

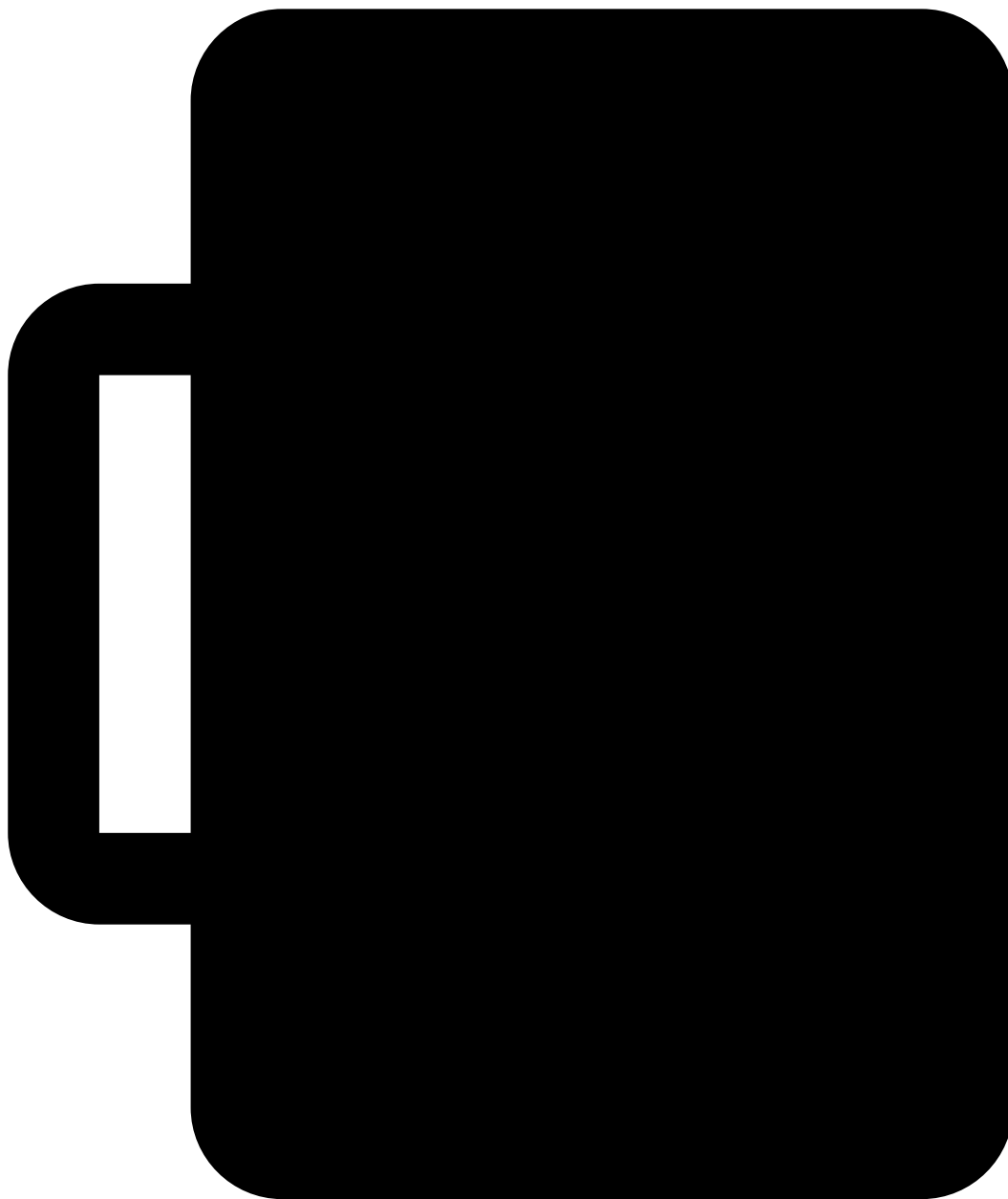
Skit for Whole Group

The Divided Kingdom

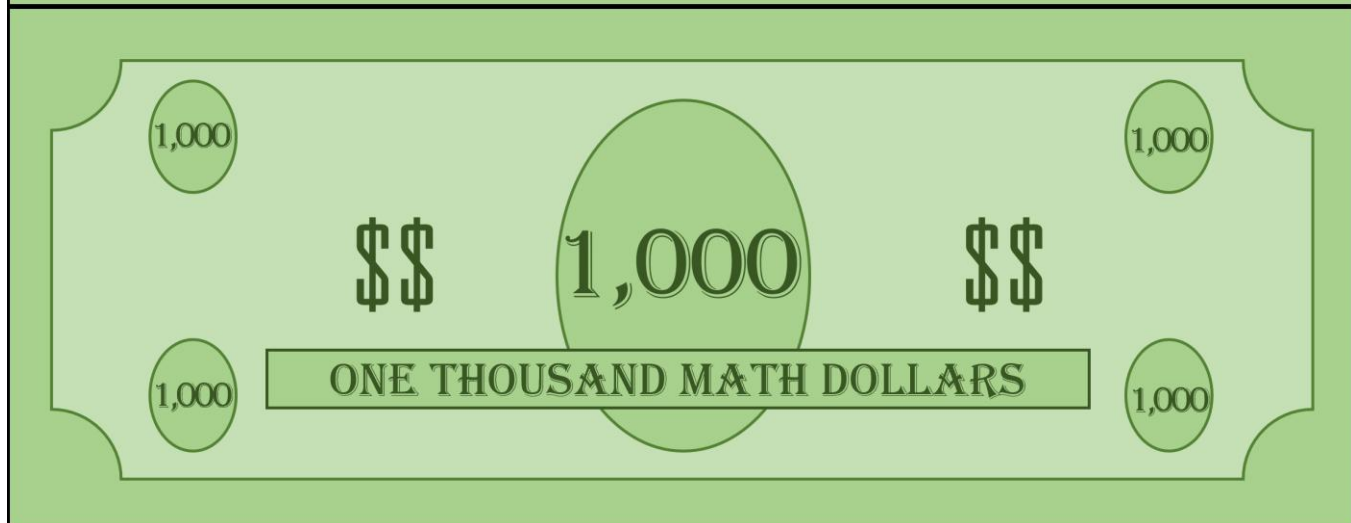
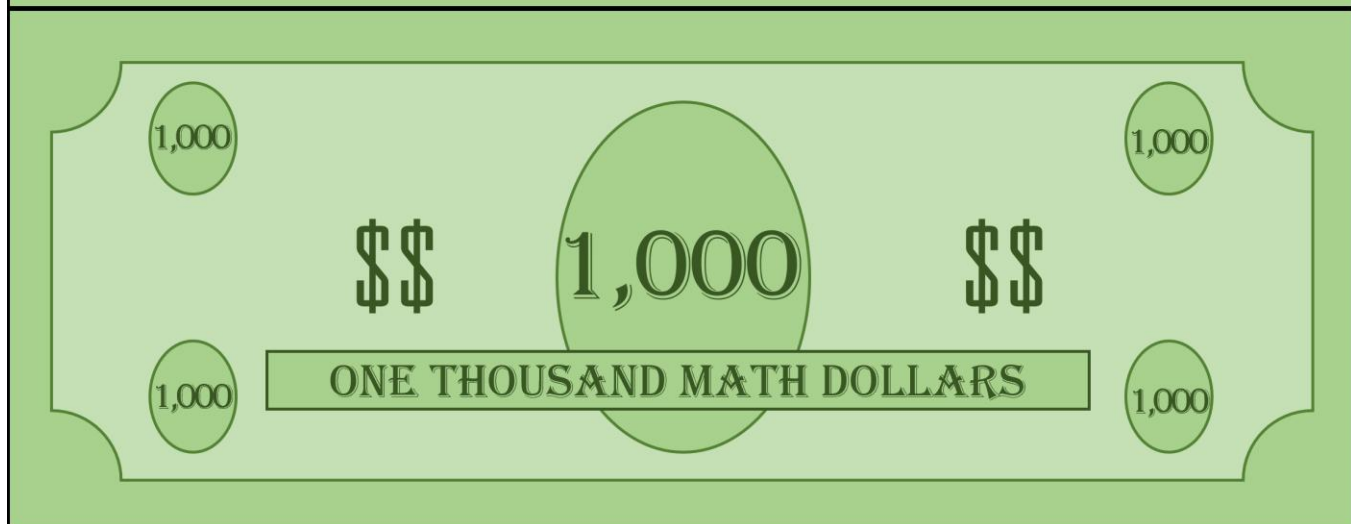
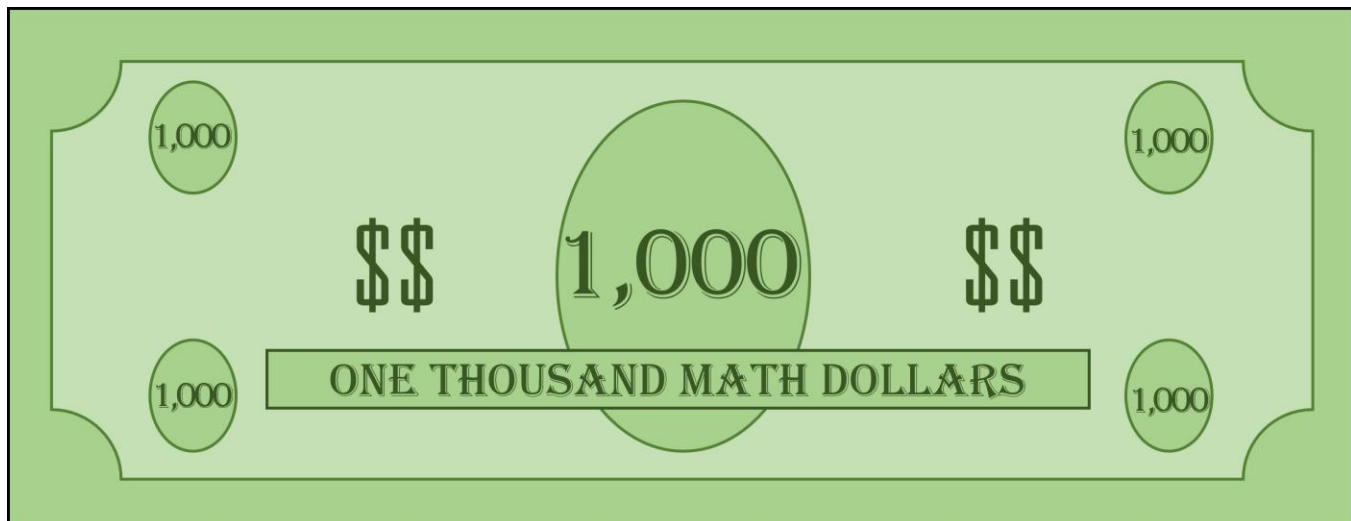
Checklist

- golden calf printout
- briefcase printout, real briefcase, or laptop case
- heart printout or heart-shaped chocolate box
- toy money or money printouts
- toy hammer and peg
- toy crown or crown printout taped to strip of paper
- toy beard or beard printout hole-punched and tied to string
- map of Israel printed onto cardstock: cut Judah out ahead of time and tape it from behind so it can easily be removed
- sunglasses
- baseball cap











Dan

Asher

Naphtali

Aramea

The Great Sea
(Mediterranean)

Zebulun

Sea of
Galilee

Issachar

Manasseh

Gilead

Jordan River

Ephraim

Amon

Benjamin

Reuben

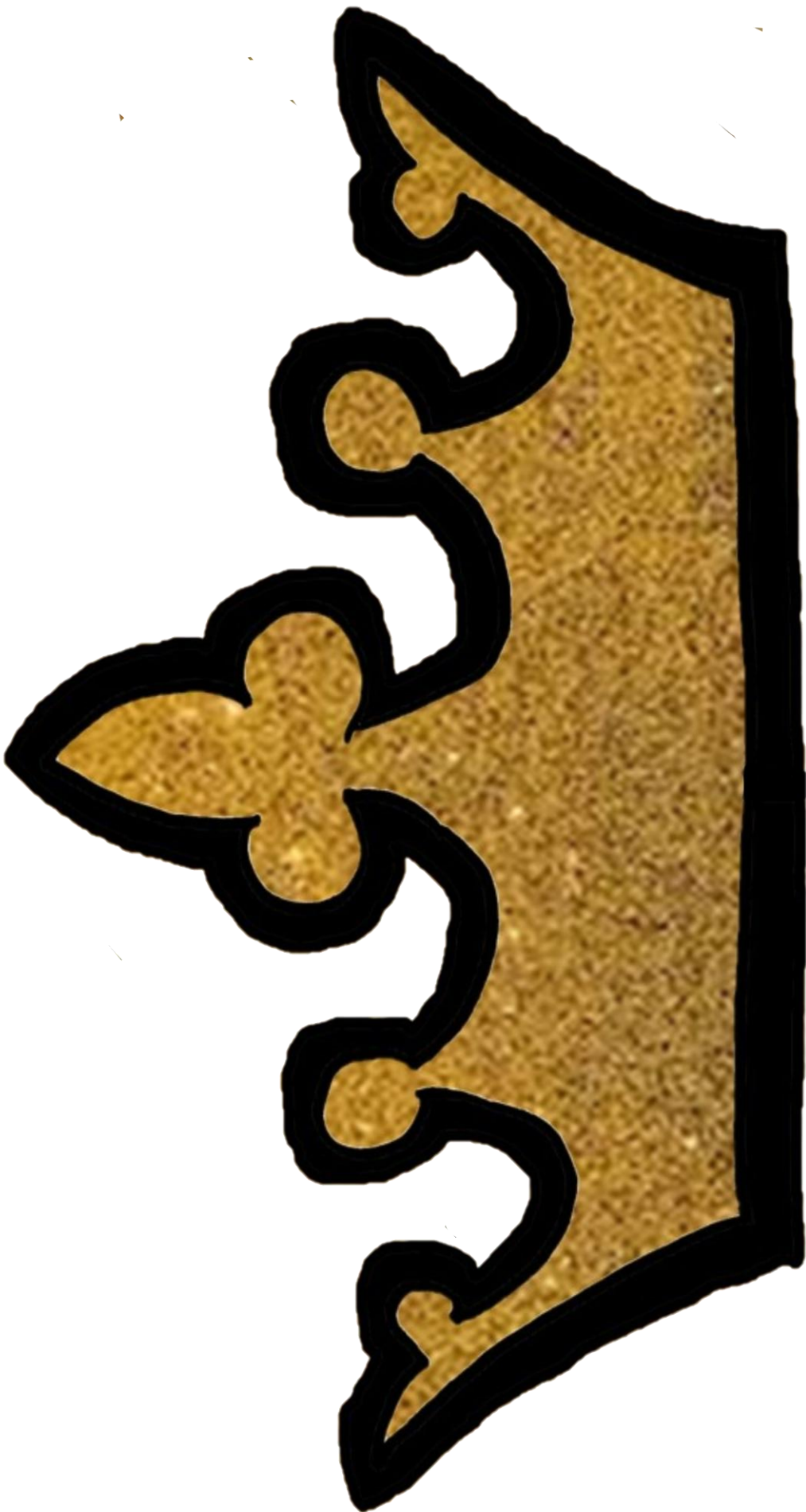
Judah

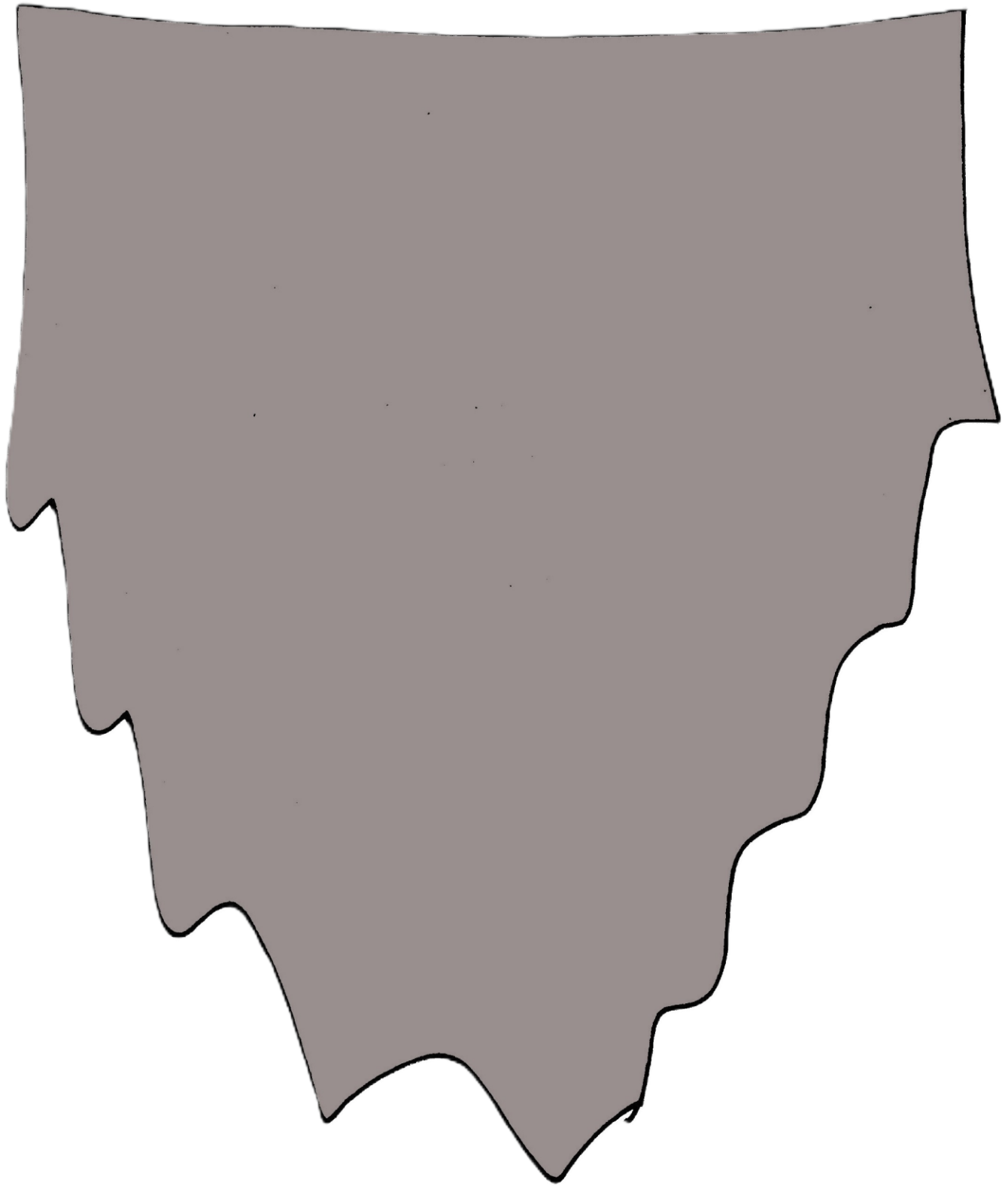
Dead
Sea


Philistia

Moab

Simeon





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| Story: | The Divided Kingdom |  |
| Focus: | God wants us to help each other grow closer to Him. | |
| Object: | coffee filter | |
| Intro: | This is used to make coffee. It filters the coffee grinds so they don't wind up in the cup. If you didn't use this, the coffee would be thick, like mud. It's important for us to filter out the things that draw us away from God. | |
| Skit (Whole Group) | | |
| Volunteers: | Solomon wearing crown, wife, Rehoboam, old man with beard, child wearing sunglasses and backwards baseball cap | |
| hold up work briefcase and heart | Solomon was a very wise king who ruled Israel well. God had given him what he needed to be a good king. But having wisdom in your job and having wisdom in your personal life are two very different things. | |
| Solomon holds pile of money | Having so much money and power made it so Solomon could have anything he wanted. But sometimes the things he wanted were not actually good for him. | |
| wife holds out golden calf | Solomon married women who did not worship God, and he began to worship the same statues they did. | |
| Solomon uses hammer and peg | Solomon built temples for these statues. | |
| Hold up map of Israel | God told Solomon that he had done something very bad. Because of this, God would only allow Solomon's son to be king over one tribe. The other tribes would be ruled by one of Solomon's servants. | |
| hold crown over Jeroboam's head | After Solomon died, his son was ready to be king. The people asked him what kind of a ruler he would be. | |
| Rehoboam goes to old man | Solomon's son went to the wise old men who had advised his father and asked them for advice. They told him to be a kind and loving king. | |
| Rehoboam goes to child wearing sunglasses and backwards baseball cap | Then, he went to his friends who were the same age as him and asked them for advice. They told him to very strict and make the people obey him out of fear, instead of out of love. After all, a king should be able to do whatever he likes. | |
| Rehoboam faces all children who boo at him | Solomon's son took the advice of his young friends. He told the Israelites that he would make them suffer. The Israelites did not like this answer, so they made Solomon's servant king instead of him. Only one tribe stayed loyal to him. | |
| remove Judah from Israel map | Now the land of Israel was two kingdoms instead of one. Sometimes the northern kingdom had a good king while the southern kingdom had a bad king. Sometimes the northern kingdom had a bad king, while the southern kingdom had a good king. Sometimes both were ruled by bad kings at the same time. | |
| faithfulness fruit | Solomon was not faithful to God later in his life. No matter how much God blesses us, we should never start to think that that means we are unable to do bad things. We always need to watch out for temptation and pray for God to help us resist things that will draw us away from him. It is our job to help other believers grow in their walk with God, not to fight with them. When we are united, we can all grow closer to God. | |

Preschool

The Divided Kingdom

Coloring Page:

Encourage children to draw themselves and someone they don't always get along with. Talk about ways to work together and have peace.

Modeling Dough:

Encourage children to make a coat. Use a plastic knife to divide it into twelve pieces.

Game:

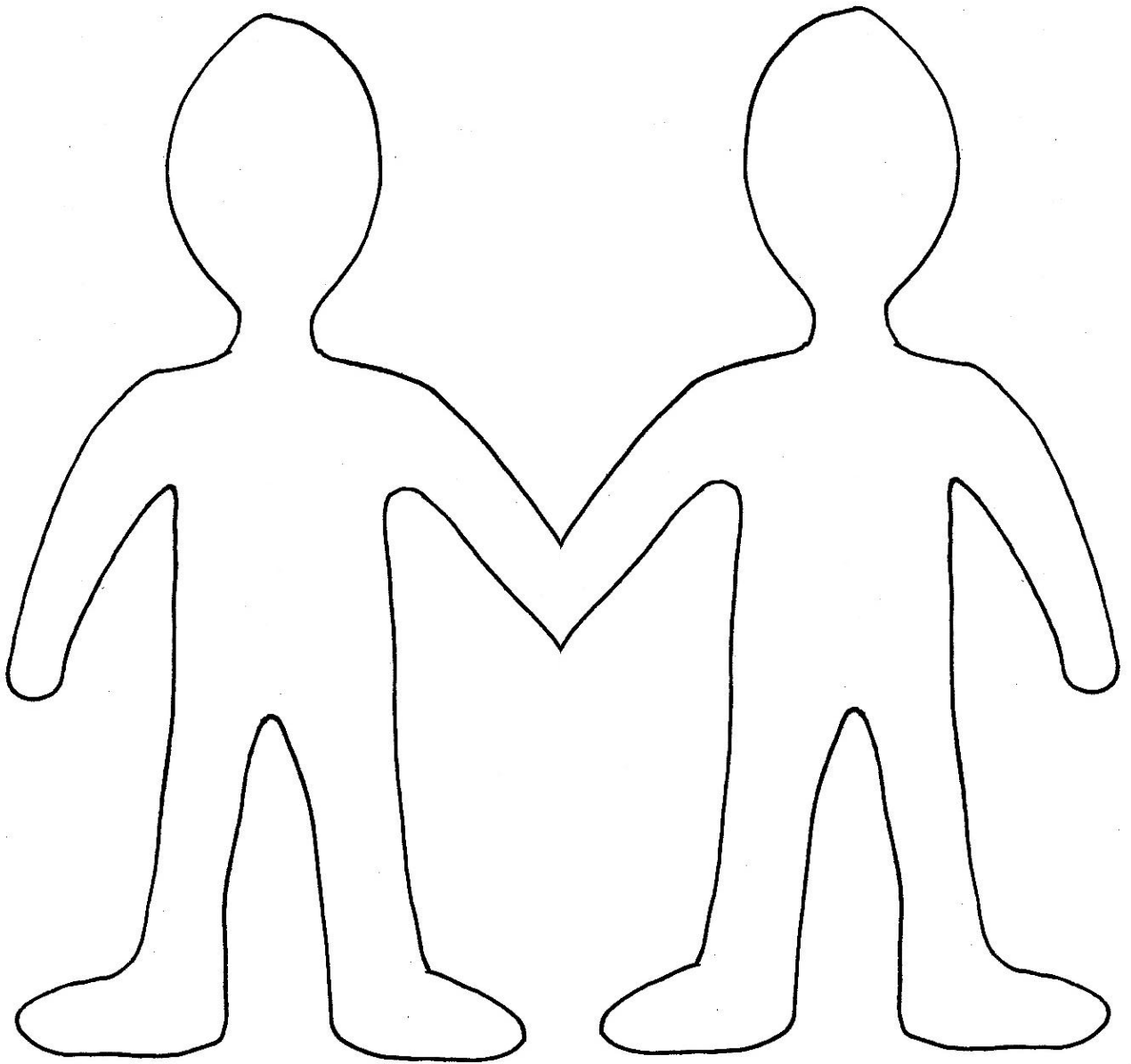
Ask for volunteers to have their legs tied together to do a three-legged race. Talk about how they had to work together and move as one. It is important for God's children to be united and not fight with each other.

Song:

Trust and Obey

The Divided Kingdom

Name: _____



God wants His children to be united.

Trust and Obey

Trust and obey,
For there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus,
Than to trust and obey.

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To be happy in Jesus,
Than to trust and obey.

