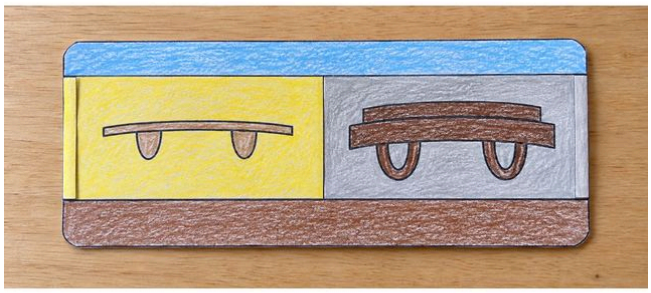
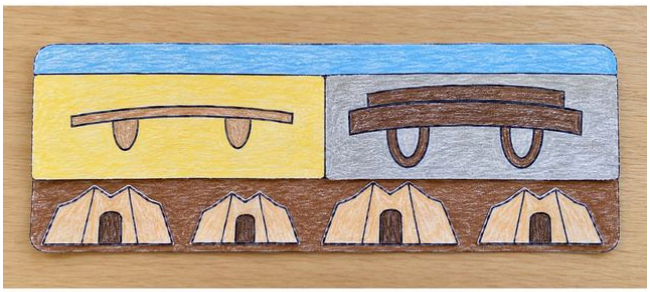
Preschool–Grade 5

Rehoboam Craft

Speak good words · 1 Kings 12 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished





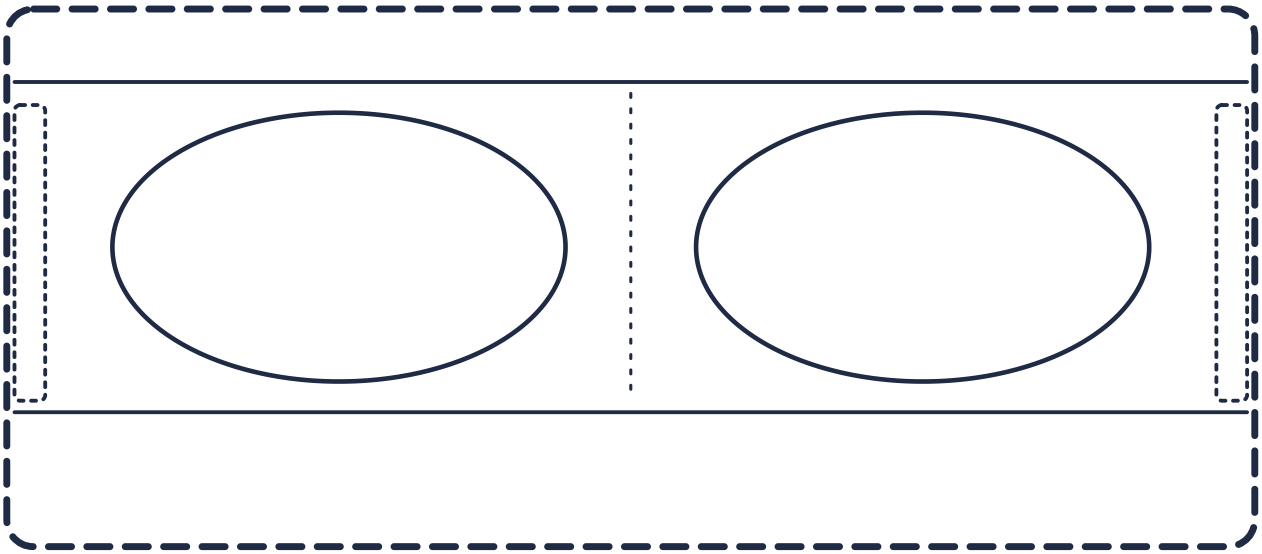
Easy and medium **Harder**

Both levels are a wide card with a light blue strip of sky on top and a brown strip of ground below. Two doors close in the middle like gates. The left door is yellow with a thin, light yoke: the old men said to be a servant to the people and "speak good words to them" (1 Kings 12:7). The right door is gray with a thick, heavy yoke with a second beam added: "I will add to your yoke" (12:14). Open the doors to find the old men and the young men, drawn by the child. Medium (left): the card. Harder (right): the same card with four tan tents on the ground, because "Israel departed unto their tents" (12:16).

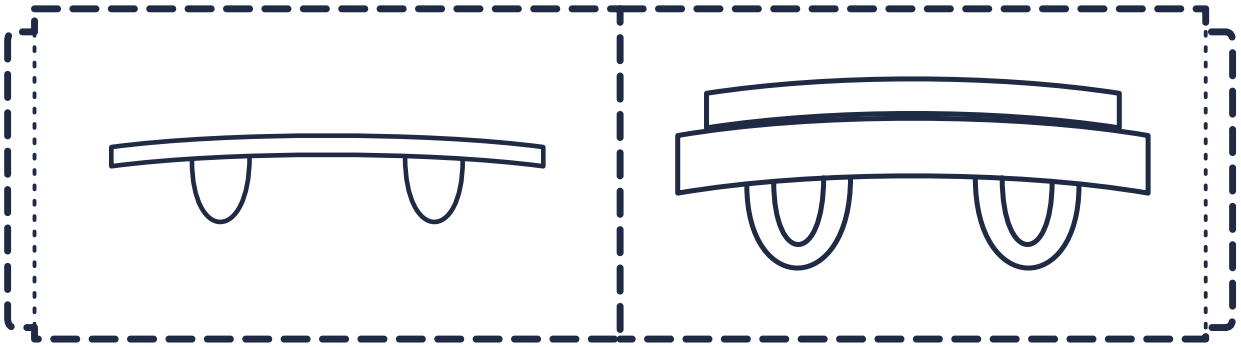
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue (top strip), ground brown (bottom). Leave the two ovals white.
Draw the old men in the left oval and the young men in the right oval.



light yoke door: yellow, yoke light brown

heavy yoke door: gray, yoke dark brown

And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

1 Kings 12:7 (KJV)

Bend each door's tab on the dotted line. Glue each tab on the dotted box at its side of the card.
Verse strip: glue it on the back. (The ground is for the harder level's tents.)

Color each piece the way its label says. Draw people in both ovals. Cut out the card, the two doors and the verse strip.

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level

Tents (harder level)



tents: tan, doorways dark brown

Cut out the four tents. Glue them standing in a row on the brown ground, under the two doors: "So Israel departed unto their tents" (1 Kings 12:16).

How to add the tents

1. Make the card from page 2 first, with the old men and the young men drawn in the ovals, both doors glued on, and the verse strip on the back.
2. Color the four tents tan and their doorways dark brown.
3. Cut out the four tents on the dashed lines.
4. Glue the tents standing in a row on the brown ground at the bottom of the card, under the two doors.
5. Tell it: when all Israel saw that the king would not listen, they said, "What portion have we in David?... to your tents, O Israel." "So Israel departed unto their tents" (1 Kings 12:16). They made Jeroboam king over all Israel, and only the tribe of Judah followed the house of David (12:20).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/rehoboam-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue, brown, yellow, light brown, gray and dark brown crayons or markers (plus any colors for drawing people), scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a tan crayon.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, the two doors and the verse strip.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's card, two doors and verse strip. Kids color the pieces and draw people in the two ovals. Help them glue each door's tab at the side of the card. Glue the verse strip on the back for them.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut out and glue the pieces themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level. Then cut out the four tents from page 3 and glue them on the ground (1 Kings 12:16). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the top strip light blue (the sky) and the bottom strip brown (the ground). Leave the two ovals white.
2. **Draw:** in the left oval, draw the old men who gave Rehoboam wise counsel (1 Kings 12:6–7). In the right oval, draw the young men that were grown up with him (12:8).
3. **Color and cut:** color the light yoke door yellow with a light brown yoke, and the heavy yoke door gray with a dark brown yoke. Cut out the card, the two doors and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Doors:** bend each door's tab on the dotted line. Glue the light yoke door's tab on the dotted box at the left edge of the card, and the heavy yoke door's tab on the dotted box at the right edge, so the doors close over the ovals and meet in the middle.
5. **Verse:** turn the card over. Glue the verse strip on the back and read it together.
6. **Tell it:** the people asked for their "heavy yoke" to be made lighter (12:4). Open the light yoke door: the old men said, "speak good words to them" (12:7). Open the heavy yoke door: the young men said, "I will add to your yoke" (12:11). Rehoboam forsook the old men's counsel and answered the people roughly (12:13–14).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Where did all Israel come to make Rehoboam king? *(Shechem, 1 Kings 12:1)*
- Point to the heavy yoke. What did the people ask the new king to do? *(Make the heavy yoke his father put on them lighter, 12:4)*
- What is a yoke? *(A wooden bar on the necks of oxen so they can pull together; the people meant the hard service Solomon put on them, 12:4)*
- Open the light yoke door. What did the old men tell the king to do? *(Be a servant to the people, serve them, and "speak good words to them," 12:7)*
- Open the heavy yoke door. What did the young men tell him to say? *("I will add to your yoke," 12:11)*
- Whose counsel did Rehoboam follow? *(The young men's; he forsook the old men's counsel, 12:8, 12:13–14)*
- How did the king answer the people? *(Roughly, 12:13)*
- Point to the ground (or the tents, harder level). Where did Israel go? *("Unto their tents," 12:16)*
- Who did Israel make king, and who followed the house of David? *(Jeroboam; the tribe of Judah only, 12:20)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** a **yoke** is a wooden bar laid across the necks of oxen; **grievous** means hard and painful; **counsel** means advice; **forsook** means turned away from; **roughly** means in a harsh, unkind way; **spake** means spoke; **thy** means your.
- **What the Bible says:** 1 Kings 12 does not describe the yoke, the colors or the number of tents. The doors, the yokes, the colors and the four tents are the craft's simple picture of the story. The heavy yoke (12:4), the old men's and the young men's counsel (12:7, 12:10–11) and the tents (12:16) come from the text.
- **People are drawn by the children, never printed:** the old men and the young men go in the two ovals. Men have short hair and long robes with long sleeves; the old men can have gray beards.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue, and help with the tabs. Let every child open the light yoke door and say, "Speak good words!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Rehoboam lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/rehoboam.

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