

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

AS YOU READ CHAPTER 14

This week we read Chapter 14 of The Story! In this story we will read about many kings who worshipped other gods instead of our God. Let's see how this turns out! You can use the questions below as a guide to your discussion and prayer. We encourage you to ask the questions along the way, too!

1. The people of Judah started fighting against Israel and decided to start their own country. Have you ever had two of your friends fight and decide not to be friends anymore?

Prayer: God, we thank you for our friends, and we know that sometimes we have different opinions than others. We ask that we are always aware of the feelings of our friends when we are in a fight/discussion with them and can act in a godly manner as Christians towards them. Amen.

2. In the midst of all these bad kings in Israel and Judah, Asa became king of Judah and "did what was right in the eyes of the Lord" (1 Kings 15:11). Do you think it was hard for him to do good things when everybody around him was making bad choices?

Prayer: God, thank you for always being with us, even when it's hard to make the right choices. We ask you remind us of your presence and that you will always reward us for doing right in your eyes. Amen.

3. Tell about a time when others were making poor choices and you decided to follow God. Was it hard? How did it make you feel?

Prayer: God, allow us to live our lives every day for your glory. Allow others around us to see that our hearts are filled with your love and that we live every day for you! Amen.

4. Have you ever listened to your friends instead of your parents? (Note: Parents you can share a story here, too, from your growing-up years.)

Prayer: God, remind us that our parents are in our lives to help lead us in the right direction. Remind us that we need to be respectful to them and what they say because you have given them wisdom! Amen.

5. Could Judah splitting from Israel have been prevented?

Prayer: God, allow us to understand that you know exactly what's going to happen in our lives and for our country. You always have everything in your hands, and, in the end, everything will always work out to shine for you! Amen.

