



Benjas (0-5 years)

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Lesson: SOLOMON'S DOWNFALL

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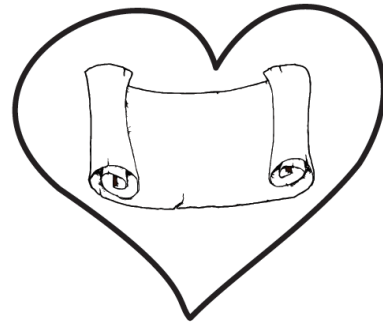
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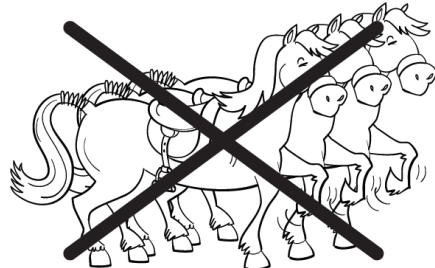
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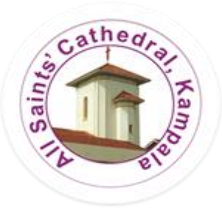


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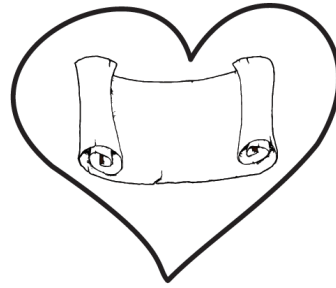
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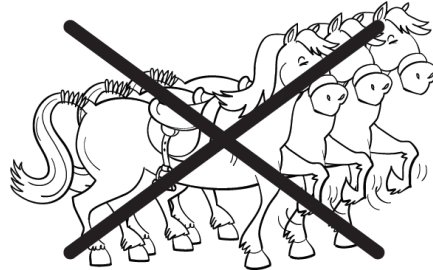
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Read the full story from Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1Kings 10:14-11:13

When the people of God came from Egypt and were preparing to enter the promised land, God gave them laws to live by as his people. Those laws included how a king of God's people should behave. These included; Someone chosen by God from among his people, not own lots of horses - especially from Egypt, not have lots of wives, not have lots of silver and gold, and love God and carefully obey his laws.

God had laws for how kings should live and Solomon broke these laws. Solomon put what he wanted (wives, horses and wealth) above God when he broke these laws. These things led him further away from God, turning his heart to worship false gods instead of the one true God. Solomon had not just disobeyed God – he did not love him as he should.

Solomon's disobedience had serious consequences. Because of it, God took the kingdom away from Solomon and his family, as he had warned. However, God was still able to keep his promise - the promise he made to David (2Samuel 7:12-16). God made sure that Solomon's disobedience could not stop his plan; the promise and plan of having a descendant of David on the throne forever. Disobedience to God has serious consequences, but can never frustrate God's plans.

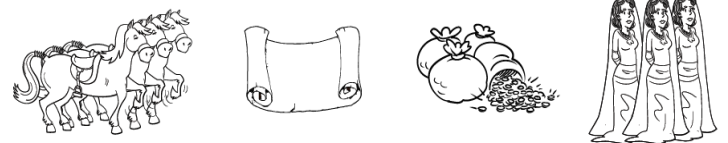
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Think: How seriously do you take disobedience to God's word?



Did Solomon live as a king of Israel should?

Write T (true) or F (false) next to each of the statements below.

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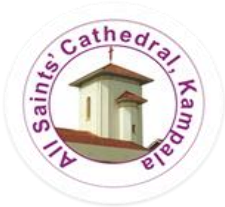
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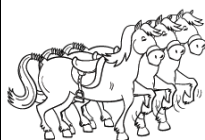
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What does this story teach you about God and sin/disobedience?

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