



**Walk with the wise and become wise,  
for a companion of fools suffers harm.**

**Proverbs 13:20** (NIV)

# Bad Advice

1 Kings 12

"What should I do?" asked the new king.

Rehoboam, the son of king Solomon, had just become king of Israel. The people asked him to give them less work to do.

So, Rehoboam asked his advisors, the old wise leaders who knew about these things. They said he should listen to the people and adjust their work loads.

Then Rehoboam asked the young men and his friends what they thought about it. They said to treat the people roughly and make them work even harder. He was the king, and he could tell them what to do.

Sadly, Rehoboam took the advice of the young men. That didn't go very well.

When he told the people, only one of the twelve tribes of Israel kept him as king. The rest left him and said he wasn't their king anymore. They found someone else to be their king.

Rehoboam lost most of his kingdom because he listened to bad advice.

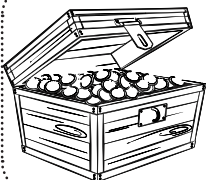


## What did we discover?

- 1) Rehoboam was the son of \_\_\_\_\_.  
SOLOMON                      DAVID                      ABRAHAM
- 2) The people asked for less \_\_\_\_\_.  
VACATIONS                      WORK                      ANIMALS
- 3) Rehoboam followed the advice of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
STRANGERS                      OLDER LEADERS                      YOUNG MEN
- 4) Rehoboam lost all but \_\_\_\_\_ of the 12 tribes of Israel.  
ONE                      TWO                      EIGHT



**Are my closest friends doing wise or foolish things?**



**If I walk with the wise,  
I'll be wise also.**

Wisdom is worth more than riches if I put it into practice.



**Father God,  
Your wisdom is  
best for me!**

