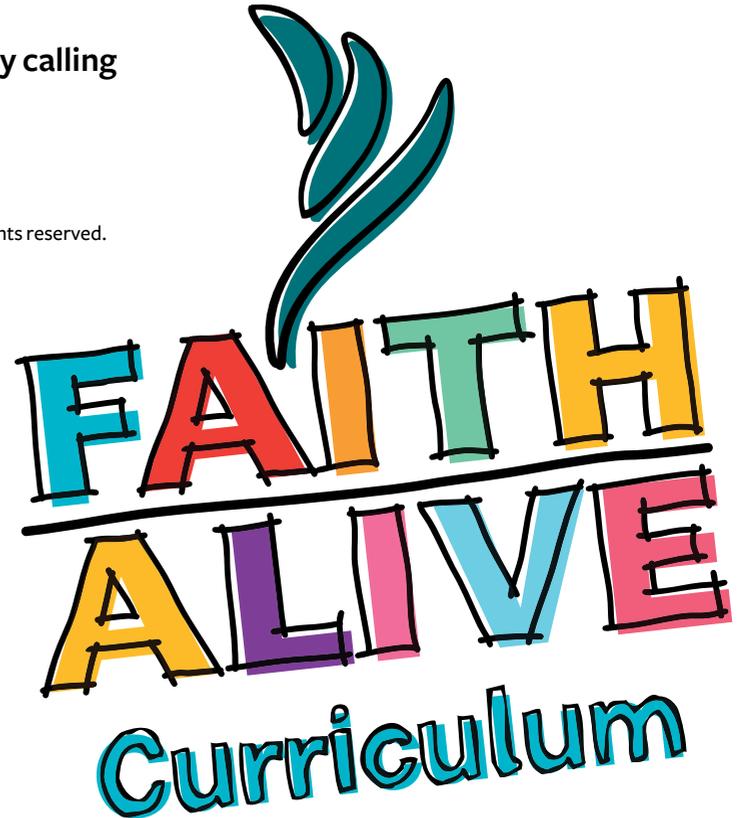


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# When Ten Plus One Equals Twelve

Based on 1 Kings 11:26-12:24

**Ahijah:** *[showing off his tunic]* This is an awesome tunic. Who would have ever believed that I, Ahijah, a simple prophet of God, would ever own such a tunic? God must think I'm OK.

*[Jeroboam leaves his home in Ephraim, travels down the road, and stops at Dan.]*

**Person from Dan:** Where are you going, Jeroboam?

**Jeroboam:** To Jerusalem. Solomon's put me in charge of all the workers there.

**Person from Dan:** Solomon's taking advantage of you.

**Persons from Reuben, Gad, Manasseh, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali:** Working too hard. Working like slaves. Giving our gold to Solomon. When can we work for our own gold?

**Jeroboam:** You're right—Solomon makes us work way too hard. But at least with me in charge, you can be sure you'll be treated OK.

**Person from Dan:** You're a good man, Jeroboam.

**Persons from Reuben, Gad, Manasseh, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali:** Jeroboam, Jeroboam—he's our man.

*[Jeroboam continues on his journey as Ahijah speaks.]*

**Ahijah:** I see before me a great kingdom—a kingdom united under King David. Before David's time, we were just a bunch of tribes. Then David came along, moved his palace to Jerusalem, and ruled over *all* the tribes.

But God told me a change is coming.

Excuse me. I have to meet a man named Jeroboam. Take a last look at my beautiful tunic.

*[Ahijah meets Jeroboam on the road.]*

**Ahijah:** Jeroboam.

**Jeroboam:** Yeah, that's me.

**Ahijah:** I have a message for you from God.

*[Ahijah takes off his tunic and tears it into twelve pieces.]*

**Jeroboam:** Hey—that looks like a new tunic. Why are you tearing it?

*[Ahijah holds up the pieces. Gives ten to Jeroboam.]*

**Ahijah:** Twelve pieces. Ten of them are for you. The Lord God of Israel told me that because Solomon has not obeyed God, he's going to lose most of the kingdom. God says ten parts of the kingdom will be yours. Solomon and his sons can keep one.

**Jeroboam:** Me? Jeroboam, the king? I can handle that! Wait a minute. You said ten and one. You have two pieces left, not one.

**Ahijah:** I'm just telling you what God said.

**Jeroboam:** I get it. You're counting Simeon as part of Judah. A lot of people do that.

**Ahijah:** I didn't say that. I told you, I'm just telling you what God said.

**Jeroboam:** Well, maybe you're a little confused. I can't believe God really wants you to split the kingdom. Why don't you give it all to me? I'll take the last two pieces and repair your tunic too.

**Ahijah:** No way, Jeroboam. God promised David long ago that David would always have a light in Jerusalem. That means someone from David's family will always be a king.

**Jeroboam:** Now you're really confusing things. Jerusalem is in Benjamin's land. You can't let David's family keep Jerusalem.

That'd give David's family three pieces. Three and ten don't add up to twelve either.

**Ahijah:** God's ways always add up—even when it seems impossible.

**Jeroboam:** Bummer. I guess I'll have to take what I can get.

*[Jeroboam walks down the road. He stops to speak to a person from Reuben.]*

**Jeroboam:** Guess what, man! Solomon's out. I'm going to be king. No more slaving away for Solomon.

**Person from Reuben:** You don't have any power over Solomon.

**Jeroboam:** *[waves the ten pieces]* Just watch.

*[Jeroboam stands proud with his arms crossed over his chest.]*

**Ahijah:** Jeroboam should have waited for God to act. That's what David did when God said he'd be king while Saul still ruled. But Jeroboam's head got a little big over the whole idea. And because he couldn't keep his mouth shut, Solomon found out what Ahijah had prophesied.

Solomon sent his men after Jeroboam to kill him. And Jeroboam had to run to Egypt for safety.

*[Jeroboam finds a place to hide.]*

**Ahijah:** For years Jeroboam stayed in Egypt. Then one day Solomon died, forty years after he became king. Solomon's son and David's grandson Rehoboam became king.

*[Person from Reuben gets up, runs to Egypt, and finds Jeroboam.]*

**Person from Reuben:** Solomon is dead. Now's your chance to be king. But you have to hurry. All the tribes are traveling to Manasseh to crown Rehoboam.

*[Person from Reuben and Jeroboam go to the place of Manasseh. So do all the other tribes. Jeroboam goes from person to person asking questions about Rehoboam.]*

**Jeroboam:** Is Rehoboam like his dad?

Do you really want the son of Solomon to be your king?

Do you trust Rehoboam?

Have you asked Rehoboam how he'll rule?

**Person from Manasseh:** *[speaking to Rehoboam]* Your father made us serve you. Our money and best workers went to him. Will you do the same?

**Rehoboam:** Give me three days to think about it.

*[All the tribes people go back to their spaces, mumbling and grumbling. Then Rehoboam approaches Judah.]*

**Rehoboam:** You gave some good advice to my dad. What advice do you have for me?

**Person from Judah:** Don't be a master over the people. Serve them. Then they will serve you.

**Rehoboam:** I don't like that advice. *[stomps off and goes to person from Simeon]* Simba, my friend, we've been buddies since we were in Temple school together. What do you think—should I make the load lighter for the people?

**Person from Simeon:** No way. You're the king. Tell them that your little finger is thicker than your father's waist. Tell them your father made them work harder with whips, but you'll threaten them with scorpions!

**Rehoboam:** Yeah. I'll let them know they can't mess with me.

**Ahijah:** Three days later Jeroboam and all the people returned to Rehoboam.

*[Everyone meets at Manasseh's place again.]*

**Jeroboam:** What's your answer, Rehoboam?

**Rehoboam:** *[threatening]* You think my father gave you a lot of work? You haven't seen anything yet. My father punished you with whips, but I will punish you with scorpions.

**Person from Dan:** Who cares if this Rehoboam is the grandson of David? I don't want anything to do with him.

**Person from Reuben:** Me either. Down with Rehoboam!

**Person from Simeon:** Watch what you're saying. *God* said our kings should come from the house of David.

**Person from Gad:** Forget David. It's time to look out for ourselves.

**Person from Judah:** Wait a minute! Rehoboam may sound mean, but he has the right to the palace in Jerusalem. We have to keep him as king.

**Person from Manasseh:** Don't try to bully me.

**Person from Issachar:** And don't touch me either. I want *Jeroboam* to be king.

**Person from Asher:** I'm ready to fight for my rights. [*shouts*] *Jeroboam*, *Jeroboam*—he's our king.

**Person from Judah:** You can't take away the kingship from Jerusalem. Everyone must come to Jerusalem to worship. *God's* temple is there.

**Person from Naphtali:** You can keep Jerusalem and Rehoboam. We'll take the rest of Benjamin's land and *Jeroboam*.

**Jeroboam:** That's right. The prophet told me I'll have ten tribes. Give me Benjamin's land without Jerusalem.

**Person from Zebulun:** Rehoboam hasn't given us the answer we want. But what will happen to our people if we don't worship *God* in Jerusalem?

**Jeroboam:** I'll lead you in worship. Trust me. *God* wants this to happen.

**Person from Reuben:** [*shouts*] Stone Rehoboam!

**Ahijah:** Hold it, everyone. Go home. This is the way it has to be. *God* must punish Solomon's family—so Rehoboam will lose

most of the kingdom. But because of the promises *God* made to David and his family, Rehoboam will still be king in Jerusalem. That's just the way it has to be.

*[All the tribes return to their places.]*

**Ahijah:** [*holds up the last two pieces from the tunic, folds them together*] Ten and one. That's what *God* said. Simeon is already part of Judah, and now the Jerusalem part of Benjamin also belongs to Judah. I guess that's *God's* "one." What *God* promised has come to be.

# Tribes Squares

JUDAH	SIMEON	DAN
Rehoboam BENJAMIN	REUBEN	Jeroboam EPHRAIM
GAD	MANASSEH	ISSACHAR
ASHER	ZEBULUN	NAPHTALI

# Front Page


# Can You Hear It?

## The Wind

**Narrator:** As the LORD approached, a very powerful wind tore the mountains apart. It broke up the rocks. But the LORD wasn't in the wind.

(Make the sound effects of the wind by whistling and blowing above the voice of the narrator.)

## The Earthquake

**Narrator:** After the wind there was an earthquake. But the LORD wasn't in the earthquake.

(Use pots and pans to make the sound effects of the earthquake banging and clanging above the voice of the narrator and use your feet as noisemakers to stomp on the ground.)

## The Fire

**Narrator:** After the earthquake a fire came. But the LORD wasn't in the fire.

(Make the sound effects of the fire with the crinkling of paper above the voice of the narrator.)

## The Whispering Word

**Narrator:** After the fire there was only a gentle whisper. It was the voice of God. We too can hear the voice of God in God's Word, the Bible.

**Whisperer 1:** Blessed are those who are sad. They will be comforted. (*Matthew 5:4, NIV*)

**Whisperer 2:** Blessed are those who show mercy. They will be shown mercy. (*Matthew 5:7, NIV*)

**Whisperer 3:** Blessed are those whose hearts are pure. They will see God. (*Matthew 5:8, NIV*)

**Whisperer 4:** God is working in you. He wants your plans and your acts to be in keeping with his good purpose. (*Philippians 2:13, NIV*)

# Take a Number

1. I want to be steady in obeying God's words. (Based on Psalm 119:5.)	12. My soul is always eager to hear God's laws. (Based on Psalm 119:20.)
2. I will not be put to shame when I obey God's commands. (Based on Psalm 119:6.)	13. I am sad and down. Lord, keep me alive as you say you will in your Word. (Based on Psalm 119:25.)
3. I can be pure if I live according to God's Word. (Based on Psalm 119:9.)	14. I counted all my ways, and God answered me. I want God to teach me. (Based on Psalm 119:26.)
4. If I look to God with all my heart, I won't get into trouble. (Based on Psalm 119:10.)	15. Let me understand the teachings of God's Word. (Based on Psalm 119:27.)
5. If I hide God's Word in my heart, I will not sin against God. (Based on Psalm 119:11.)	16. I am ready to give up. God, give me strength from your Word. (Based on Psalm 119:28.)
6. Praise God. Learn all God's words. (Based on Psalm 119:12.)	17. Lord, keep me from lying. Be gracious to me and help me learn your law. (Based on Psalm 119:29.)
7. Following God's commands is like winning a fortune. (Psalm 119:14)	18. Lord, I have chosen the way of truth. I want to keep my heart on your laws. (Based on Psalm 119:30.)
8. I want to think about all God's ways. (Based on Psalm 119:15.)	19. I run in the path of God's commandments. God has set my heart free. (Based on Psalm 119:32.)
9. I can find delight in God's words. I will not fail to go to God's Word. (Based on Psalm 119:16.)	20. Lord, teach me to follow your words. Then I will keep your words to the end of my life. (Based on Psalm 119:33.)
10. Lord, be good to me, and I will live. I will obey your Word. (Based on Psalm 119:17.)	21. Lord, turn my heart toward your commandments. Do not let me act selfishly. (Based on Psalm 119:36.)
11. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in God's Word. (Psalm 119:18)	

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# Story Question Strips

**2 Kings 2:1:** What kind of wind was God going to use to take Elijah up into heaven?

**2 Kings 2:2:** What did Elijah say to Elisha?

**2 Kings 2:3:** What did the company of prophets at Bethel say to Elisha? What did Elisha say to them?

**2 Kings 2:4:** What did Elijah say to Elisha?

**2 Kings 2:5:** What did the prophets at Jericho say to Elisha? What did Elisha say to them?

**2 Kings 2:6:** What did Elijah say to Elisha?

**2 Kings 2:7:** How many junior prophets went with Elisha to the Jordan River?

**2 Kings 2:8:** What did Elijah do with his cloak/mantle? What happened with the water?

**2 Kings 2:9:** What was Elisha's final request from Elijah?

**2 Kings 2:10:** What sign would Elisha receive to know his request was answered?

**2 Kings 2:11:** What separated Elisha and Elijah? Where did Elijah go?

**2 Kings 2:12:** What did Elisha cry out?

**2 Kings 2:13:** What did Elijah leave behind when he was taken up to heaven?

**2 Kings 2:14:** What did Elisha do with Elijah's cloak/mantle?

**2 Kings 2:15:** What did the company of the prophets say to Elisha before they bowed down?

**2 Kings 2:16:** What did the company of the prophets want to do? What did Elisha say?

**2 Kings 2:17:** Elisha gave in and let the prophets send out men. How many were sent? How many days did they search?

**2 Kings 2:18:** What did Elisha say when the prophets returned?