak and share with his people. There are many books in the Bible telling their stories.

A question for children to ask adults

Can you tell me about a time when you heard God speaking to you directly or through somebody else?

Family Activity 1

In the story Ahijah ripped his coat as a picture of what God was going to do to the Kingdom. Why not create your own pictures using ripped item. Rip and stick paper or items from your paper recycling box to make a collage.





A verse to remember

Job 12 v 23

He makes nations great and then destroys them; he makes nations large and then scatters them.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

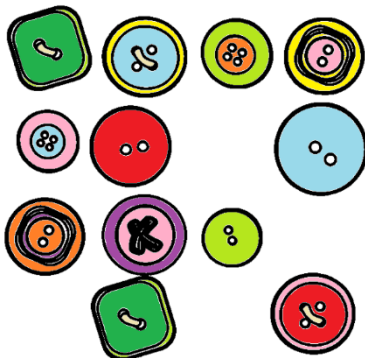
Family Activity 2

Find me 12...

God's people lived in twelve groups, tribes descended from the sons of Jacob (also known as Israel). That is why the coat in the story was divided into twelve. Take it in turns to pick an item, everybody should work together to find twelve of that item. Here are some ideas to get you started.

12 socks
12 items of cutlery
12 toys
12 books

12 leaves
12 round things
12 shiny things
12 blue things

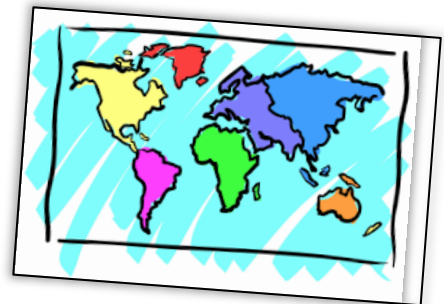


Active Prayer

There is still division and war in our world today, why not think about the families struggling in countries where there is conflict.

You could use your own family as a model for prayer, take it in turns to stand in the middle and say one thing about you e.g. I am a mum, I go to school, I like singing, then pray for those in that country who are the same as you.

You might like to pray and thank God that even though these countries might be very different from ours there are still things we have in common. One of these is that God loves us and all the people of the world.

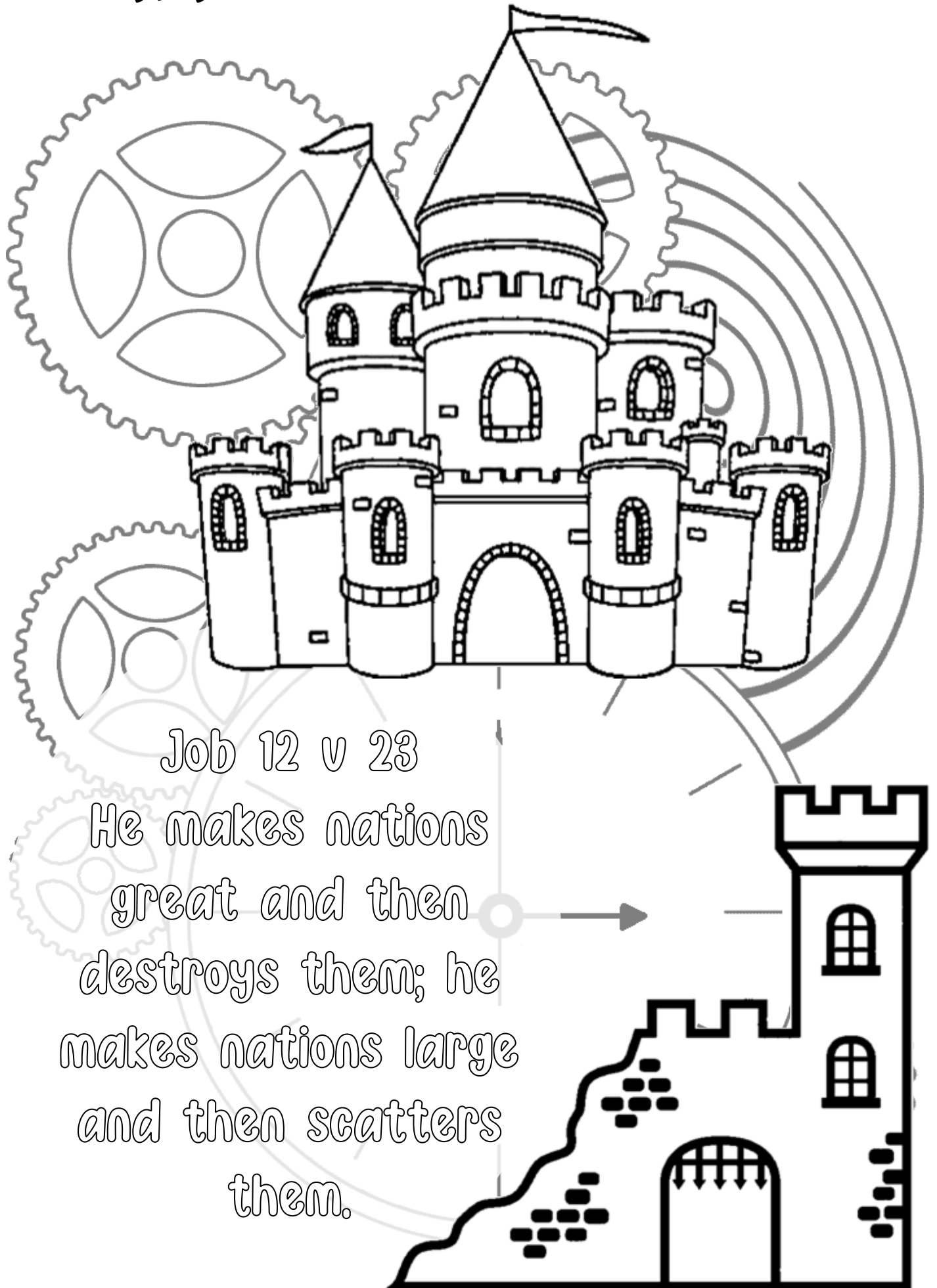


Active Listening

Jeroboam was out walking on the road when he met with Ahijah and heard from God. Why not go on a listening walk together as a family. Walk together and ask God to speak to you through the things you see and hear around you.

Share with one another anything that catches your attention, It might be a road sign or a particular flower or bird, what might God want to say to you through it today?





PUZZLE SHEET

Help Ahijah find his way through the maze to bring his message to Jeroboam.



t	m	t	q	e	b	z	r	i	n	o	e	m	i	s
p	n	i	p	h	e	u	l	z	t	l	q	d	b	m
q	g	g	a	b	a	a	y	h	d	b	c	r	j	n
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p	x	u	e	i	x	q	o	b	c	j	a	r	m	r
f	n	m	g	r	n	o	q	f	j	i	j	w	i	z
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b	i	a	i	e	d	d	n	z	a	y	e	v	w	m
s	s	l	h	i	j	t	g	w	u	l	b	k	m	c

Find the names of all five tribes of Israel in the word search.

Reuben

Simeon

Judah

Dan

Naphtali

Gad

Asher

Issachar

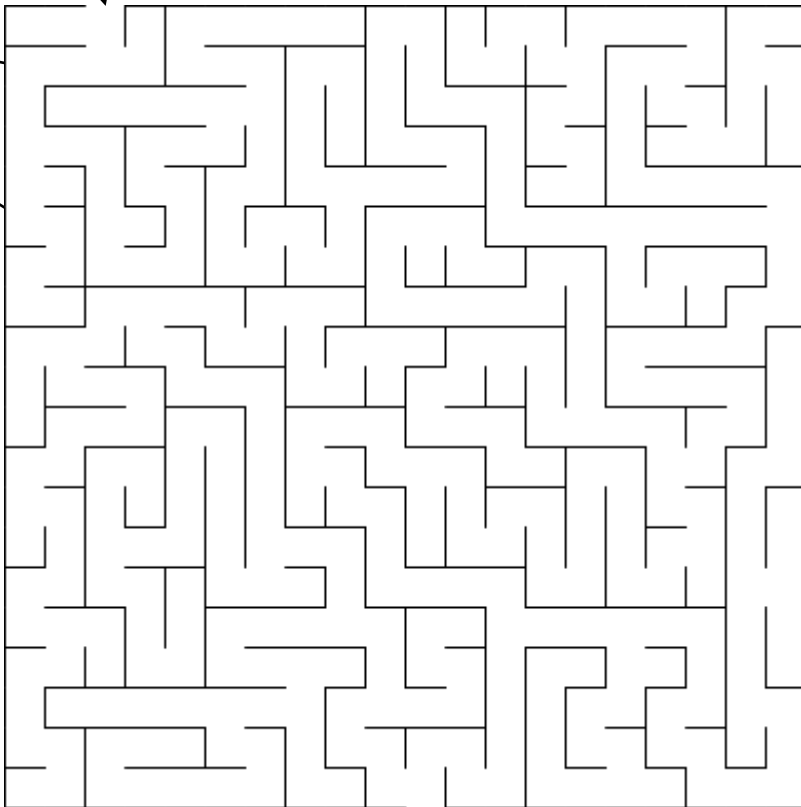
Zebulun

Manasseh

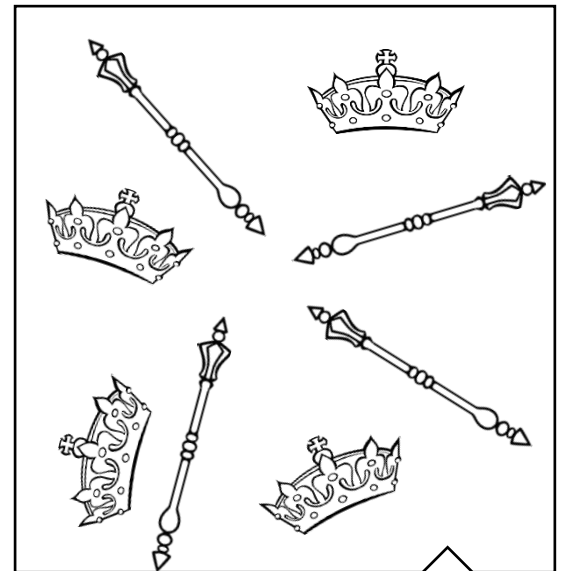
Ephraim

Benjamin

The descendants of Levi were the priests for the tribes. Can you find **Levi** in the wordsearch too?



Can you find all twelve pieces of ripped coat on the page?



Using two lines divide the square so that there is a crown and sceptre in each segment.

